All Saints Ilkley

Church Development Fundraising Ideas



Most of the following ideas emerged from a development Fundraising Creative Workshop in November 2015. Many of them have proven successful for other churches and charities.

Please use the list as a stimulus for your own thinking, whether individually or as a group – it is not exhaustive. Try sharing with others what you might like to organise yourselves to contribute to our total effort from the church family.

Whatever you think you might like to organise, please also note the "Guidelines and Principles" and the content of the "Event/Project Proposal Form", both of which are available from the website and in hard copy from the Parish Office.

If you have any questions at all, please contact either Julia Elliott (Fundraising Events Co-ordinator) at fundraising@ilkleyallsaints.org.uk or Derek Twine (Church Development Co-ordinator) at derek.twine@ilkleyallsaints.org.uk

Whatever you organise, we wish you every success, much joy, and the Lord's blessing.

The following ideas have emerged so far:

- o Garden party
- o Picnic
- o Children's fete
- Beer festival (two church members have links with llkley brewery)
- Jazz event
- o Events in church: concerts, films, one-manshows
- Publicising church as an event venue for concerts/events
- Talent challenge (eg £10 per child, and/or £100 per life group....or larger amounts)
- Join-the-Dots: own auction of promises (eg babysitting)
- Skills and craft workshops (eg cardmaking, flower arranging, wreath making)
- Sponsored Pilgrimage (eg Dales Way; diocesan walk)
- o Create a charity-user Ebay site
- Invite speakers/celebrities with wide appeal
- Exhibition of wedding dresses by people who married in All Saints
- o Making, decorating and selling Christmas cakes
- o Bistro evening
- Safari suppers
- Come Dine with me events
- o Curry & Quiz evening

- o Visits to the top of the Church tower
- o Abseil down the church tower
- o Ring a church bell
- New Year Day river plunge
- o Barbecue on the Church lawn
- Plan and organise parties for others (Christmas, children's birthdays)
- Treasure Hunts
- Catering for baptisms/weddings/funerals
- o Sponsor a paving slab
- o Barn dance
- o Medieval banquet in church
- o A talk about the history of the Church
- Dinners in church (eg New Year, Burns Night, St George, Yorkshire Day)
- o Event for cyclists (eg service and refreshments for donations)
- Pancake events
- o New book on history of All Saints
- o Open Gardens trail around llkley for church members to visit (including teas, cakes, etc)
- o Antique Roadshow/Cash in the Attic, with professional valuations...and auction
- Having stalls at events/fetes organised by other people (eg schools, Ilkley carnival)
- Selling take-away refreshments on day of Ilkley carnival and fair