

# **All Saints, Ilkley**

## **‘Serving at All Saints’ Fair**

### **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026**

Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God produces each gift in each person.

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6**

## **The '321 Course'**

321 is a course that invites you to see life the way Jesus does.

Inspired by Jesus' vision of reality, 321 is designed to help you think about God, the world and yourself through immersive videos and thoughtful illustrations.

We will be starting this course on Thursday 23rd April and we'd love your support! To get involved you can:

- 1. Get signed up & come along. Don't forget to bring your friends!*
- 2. Commit to praying regularly for 321.*
- 3. Volunteer to help host the group discussion*
- 4. Given kitchen availability, the plan is to not provide a meal, but if you'd like to bake us a cake/pudding we'd be very grateful!*

**To register your interest & for more info, scan the QR code, or contact Sam Herring**



**[sam.herring@allsaintsilkley.org](mailto:sam.herring@allsaintsilkley.org)**

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## **ACTS 4:35**

Although All Saints donates to a number of carefully selected overseas charities, we currently have no scheme for financially supporting those at most need nearer home. This winter we know the pressures on many, including in our local area, will become much more acute.

Acts 4:35 is an online giving network that directly connects those who want to give with those in genuine need of help (see [www.acts435.org.uk](http://www.acts435.org.uk)). It operates as a hub for around 1500 local Churches and charities throughout the country. Requests for financial assistance are all for specific and identified purposes (e.g. a replacement cooker or a new school uniform for a child that a single mum cannot afford to buy).

These requests are crowdfunded by donors through the Acts 435 site and to date over £4m (currently limited to £150 per donation) has been matched to the needs of over 38,000 people.

To be an active partner in the Acts 435 network, All Saints needs to appoint a number of "Advocates" who will oversee requests for financial assistance and donations from our community.

If you would like to find out more about becoming an Advocate or assisting with this new project in any other way or if you would like to know more about Acts 435 in the context of possible donations or assistance requests,

**Contact Jonathan Sinclair:** [jonathan.sinclair@sky.com](mailto:jonathan.sinclair@sky.com)

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### **Audio Visual Media Team**

Every service at All Saints involves some degree of audio-visual support. It could be setting up microphones, operating the sound desk, livestreaming the service on our YouTube channel with a live worship band whilst operating a PowerPoint with embedded videos, or anything in-between!!

We offer livestreaming of weddings and funerals which has been a great help & support to the families involved.

Our AV provision is now a vital component in our mission and ministry. You don't have to be a technical expert (full training/support is given) and you won't be by yourself!

**Contact Matt Taylor:** [matthew.taylor@allsaintsilkley.org](mailto:matthew.taylor@allsaintsilkley.org)

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### **Bell Ringers**

#### **Find out about volunteering to be a bellringer**

Bells are the voice of the church – but we really need more people to come along to 'learn the ropes' at All Saints' and help us keep this traditional skill going.

**Why learn to ring?** It's a great way to make new friends by becoming part of a team and learning a new skill – exercise for the mind and body as well providing a service to the church and the wider community.

**Could I learn to ring?** You don't need to be big, strong, musical or mathematical, although a sense of rhythm can help, as well as a degree of co-ordination - can you swim, ride a horse or drive a car? And you do need to be able to climb the tower steps!

Bell ringing is well within the capabilities of most people, but like learning to drive a car, the initial teaching does take several weeks before you're ready to start ringing with other people. Once you've learnt to control a bell, ringing is all in the mind! So come and talk to us on a Sunday – and find out why bell ringing is addictive!

**Contact Sue Green:** [suegreen43@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suegreen43@yahoo.co.uk)

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### **Bible Reading & leading prayers in services**

We are always looking for people to serve the whole church family by giving the Bible reading or leading the intercessions at our 10.15am Sunday or 11.00am Wednesday services.

**Contact the Church Office:** [office@allsaintsilkeley.org](mailto:office@allsaintsilkeley.org)

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### **Board Gamers**

Ilkley Board Gamers run events for the community, providing a welcome to anybody who wishes to come and play. We aim to be inclusive: board games often appeal to those who are neurodivergent and may not feel as comfortable at some other activities, and by meeting in church we are wheelchair accessible. The group was co-founded by our former curate, Adam, and has now been running for over 5 years.

Sessions in the school holidays have been popular with children, parents, and grandparents. We also regularly meet on the last Sunday afternoon of each month, where we get a mixture of families and adults.

The 'Twixtmas' sessions have been particularly appreciated at a time of year when people may want to get out of the house and connect with others but there are few other events running.

Many of those who attend are not from All Saints', or indeed any church. It would be appreciated to have a few more church members who could come along some time to ensure all those visiting are greeted and made to feel welcome, and to chat where appropriate – no knowledge of games necessary!

**Contact Smylers:** [Smylers@bumblepig.uk](mailto:Smylers@bumblepig.uk)

## **Children's & Youth Ministry**

There are many children and youth groups at All Saints and if you think that working with children or young people isn't for you, we'd ask you to prayerfully reconsider!

There are countless roles you could fill within this ministry from leading to supporting to cake making to praying.

If there isn't a specific area you can think of helping out with, but would like to be involved please contact Adam Robinson (Children's & Youth Ministry Leader)

[adam.robinson@allsaintsilke.org](mailto:adam.robinson@allsaintsilke.org) - 07769 073076.

He'd love to chat and pray to find the right place for you!

### **a. Tiny Saints**

Tiny Saints is a place for parents with their babies and toddlers to come in and out of during the 10.15am Sunday service.

We start with worship and a story with the Little Saints next door before returning to the Side Chapel where there are lots of age appropriate toys. From the Side Chapel, parents can continue to watch & listen to the main service.

### **b. Little Saints**

Pre-school – 2-5 years – we're in the Little Saints room, close to main church, during the 10.15am service. In Little Saints we love to tell stories, sing songs, pray, play with toys and make crafts based around the Bible story.

From an early age we believe it's important to share the love and message of Jesus Christ.

### **c. Saints**

Saints is the group for Primary School aged children to worship together and explore/grow in their faith on a Sunday morning.

Between 12 and 20 young people come to Church House during the first sung worship session at the 10:15am service and return to their parents at the end of the service or for Communion.

Often we aim to link topics with what the other children's groups and main church are doing on a Sunday to bring consistency between adults and their children and to enable families to connect together on the things they have looked at in Church.

We have a rota of leaders - at least 2 per session. The main leader prepares the teaching and activities for the session, either using a bought in resource or their own creativity and inspiration. There might be singing (to videos), bible reading, prayers, drama, games, craft – each leader brings their own creativity to teaching the gospel to these young Christians.

The supporting leader helps the children to focus, supports the younger ones, (i.e. with craft, and supports the all-important snack distribution. They can also help the lead the session in various ways if they feel comfortable doing so.

It is essential for safeguarding that there are two DBS checked adults at each session. The DBS procedure is fairly straightforward. We would love to welcome more adults who have a passion for bringing the love of Jesus to children.

#### **d. Focus**

This group is for secondary school age children meeting during the 10.15am Sunday service for youth specific Bible study. Our passion is to look at the Bible together, and to share and encourage a love for Jesus.

We use a range of resources to cover an array of topics. Over the last few years we have done a Bible Overview, The Prayer Course, some topic based teaching from the Bible Project series and are currently doing Discipleship Explored.

Ways you could help - if you don't want to be physically involved we would love you to pray for our young people as they work out their faith. In the flesh, it would be great to have more leaders who are willing to share their faith and lead Bible based studies.

**Contact Fiona Dix: [doubledixie@gmail.com](mailto:doubledixie@gmail.com)**

#### **e. Release**

We meet on a Sunday evening in Church House from 6pm - 8pm.

The evening currently consists of time outside playing games (like football, rounders, hide and seek, capture the flag and other wide games - depending on light and weather) or if we are inside we will play table tennis, table football, board games etc.

We have regular visits from Missional Generation who usually bring VR games and some form of interactive activities.

Our evenings end with a snack, and some time together, and a topic based Bible talk to challenge both Christian young people and those who are perhaps less certain of their faith.

Ways you could help –

- 1. by coming along and being a volunteer on a Sunday evening we meet - getting alongside the young people and taking an interest in them.*
- 2. If you don't want to volunteer regularly, why not visit us to share a little of your life and faith?*
- 3. Or if you have a cool activity or skill that you might like to share with us? We've had some brilliant sessions like these in the past!*

One of the other things that is on the heart of our leaders at release is our older Release members, where they start to drop off due to feeling too old for the group.

We would love to reach out to these young people, and keep a connection with them, we need you to help, please consider volunteering with us today!

### **f. TNT: Tuesday Night Teachings (TNT)**

TNT is a welcoming, relaxed Bible study group for teenagers looking to laugh, eat cake and dig deeper into what the Bible says about topics that are relevant today.

We meet in Church House every Tuesday evening at 7:30 – 9:00pm, chat together, read parts of the Bible, discuss what we have read, and pray.

A perfect place to ask big questions and explore what a maturing faith looks like.

**Contact Jack Bacon: [jackbacon53@gmail.com](mailto:jackbacon53@gmail.com) or Adam Robinson: [adam.robinson@allsaintsilkley.org](mailto:adam.robinson@allsaintsilkley.org)**

### **g. 'Joining The Dots'**

A fun, creative music and play group for parents/carers and their babies and toddlers, run by All Saints in church and Church House on Thursday mornings.

We start each session with music time in church with fun and lively songs and rhymes, lots of actions and movement, using puppets and sensory props for babies and toddlers to explore. Songs include old favourites and new words to familiar tunes, some gently exploring characteristics of God including his creativity and love.

We hope to offer an opportunity for parents and carers to enjoy focusing on their little ones and spending time with them, as well as spending time chatting over a cup of tea or coffee and homemade cake provided by a wonderful group of volunteers.

Joining the Dots hopes to create a warm and nurturing environment for young families and to make connections with the community.

**We meet on Thursday at 10am (School term time only) in Church and Church House – follow the flags!**

**Contact Adam Robinson:**

[adam.robinson@allsaintsilkeley.org](mailto:adam.robinson@allsaintsilkeley.org)

### **h. Knock Summer Venture**

Knock 2: Knock, knock, who's there? YOU?

- **AMAZING ACTIVITIES:** climbing, abseiling, paddle boarding, gorge scrambling, archery, fell walk & more
- **BRILLIANT BELONGING:** friendship, fun, family, laughter, great food
- **CALM and CREATIVE:** craft, jigsaws, games room (table tennis, pool and more)

And an open, relaxed opportunity to learn about Jesus and discuss what you believe.

*"The best place in the world" - member, 2022*

**Contact Ruth Stewart: [ruthie1204@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthie1204@hotmail.com)**

## **Discussion Group**

- *Do you want to talk about some big and tricky topics that we often feel like we can't talk about in church, or even in life?*
- *Are you worried about the increasing polarisation in society, and want to bring people closer together?*
- *Do you want to build understanding and empathy with other Christians on the other side of these tricky topics?*

We've just launched the All Saints Discussion group, and these are our goals.

We're not here to debate or try to change other people's minds.

We're here to look at big topics as Christians with love and empathy and to learn from and understand one another.

We meet in church at 7:30pm, on the first Thursday of the month. Our next topic on 2nd April will be Assisted Dying.

**Contact Sam Herring: [sam.herring@allsaintsilkeley.org](mailto:sam.herring@allsaintsilkeley.org)**

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## **Environmental Group**

We at All Saints need to play our active part.

The PCC decided a couple of years ago to unanimously adopt recommendations from the Group to prepare an environmental policy and an action plan/programme to work in the five main areas where we can help to combat the impacts of climate change and environmental loss.

By the time of this 'fair' our Group membership has expanded to ten and we are now progressing a wide range of actions under the following headings :-

Worship & Teaching, Buildings, Land , Community & Global Engagement, and Lifestyle.

To achieve our objectives and fulfil the many actions necessary we still need more volunteers to join us .”

**Contact Clive Brook: [clivebrookplanning@outlook.com](mailto:clivebrookplanning@outlook.com)**

## **Financial Support**

If you are part of the church family at All Saints, one of the ways you can serve our mission and ministry is through giving financially in a planned way.

- Regularly: to support our ongoing work
- Specifically: to support projects (i.e. Children's & Youth Ministry.)

There are a number of ways you can do this

- *the Parish Giving Scheme*
- *Regular Standing Order,*
- *Via QR Code,*
- *Via CAF or Stewardship etc*

You can download the most recent Stewardship Sunday letter from <https://bit.ly/ASI-Stewardship2026>

**Contact Dave Taylor:** [dave.taylor@allsaintsilkley.org](mailto:dave.taylor@allsaintsilkley.org)

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## **Flowers**

Being part of the flower team is a great way of celebrating God's amazing creation throughout the year.

We get together a few times a year to decorate church as a group for special occasions in the church calendar such as Easter & Christmas.

We also place flowers in church each week and always welcome new people to help with this. You don't need any prior experience in floristry or flower arranging - just love flowers!

If you'd like to help with a friend, on your own or as part of a larger group that would be great.

We are looking to source locally grown foliage in order to be more sustainable; so if you have shrubs which need pruning or you'd be happy for us to cut foliage from your garden occasionally please let us know.

**Contact Claire Clark:** [clarkspartree@gmail.com](mailto:clarkspartree@gmail.com)

## **Heritage**

Next year 2027 will mark the 1400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Conversion of the North of England to Christianity. The presence of the three Anglo-Saxon cross shafts in our church indicates that the message of Christianity spread to Ilkley soon after King Edwin of Northumbria was baptised in York in 627.

Comments left in our Visitors Book are testament to how much visitors value the fact that our church is open and welcoming for them to come in and enjoy the space that has been a place of Christian worship for nearly 1400 years.

We have seen an increased number of individual and group visits since the completion of the Redevelopment Project and have strengthened our relationship with some of our local primary schools as they have realised how important the church is as a valuable resource for pupils to learn about local history and heritage.

We anticipate that we can reasonably expect an increase in visitor numbers next year as celebrations and events to mark this anniversary take place locally and throughout the North of England.

I've listed several different ways that members of the church family can help me to continue to sustain the successful outcomes of the Heritage aspect of the redevelopment project.

These don't all happen every week so you wouldn't need to be available on a regular day every week. You don't have to commit to doing all the activities either.

- Being part of future Heritage Open Days/Events and be part of any community heritage events in the town. Heritage volunteers from the team could be on hand in the church on these days to meet and greet visitors to share the story of ASI, its place in the community and the people connected with it.
- This will be particularly important as we start to prepare for next year's 1400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.
- Help with setting out the Heritage Installations in the church so that when it is open to the public all visitors can access the

enhanced heritage information to enable them to explore, understand and engage with the stories of ASI.

- Support/help with the growing number of booked in visits from groups by guiding people, as they explore the church, to ensure they don't miss all there is to see.
- Support/help with the increasing number of schools visiting us. We have been developing school resources with the Manor House Team and are hoping to train volunteers to work with future school visits to both sites.

So, if you're someone who'd enjoy sharing our beautiful church with others, please consider being part of the Heritage Team.

**Contact Carry Lynott: [carry.lynott@ilkleyallsaints.org](mailto:carry.lynott@ilkleyallsaints.org)**

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**Hospitality at church**

Hospitality is a key part of our regular fellowship (Mike says there's a theology of coffee & tea!).

After our 10.15am Sunday and 11.00am Wednesday services we serve refreshments using our great kitchen facilities on a rota basis and we put on meals or lunches for church events and activities.

There is always a need for volunteers to help on the team in either or both of these areas and full training (which is very easy to learn) and support is given.

**Contact [office@allsaintsilkley.org](mailto:office@allsaintsilkley.org)**

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**Life Groups**

Would you like to grow in your faith supported by others who want to be more effective witnesses of Jesus in their daily lives? Then why not join a Life Group?

They provide places for finding connections with God.

- *Where we expect to experience God's transforming presence through worship and prayer.*
- *Where we can make and deepen friendships and offer practical support.*

- *Where we are encouraged to grow & share our life-giving faith, shaped and nourished by God's word.*

We have several Life Groups , daytime and evening, in people's homes, in church or on Zoom with each having its own unique character.

You don't have to have everything worked out to join – none of us are experts – but we share a strong desire to learn from God and each other. We positively welcome newcomers and we're sure there is a group that's right for you!

**Contact Mike Coe: [mike.coe@allsaintsilkeley.org](mailto:mike.coe@allsaintsilkeley.org)**

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### **Lifts to Church**

Worshipping together as a Church family is one of the great blessings of being part of All Saints.

However, there are several people who can't do that unless someone gives them a lift to and from church. There is always the option of watching the service online but it's not the same.

Their need may be temporary or more permanent, but lift-givers are a great help and support.

**Contact the Church Office: [office@ilkleyallsaints.org.uk](mailto:office@ilkleyallsaints.org.uk)**

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### **Men's Ministry**

We are developing initiatives to help men encourage each other in their Christian lives and also events that we can invite our non-church going friends to attend.

So far we have put on breakfasts and dinners - usually where someone is interviewed about their life and faith. We have also arranged walks and hikes.

If you are interested in attending men's events or developing new initiatives then please let us know.

The Men's Breakfasts are at 8.00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at the Crescent Inn, Ilkley

**Contact Hywel Rees-Jones: [hywel.reesjones@gmail.com](mailto:hywel.reesjones@gmail.com)**

## **Mother's Union**

The Mothers' Union is an international Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide.

At All Saints Ilkley our MU group supports families and communities both in the UK and around the world, in line with the vision and values of this life-changing organisation.

We meet every **1st Monday** of the month at **2.30pm in Church House**. When the 1st Monday falls on a bank holiday, we meet on the 2nd Monday.

**Contact the Church Office:** [office@ilkleyallsaints.org.uk](mailto:office@ilkleyallsaints.org.uk)

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## **Music Worship Team**

Do you have musical gifts and a desire to use them to glorify God and serve the Church family by helping lead sung worship at our Sunday services?

Our music team is made up of a range of ages and instruments, but we're united by a passion for Jesus, and a love for music. We believe music is a gift from God, to be used to respond to him in praise, encourage one another in the faith, and help us to remember God's promises.

Whether you would like to get involved, or just like to chat, please come and say hello on a Sunday when we are playing.

**Contact Paul Dix:** [dixpaul1@gmail.com](mailto:dixpaul1@gmail.com)

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## **Ukrainian Welcome Group**

The Ukrainian Welcome group started over 2 years ago when the first Ukrainian guests came to host families in our town.

Since then we have welcomed over 50 adults and children who have been living in Ilkley and the surrounding area.

Our group takes place at church in term time every Tuesday morning from 10am-11.30am. The group is now smaller, with around 10 Ukrainians each week.

We aim to provide a warm supportive welcome with refreshments and homemade cakes and a space to meet, to

befriend and enable our Ukrainian guests to support each other. During the session we give English lessons in 2 groups for beginners to more advanced.

The group has also become a hub for other agencies such as Bradford Council, Horton Housing and the Job Centre to provide advice on benefits, housing and job opportunity for Ukrainians and support/information for hosts.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who help with welcoming our guests, making refreshments and teaching English but occasionally we do need some more help.

Do come along one Tuesday and see what we do.

**Contact Penny Sinclair ([jonpensinclair@gmail.com](mailto:jonpensinclair@gmail.com)) or Kate Rudd – ([ilkley.rudds@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ilkley.rudds@blueyonder.co.uk))**

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**Women's Book Club**

We have a Book Club for women at All Saints! Its aim is to deepen friendships & to encourage each other in faith, using books as a springboard for discussion.

We meet on the last Saturday morning of each month, in church, from 10.30-12noon. We will start with tea/coffee & pastries, followed by discussion with a loose structure. *(You are very welcome to come & join in whether or not you've read the book!)*

**More info.? Join the WhatsApp group via this link**

**<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BceZ5TPINFp91hzbTEvhca>**

**Or contact Clare Lorimer: [clare@benrhydding.co.uk](mailto:clare@benrhydding.co.uk)**

**Kate Rudd: [ilkley.rudds@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ilkley.rudds@blueyonder.co.uk)**

**Lisa Coe: [lisacoe1@gmail.com](mailto:lisacoe1@gmail.com)**

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**Young Adult's Lunch**

Are you in your 20/30s? Do you like food?

Come to the Young Adult's lunch! We meet one the 3rd Sunday of every month, right after the "All together at All Saints" Service.

**Contact Naomi & Sam Herring:**

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