



# Press Release

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## **Believe in Shipley with the Leeds Rhinos stars!**

RUGBY league will be coming to Shipley Leeds Rhinos-style next week, as part of the Believe in Shipley festival of faith.

Leeds Rhinos star Jamie Jones-Buchanan will be coming to Shipley on Tuesday 27 September for a special event about his love of rugby league and his faith in God.

Jamie and fellow Rhinos players Ashton Golding and Jordan Lilley will be bringing some of the Rhinos inflatable equipment along to the Hirst Wood Recreation Ground in Hirst Lane, Shipley, where they will be running free, rugby-themed activities and games with local youngsters. The session, between 5pm and 6pm is open to anyone but will be especially aimed at secondary school young people aged 11-16.

The fun and games will be followed by a free feed at St Peter's Church in Moorhead Lane, which is organising the event, with chilli provided by the Saltaire Canteen, rice, biscuits and soft drinks on offer, along with the chance to meet and chat to Jamie between 6pm and 7pm.

Then between 7pm and 8pm, Jamie and former professional rugby league player Andy Kirk, will be in conversation about their careers in rugby, their faith in God and how it makes a difference to them. Everyone is welcome to come along to St Peter's from 6pm.

"Rugby league isn't something you usually do in church," said Frances Vose, a member of St Peter's congregation and organiser of the event. "But rugby league is about being part of a team, it's about using the talents and skills you have and it's about getting out and having a good time. People don't always know it, but that's a big part of what being a Christian is about as well, so we were really delighted when Jamie agreed to come along and be part of the Believe in Shipley festival with us."

Believe in Shipley is a ten-day festival of Christian faith, which will start in the town on Friday 23 September and will involve everything from muppets to gladiators, rugby league stars to archbishops and pampering to picnicking.

Congregations from churches across Shipley have been working to organise a range of events during the week aimed at helping the whole community to come together and celebrate.

“Believe in Shipley is a time to celebrate together, and to share all that is good about Christian faith. All are welcome, from all faiths and none, and we just encourage you to come and join us!” said Frances.

More information about all the Believe in Shipley events can be found at the website:

[www.believeinshipley.com](http://www.believeinshipley.com)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/believeinshipley](http://www.facebook.com/believeinshipley)

Or by following the event on Twitter: @believeshipley

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