



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

30th December 2012 **First Sunday of Christmas**

President and Preacher: Rev Steve Smith

Readings for the week:

Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2.41-52

Prayer for the day

God of community,
Whose call is more insistent
Than ties of family or blood:
May we so respect and love
Those whose lives are linked with ours
That we fail not in loyalty to you,
But make choices according to your will,
Through Jesus Christ, Amen

Janet Morley

God said: 'I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the bond between me and the earth.' And Desmond Tutu said, ***'We are the Rainbow People of God.'***

Please pray for.....

- Pat and her family
- Martin
- Kay, convalescing
- Brian, settling into his new home
- Sameer
- John Jenkins

The Church....

- the work of Changing Attitude and LGCM as they support LGBT Christians and work to bring about an inclusive church
- for the work of Holy Rood House in Thirsk.
- Activities in the community café: OWLS lunch club on Wednesdays, Thursday breakfasts
- the churches of this deanery and how we face an uncertain future together
- our developing relationships with Left Bank, Cardigan Centre, The Wet House, and how we might all work together for the good of the people of this parish

For justice in the world....

- For peace particularly in Northern Ireland, Syria and Egypt
- For the citizens of La Concha in Guatemala and the fundraising efforts of the Leeds Latin America Solidarity Group
- For the work of Leeds based charities in their support of asylum seekers: LASSN, PAFRAS, RETAS and particularly AJAR as its members seek to support people who are in detention

PRAYERS: If you have a request you want included in this bulletin email bulletin@allhallowsleeds.org.uk or let Steve know.

Reflection

Come in your naked, newborn might,
Come with bolts of lightning hurled.
Come in your flaming, burning power.
Come Lord Jesus, quickly come;
Come speak in joy untamed and wild.
(*Madeleine L'Engle*)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31st December - Left Bank New Year Party; a family affair from 7.30pm. See the website for more info:
www.leftbankleeds.org.uk.

Sunday 27th January 11.30 – 1.30 following the morning service – a meeting for all to look at options for repairing our church

Tuesday 29th January Safeguarding meeting for all involved in helping to support the children of our church in our groups and activities or involved with vulnerable adults.

Ancient History?

Paul says "I have been adding some church history to the website including a list of clergy and some old church magazines. If you have any information, photos, dates, etc that I could use on the website do please let me know. And if I have got anything glaringly wrong!" See the website www.allhallowsleeds.org.uk
(*apologies for incorrect name last week*)

Donating to All Hallows:

Any support you are able to offer is greatly appreciated. Don't forget to complete a gift-aid declaration if you're a regular, tax paying donor via "standing order" or envelopes.

- You can use your internet/telephone/in-branch banking to setup a monthly standing order to our account (sort code: 40-52-40 / account: 00021413. Set reference to your name)
- Make a donation at www.justgiving.com/allhallowschurch. This is a great option for one-off donors as it's simple to include gift-aid without completing a separate form.
- or just use the old fashioned collection bowl at the back (please ask for a set of envelopes if you give regularly this way) See James Heywood (the treasurer) if you've got any queries.

Steve would particularly appreciate donations of tinned and other dry foods for people calling at the vicarage for food. Please leave in church or call at vicarage. Thank you!

CONTACT DETAILS If you want to contact the Vicar, Rev Steve Smith by telephone, ring 0113 242 2205