



**Girls Brigade** continues to see a constant number of girls eagerly arrive in the main hall each Friday, excited at the end of the school week and ready to have fun at GB! We regularly see 25-30 girls each week, the vast majority of whom have little or no other Church contact. We are starting to see some families of GB girls going to Messy Church which is great! Plus one girl started GB last term whose Dad saw the GB leaflet on the board during Morning Out. It's great to be able to forge these links between all the kids groups at UV, in order for children and their families to engage in Church in different ways. We're hoping that some of the older ones will take part in Youth Alpha too!

Last term, GB's National Support Centre, based at Baptist House in Didcot, rolled out lots of new material for us to use in our groups, which we've thoroughly enjoyed! It has been specially designed and written by other GB leaders, although it could be utilised in any Christian youth setting. It is a more modern way of doing the badge work that is a well known part of GB. As well as a 'Bible bit', there are games and crafts that link into the topics covered.

2012 promises to be another exciting year for the GB group at UV. We will be taking part in the national 'team challenge' in February, as well as starting some new badge work on the themes of faith, kindness and truth.

## Boys Brigade

**ANCHORS** Because a number of Boys have not been able to transfer to the Juniors on a Monday evening, we now run a programme on Fridays to cover the whole age range of 5 to 11 years. We have 22 Boys and Girls at present, but could cater for a few more. Mark and Sharon Harvey are taking a break for family reasons. We are grateful for their leadership over the past few years.

**JUNIORS** This section provides for the age range 8 to 11 years. There are about 12 Boys at the moment, so there is room for more.

**SENIORS** There are about 25 Boys in this section, covering the Secondary School age range. Some come on Tuesdays, some on Fridays, some on both! Some are there every week, and some disappear for a few weeks and then re-appear. Three new Boys have joined over the last two weeks. We have done very well in the Devon Battalion competitions, and are still in the National Chess, Table Tennis and Five-a-Side Football.

**CAMP** This year at Steeple Leaze, near Corfe, near Swanage, Friday evening, 20 July to Tuesday, 31 July. All Boys from school years 6 and upwards are invited, including those not in the Company.

### PRAYER

1. For all who belong to the company and their families, that they may respond to the Gospel.
2. Particularly for the times in each Section when we share with them the Word of God. Juniors and Seniors take part in a District Scripture Competition.
3. For the staff, some of whom are involved three days a week.
4. A Dream! With increasing numbers in Anchors and Juniors, the possibility of a new Section on Tuesdays. To do this we need a few volunteers! The Boys will simply come!

## This term...

### Kidzone

Sunday mornings at 10.30am with groups for all children from 0-11 years. We follow Scripture Union's *Lightlive* series and this term we will be looking at Living God's way, the prophet Jeremiah and God's victorious love.

### Ignite

Wednesdays 6.15-7.30pm for 7-11yr olds. Fun, friendship, craft and games in the main hall.

### Girls and Boys Brigades

Meet here weekly during term time. For more info please collect a copy of their leaflets from the Link.

### Messy Church

Monday 9th January, Monday 13th February, Monday 12th March, 3.30pm for 4pm - 5.30pm and Thursday 5th April 10-12noon.

### Special events:

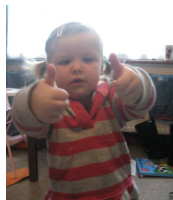
Sunday 11th March 10.30am

### Parade service

Saturday 25th February 4.30pm

### Family Swim at ERIC

Easter Holidays - Watch out for information about activities going on!



## Messy Church

we had a busy December running an extra Messy Church on Christmas Eve but this was a great success and we saw God's amazing provision as the food designed to cater for 100 stretched to feed 150! The programme has been planned for the rest of the year and will continue every second Monday of the month except in April when we will meet on Maundy Thursday instead of Easter Monday - more details to follow. We can never have enough helpers so please do come along and join us there are lots of opportunities to get involved. We particularly need people who are good listeners, willing to come along and befriend some of the families we are coming in contact with - could this be you? Please speak to Nai.

**For more info on any of these activities please contact Nai our Children's and Families Worker on 01803 400403 or nai@uptonvale.org.uk**