



## How to Organise an Inspiring Angels Festival in your Village Church



### Why?

- It's a great and relatively simple way to bring lots of people in your village community together
- It brings opportunities to share Christian faith through the Christmas story to a wide variety of people in a way that is fun and attractive
- It might even make a little money for a charity of your choice

### How?

- Invite organisations and businesses in your village to take part – write a letter/email and then follow up with a personal visit or phone call
- Invite each to make an angel or a display of angels in your church which advertise and reflect their organisation eg. A footballing cherub for the Football Club or an angel crafted in curtain materials from the local upholstery business. Encourage them to provide leaflets about their organisation alongside their display
- Get the local school involved with an angel-making workshop with the angels made to be displayed in church
- Advertise the event widely in your village and get all the participating organisations to advertise it too
- Print personal invitations to help congregation members and people from participating organisations to invite friends
- On the day offer activities for all ages in church – eg opportunity to have your photo taken dressed as an angel or to make angelic decorations
- Offer angel-themed refreshments – gingerbread angels are great
- Have angel-themed carols playing in the church
- Invite local radio or a special guest to a special service or concert
- All the way through pray about the planning and everyone involved

## Inspiring Pictures

Thankyou to Newton Flotman church for these pictures from their inspiring angels festival a few years ago



## Follow up

- The festival will bring you new contacts – Think about how you will welcome them and listen to their needs. You may need a team of welcomers or somebody to sit with people and chat in the freshment area.
- Use the opportunity to invite those who come to participate in something else they would enjoy. This may be an alpha course or an event at your church in the new year. Have the invitations available at the festival as well as details of your Christmas services
- You might have a follow up event later on – One church we knew put on a performance of Bob Hartman’s The Easter Angels at Easter time.

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