

## Listening in Churston



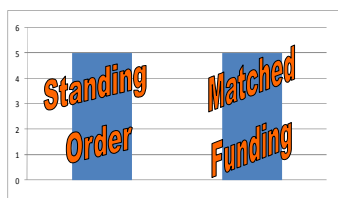
'Have we got you, Nige?' "Yes" I reply, and the students cheer and clap. It's encouraging that most of the students in Churston Ferrers

Grammar are pleased when I take their lessons. This reminds me that my work is more than just turning up to give a Christian perspective on a topic; it is about acceptance and relationship. 'Yes', it is good that I have taken 109 lessons and during 6 after school sessions trained 43 students to be peer listeners. Maybe, it is more important that this academic year there have been 174 appointments to listen to 64 different students, times of listening to staff and inclusion in the Secret Santa, staff meals and the staff email system.

These details show a much deeper relationship with the school. Please pray that in all of these relationships students and staff will realise that like the disciples, 'I have been with Jesus.' (Acts 4:13)

## Matched Funding

LiNX have been given the opportunity of Matched Funding from a local Trust from April to September. This is exciting news, as it means that for every new or increased Standing Order we receive from now until September, the Trust will match it until September. So if you are thinking of increasing or starting a Standing Order for us, then now is the time to do it when your donation can be doubled by the Trust.



If this is not for you, there are other ways you could help LiNX financially. You could do your internet shopping via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) through our website, just look for the easy fundraising banner on [linxyouth.net](http://linxyouth.net). Or you could organise a fund raising

event for LiNX, or leave a legacy in your will. Without your support we could not do the work we do, may God bless you for supporting His work through LiNX.

## Busy in Brixham

Up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> July Brixham College will have received 160 RE lessons, 30 Citizenship lessons, 74 lunch clubs and 20 after-school clubs. Covering topics including prejudice, war, Islam, creation, the sanctity of life and Christmas. It has been a busy year yet, throughout it all, the school has continued to be hugely grateful and supportive of the work of LiNX. In particular I must mention the Beliefs & Cultures Faculty, who have often gone out their way to ensure that I had everything I needed for lessons and clubs, not to mention the constant supply of coffee.

In addition, a huge vote of thanks go to the Brixham Youth Workers Jon Oliverio, Luke Mansfield, Charlie Wood and the Brixham churches they represent, who have partnered and supported this work, and of course the army of prayer supporters who follow us all. Together we have made a difference in the lives of young people in Brixham both practically and spiritually, a legacy that makes all the busyness worthwhile.



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The work of LiNX is mainly funded by individuals and churches, some of whom regularly give by a standing order and some give one off gifts when they can. LiNX also relies on donations from various Trusts.

*We would value your prayers for the work of LiNX. The following months have specific topics for prayer, and we would also appreciate prayer for the daily work in the secondary schools of lessons, lunchtime and after school clubs.*



## July 2011

- 1st - 3rd 3rd Nigel Preaching at St Matthias Church and Upton Vale Baptist Church. A Junior Leaders gathering. Torquay Boys Grammar Wednesday staff prayer meetings. Torquay Community College Friday staff prayer meetings. Crossover at Paignton Community and Sports College, the attendees coming to LiNX events.
- 4th - 10th 4th - 5th Team Retreat time. 5th LiNX Prayer Breakfast 7.30am. 10th Oddfish at Great Parks Chapel, 10th Nigel preaching at Barton Baptist. Assemblies for Elevate. Wednesdays after school Craft Club in Paignton.
- 11th - 17th 17th Nigel preaching at Barton Baptist, Final end of year listening opportunities at Churston Ferrers Grammar School. LiNX Trustees Meeting on Monday. Mad Moo Milk bar on Tuesdays at Paignton Baptist after school.
- 18th - 24th Churston Ferrers Grammar School Personal Social Moral Education subject Relationships. Final preparations for the Elevate Week.
- 25th - 31st Elevate week in Torbay. 31st Nigel preaching at The Bay Christian Fellowship

## August 2011

- 1st - 7th Final preparations for the Oddfish Camp next week.
- 8th - 14th Oddfish Camp in Newent, Gloucestershire all week, please pray for the camp week.
- 15th - 21st LiNX Team to take a rest after Oddfish Camp and Elevate week. Pray for all teachers that they will be refreshed over the summer and go back to school with enthusiasm and vision. Philip to be more involved in SEAL at PCSC.
- 22nd - 28th Planning of lessons for new term. The forward planning of LiNX regarding a new Project Manager. Philip to continue to be heavily involved with Tower House Citizenship lessons.
- 29th - 31st Finalising plans for GSUS Live trailer in schools in January and February 2012.

## September 2011

- 1st - 4th Preparing for the return to schools on Monday. Pray that there will be some Christian teachers amongst the new teachers starting this term.
- 5th - 11th Schools returning for new term. LiNX Prayer Breakfast. Brixham College after school club on Wednesdays and also Torquay Community College's Art club. Fab Fridays at Paignton Community & Sports College.
- 12th - 18th 18th Nigel preaching at Hele Road Baptist Church. LiNX Trustees meeting Monday. Assertiveness for Boys starting again at Paignton Community & Sports College.
- 19th - 25th 25th Oddfish/Elevate at Christ Church Paignton. Self Esteem week with Westlands pupils, 25th Nigel preaching Brixham URC.
- 26th - 30th Preparations for the Celebration Evening on the 3rd October. Self Esteem week with Westlands pupils. Philip to have a broad range of opportunities in RE and special RE days at Paignton Community & Sports College.

### LiNX Prayer Breakfast

Held at the LiNX Office 7.30am  
on the following Tuesdays;



5th July  
6th September  
4th October  
1st November  
6th December

If you would like to join us, please call us  
for catering purposes.  
We would love to see you there.  
(Breakfast will be provided)

## Highlights of Paignton

I have had a good year all round, the highlights of the year have been the new out-of-school clubs, Mad Moo's Milkshake bar, held at Paignton Baptist and the Craft Club in Victoria Park.



At Paignton Community and Sports School I have a great relationship with RE staff and have done various lessons this year. A lot of my time is spent in Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL), where I run small discussion groups. We talk about all aspects of life, but particularly focus on Self Esteem and Relationships. I have run my Assertiveness Training course for boys many times this year in the upper and lower schools and taught Fabulous Fridays lessons on Happiness, The Meaning of Life and Slums. In addition my lunch club attracts a steady group of 6 – 8. In Tower House I have worked in full classes and small groups looking at Happiness, Relationships, Self Esteem etc. I also run Assertiveness and Listener Training and have break and lunch clubs.

## An Awesome Year

I have had an awesome year in Westlands and Cuthbert Mayne. God is so good! In September Philip and I did a Self Esteem retreat with all the Westlands year 7's at UVBC. We covered What is Self Esteem, how self image affects it and how to improve it. The young people really enjoyed the course and we found that the location prompted a number of conversations about the church and Christianity. In October Joel Ward (Youth Pastor, Upton Vale Baptist Church), and I started a lunch club for Year 7's in the school and it is working really well. We get approx 15 young people and we play games and share a biblical thought. We have also recently introduced a prayer time which they are responding well to. 3 of them are coming to Elevate in the summer, and 6 of them now attend the youth club at UVBC on a Thursday night. I have taught approx 100 lessons this year to yrs 8-11 on subjects such as Creation, The Bible, Justice, Christian Morality, Does God Exist, Abortion, Euthanasia & Marriage.



In Cuthbert Mayne I run a lunch club called Connect, in which a group of yr 8 boys regularly attend. We play games and discuss life issues with reference to The Bible.

## Growing in Torquay

### Torquay Girls Grammar School

The new head of Religious Education at Torquay Girls Grammar School welcomed LiNX in and I have taught years 7, 8 & 9 on Christianity, The Bible and Big Questions. I also support the Christian Union as students, some Christian, some interested, explore life's big questions. The year 9 Health Day gave me the opportunity to teach on self esteem, self harm and peer pressure, and helped students understand LiNX and my heart for their well being.



### Torquay Community College

24 lessons on Jesus' Life led to many discussions with year 8 students. Art lessons on 'Who am I?' and the art club help me to build relationships and encourage young people to fulfil their potential. Assemblies to talk about my life as an adventure with God have opened up conversations with staff and students. I support the Christian students each week and pray with and support Christian staff every Friday morning and at Torquay Boys Grammar School every Wednesday morning.

### Torquay Boys Grammar School

Students have established the Christian Union where discussion has focussed on 'The Reason for God' book. Students have also contributed to debates on 'What does it mean to be human?' and 'Does God exist?' with the Philosophy and Science clubs. Our input into a Drugs Education Day for year 9 and the Christmas assembly was also welcomed by the school.

# Camps & Events



8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011

**Life is Beautiful**

Venue: Yates Farm, Newent, Gloucestershire  
Price: £105 (all inclusive)

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25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Non-residential  
Summer Activity Week

WEEK LONG PASSES  
**£65**  
ALL INCLUSIVE

**Elevate**

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Sunday Evening Events  
from 6:30-9:00pm

10<sup>th</sup> July  
Great Parks Chapel  
(Paignton)

**ODDFISH  
2011**



[www.linxyouth.net](http://www.linxyouth.net)



**ODDFISH  
Presents**

**Elevate**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Christ Church, Paignton  
6:30-9:00pm

**LiNX** Christian Youth Trust

## Celebration Evening

**3rd October 2011 7.30pm**

**LiNX Celebration Evening  
at St Paul's Church, Torquay Road, Paignton**

In October we will be holding our annual  
Celebration Evening.

It will be an evening of information from LiNX, a time to catch up with what we have been doing and our future plans. You will also hear other peoples views, including young peoples, on LiNX. There will be an opportunity to write down some questions for LiNX which we will try and answer for you during the evening. There will also be time to meet the Team and Trustees over refreshments with cake!

We hope to meet you on the 3rd October to enjoy some fellowship with us.

## Future Dates

**4th - 5th November**  
Elevate Sleepover

**4th December 2011 6.30pm**  
Oddfish

**29th January 2012 6.30pm**  
Oddfish

**3rd March 2012**  
Elevate Event

**23rd -25th March 2012**  
Oddfish weekend

## About LiNX

LiNX Christian Youth Trust is a Youth Ministry operating in the secondary schools of Torbay, and supporting the young people of local churches. LiNX has been working in Torbay since 1997, and the work is financed by voluntary contributions from local churches, trusts and individuals.

We thank our supporters for helping us in this project, and thank God for the privilege of working with the young people.

Please continue to pray for the work of LiNX.

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