

The Blokes Tour 2009

If you're trying to reach out to the men in your community then The Blokes Tour 2009 could be for you!

The Blokes Tour is a fantastic free resource for the UK church brought to you by Authentic Media. With some of the best Christian male speakers in the UK on their list, Authentic is keen to partner with the church to bring the Christian message to more people in culturally relevant and accessible ways.

How does it work?

It starts with some creative thinking at your end! When and where could you host The Blokes Tour? Maybe you'd like to book a room in a local pub? What about taking a sporting angle and hiring a room at your local football or rugby club? If finding a venue is proving difficult, you could always host the event at your church but if you do, why not find a unique way of setting up the venue to make sure this is a night to remember? You could also think about getting together with other churches in your town/city and making this a joint initiative.

If you've got the venue - we've got the speaker!

Once you've got an idea of when and where you'd like to host 'The Blokes Tour' then drop us a line and we'll see if one of team is free to join you - check out the speaker biogs for more info on who they are and what kind of things they're up to.

Tickets

We don't charge you to host The Blokes Tour but we do ask that you commit to selling at least 50 tickets in your local area. Some churches like to sell all the tickets for their venue and we're very happy to leave all the ticket-selling to you. However, if you want some outside help to attract more people in, we're able to support your efforts though web, email and Facebook marketing and can even provide an online ticket facility if necessary. Tickets are priced at £5 each - each person coming also receives a free book from Authentic which makes it a great sales pitch for you!

What do I do now?

If you want more information on The Blokes Tour or if you'd like to book a Blokes Tour night for your church then get in touch. Queries and bookings are being handled by Angela Murray - you can drop her an email on angelamurraywork@gmail.com or give her a call on 07748 636527.

We look forward to hearing from you soon! The Authentic Media Team.
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Speakers - Who's Who?



Nick Battle has been described as a music industry mogul and to be fair, the list of people he has worked with looks like a Who's Who. Gary Barlow, Michael Ball, Simon Cowell, The Spice Girls, Ronnie Wood and even Engelbert Humperdinck all came into contact with Nick during his colourful 30 year career in the music business. Nowadays, Nick lives by faith as a writer, musician, and as a 'Reluctant Evangelist'. Reluctant because he would not have chosen the life he has had. And an evangelist because having lived and endured what life has thrown at him, he now feels compelled to share his faith with as many people as he can. His autobiography, 'Big Boys Don't Cry' was published last year and was closely followed by his latest book 'The Daily Male'.



Jonathan Carswell is an author, speaker and bookseller. He has written four books and edits a series of evangelistic books for Authentic Media. Jonathan's latest book, Married to a Martyr, has been in the top 10 Christian Bestsellers list for the last 6 months. It tells the story of three missionaries murdered for their faith in Turkey. Jonathan set up and runs a book distribution company, 10ofthose.com.



Dave Hopwood is the Creative Arts Director at the Lee Abbey Conference Centre and spends much of his time using films and drama to communicate the Bible. He has penned a fistful of drama books and three books about men and faith entitled 'The Bloke's Bible', 'The Road Trip' and his latest 'Sons of Thunder', a contemporary retelling of the gospel story. Dave believes that the challenge for us today is not to be more spiritual – but to be more ourselves – people wired up by God, with useful gifts, strengths, weaknesses and foibles. Dave is married to Lynn and they have a six year old daughter, Amy.



Nigel James is part of the leadership team at the City Temple church in Cardiff. He is an ordained Elim Pentecostal Pastor and serves on the Evangelical Alliance council for both Wales and the UK. Since 2000, Nigel has been touring extensively with the band Third Day as their Road Pastor. His most significant trip with the band in 2008 was to Iraq and Kuwait, visiting US military bases. Last year saw the publication of Nigel's latest book "Lessons from the Road" - a behind the scenes view of a touring pastor. Nigel has spent most of his adult life in youth ministry, evangelism and discipleship and he was the Founding Director of the IGNITE discipleship initiative along with Gary Smith. Nigel is specifically responsible for Ignite's international development in India, Liberia, Kenya, and the USA.



Philip Jinadu has been in full time ministry as an evangelist for over 20 years. He speaks both nationally and internationally, and is a main stage speaker for events such as Spring Harvest and Grapevine. Philip is based in Bristol, where he helps lead one of the largest churches in the South West. As well as helping people find faith, and teaching churches on outreach and growth, Philip is involved with helping Christians put their faith in to action through community engagement, whole-life discipleship and social justice. He is married to Kate and they have two daughters



John Musgrave works as an Event Manager. At the age of 30, John was diagnosed with cancer and given just a 20% chance of surviving 5 years. Following his cancer treatment, John went to Nigeria to a church where many miracles were reported to be happening. The leader of the church didn't pray for John's healing but instead said of the cancer: 'It's finished, don't look back!' John's book, 'My Heart Will Choose To Say', is his personal testimony of how God was with him through a difficult time, and describes what it has meant to accept in faith what the doctors cannot say, that he no longer has cancer. It's a testament to John's commitment to get up and get on with his life. John has been in remission from cancer for five years, he recently married Jo, and is enjoying their life together in East Sussex.



Krish Kandiah is a regular speaker at Spring Harvest and is in demand as a speaker and lecturer. Before his appointment as Executive Director: Churches in Mission for the UK Evangelical Alliance, Dr Krish Kandiah was the Director of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and also Tutor in Mission and Evangelism at Wycliffe Hall. Krish worked with students in the UK and Albania before becoming pastor of a multi-cultural church in Harrow. He is a regular speaker at university missions, and has wide experience in evangelism and cross-cultural mission. Krish is passionate about helping the church relate relevantly and faithfully to contemporary culture and about global, multi-cultural and church-based mission. He is looking forward to being part of Lausanne 2010.



Adrian Plass is a writer and speaker who has produced over thirty books in the last twenty years. The best known of these is probably *The Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass*, a gentle satire on the modern church, which has sold hundreds of thousands of copies worldwide. Adrian is in demand as a speaker in venues as varied as prisons, schools, churches, festivals, literary dinners and theatrical settings. His work also includes contribution to national and local radio and television. Live presentations combine humour, poetry, and story telling, largely revolving around his own inadequacies and struggles as a Christian and a human being.



Jonathan Reynolds likes to think of himself as an ordinary guy who likes people, likes God and is trying to work out how this all fits together in real life. Disillusioned with some of his past experiences of church, Jonathan is keen to help those who feel on the fringe of the traditional church to find a sense of home and family in new and creative ways. He heads up a project called *Second Sunday*, a monthly alternative to church which meets in a Lebanese bar and is author of the book *"A Voice from the Fringe"*. Jonathan is perfectly suited to *The Blokes Tour* and will relish any opportunity to engage with and speak to the guys in your community - those who have never been to a church before and those who have been but can't quite work out how they could fit in.



Cris Rogers is the pastor of Soul Survivor Church in Harrow where the average age of the congregation is 15 and male. He is married to Beki and has two children who are four and two. Cris has written a bunch of books with the most recent being called *'A Monkey's Orientation, a book about holiness'*. Cris is a keen evangelist and a passionate speaker for all ages and has spoken at conferences both in the UK and abroad.