FESTIVAL angels

2026 SEASON

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR FOR FESTIVAL ANGELS!



local

This year the season started with the Porthleven Food Festival Angels and the first of three Upton-upon-Severn teams. We have developed a toolkit to help a local church run Festival Angels at local events.

Jesus Loves Festivals



download

105 Angels ran 9 Help / Info Hubs. We had hundreds of conversations, gave away nearly 100 Andy's Man Club wristbands, sold 18 Metal Bibles and joined the Chaplains to conduct a blessing for a couple celebrating 40 years married!



latitude

22 Angels on team ran 1 AIR (Assistance, Information, Response) Hub which was a stop for the tractor bus, so Festival Angels welcomed thousands of people to the Village / Arena each day alongside practical and emotional support.



kendal calling

65 Angels running 2 Safe Hubs, detached and Accessibility Support. Our team offered support including practically across the site and supplying essential items. We received a large number of positive feedback in person and on social media.



darley park

11 Angels at Darley Park Weekender Derby running a Safe Hub, Hot Water Station and Detached Teams. The team had a 3 busy nights and ensured people had sun-lotion and other essential items.

Over the 2026 season we have engaged with around 2000 people through Jesus Loves Festivals tattoos, given away around 150 copies of Jesus Loves Festivals Mark's Gospel and sold 18 Metal Bibles at Download. In the Leeds Prayer Cafe dozens of people left prayer requests, coloured in Bible verses or engaged in various faith activties in some way. Selfies with Jesus remain popular! We designed a 'You Are Amazing' well-being card for The Big Retreat.





leeds

174 Angels at Leeds Festival ran a Prayer Cafe, Lost Property, Left Luggage and 2 AIR Hubs. We sold 5300 mugs with unlimited refills (at least 50,000 cuppas made!) and handled 817 lost items.



rushbearing

12 Angels for a Festival Angels Local event. Over a weekend we were involved with stewarding and traffic management for this unique community event in Sowerby Bridge.



the big retreat

8 Angels with 3.5 weeks notice ran a mental health/well-being hub. Our safe space was very busy with cuppas, yin yoga, origami cranes, mindfulness activities & chaplaincy.



mariposa

Festival Angels launched in America! After a visit to Darley Park to see Festival Angels in action a team was set up at the Mariposa County State Fair in California with more teams planned!



socials

Facebook - 2.6million post views; most viewed video 248,859; 5765 followers; 15,573 reactions and 1,217 comments. Instagram - 96 posts with 57,462 views. TikTok - 42 videos with 145,000 views.



media

Coverage on over 420 radio stations including BBC Suffolk, Derby, Leeds, Sheffield and York. National features on Greatest Hits, UCB and Premier. Interviewed by several festival influencers.

Festival Angels gave away £1000 from the 2025 and £3000 from the 2026 Leeds Festival Left Luggage. This money, from people who paid to leave items, went to local charities nominated by Leeds Festival Angels. Festival Angels helped start a football team - AFC Wigginton (we sponsored the kits!). We are thankful to Fat Franks Camping Shop and Benefact Trust for sponsrship / grant funding to help us take on new festivals and help in our mission.

Feedback from our Angels team include: “really rewarding and a great community” / “love my Festival Angels family” / “support we offered was appreciated” / “we start a festival as strangers and leave as friends” / “felt like I really made a difference” / “amazing to be part of a fantastic team” / “Festival angels is a warm, inclusive community where everyone can find a place”.







feedback

When people leave a comment on our social media to say how Festival Angels have helped them at a festival it helps show that what we do makes a difference...

"You are all fabulous we had a lovely recharge with one of your volunteers" / "My daughter and best friend used you for your hot water and occasional blackcurrant squash - you were their pot noodle heroes!!" / "As a parent of a teenager attending Leeds festival, your presence makes me feel so much at ease"

"My girls were so pleased to find that they could get free hot drinks and hot water and said all the festival angels were lovely" / "My daughter thought u were all amazing.. she bought the cup and used it .. and just knowing u were there for her helped me at home not worry too much" / "Much needed warmth, hot drinks, biccies and a dry place to rest" / "Thank you so much for your 24 hour coffee refills you kept the security team from the village warm through the rain" / "What you guys do is amazing" / "Endless refills are great but it's those people encounters that count most and are remembered most" / "Thank you for helping me. I don't think I would have been able to attend without your support xxx"

"I can't thank you angels enough! My daughters and friends had a problem with their tent- they used their initiative and came to you explained the situation and you've kindly sorted a replacement tent for them. You've turned tears into smiles! Thank you so much!"

"I just want to reach out and thank you for the bottom of my heart. My daughter arrived at Leeds a couple of hours ago as a vulnerable autistic child, she had a bit of a meltdown and couldn't pitch up lost her tent pegs and had a panic attack. The next thing I know as I'm getting dressed to rush to Leeds to get her, you guys have swooped in and saved the day helping her and her friends get settled. I appreciate you so much. This is her first festival and maybe a little naive leaving this morning. But all now seems okay."

"A special thank you to the Festival Angels, who were absolute stars and looked after us so well all weekend. They do such an important job, especially for festival-goers with accessibility needs, making sure everyone can relax and enjoy the weekend. They really are one of the things that makes Kendal Calling so special."

"You guys were amazing at Download. Well done for supporting everyone" / "I had the pleasure of meeting some of you on Saturday night during a medical emergency, it was reassuring to know we were in your prayers."



other teams

Festival Angels is an initiative of ROC Angels. Through our wider network we support: We Are The Church at Creamfields; Festival Pastors / Chaplains; Street Angels at TT Races (Isle of Man), Royal Ascot and other local events and festivals.

In 2026 we had 170 new people sign-up to become Festival Angels.

We offered training to all of our teams including Trauma Informed Awareness, Counter Terrorism, Safeguarding, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Gambling Harms and First Aid.

Several people / groups donated around 2000 packets of biscuits for our Leeds Festival Angels Prayer Cafe - thank you!

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