



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

8th September 2013
15th Sunday after Trinity & Racial Justice Sunday
Baptism of Thomas

President and Preacher: Rev Steve Smith

Readings for to-day

Deuteronomy 30.15-20

Luke 14.25-33

Prayer for the day

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for those brave men and women who,
armed only with a faith in the God of truth and justice,
stood up for equality and human rights.

By the power of your Holy Spirit
help us to become change makers
who courageously work to transform your world
into one where all are afforded the dignity, respect and worth
deserving of those made in your image.

Amen.

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.....

- for Rev Alice Snowdon, priest-in-charge of All Souls church, Blackman Lane who is currently being treated for Lymphoma
- Gabrielle Syme with multiple inoperable brain tumours. Pray for Gabrielle's pain control; pray too for her family and especially her husband Robert.
- Burj's Mum back home following a stay in hospital and for Burj having flown back to UK and returning to work
- Fred, Steve's dad, with signs of the onset of dementia, and for mum Hilda
- James, Ruth, Dave and Hannah as they visit family in Oz over the next 3 months
- Lisa, in hospital following an aneurism
- Sameer, whose appeal for asylum has been adjourned. Pray for him living back in Bradford
- Vimbai, for clear results and diagnosis from her tests and for healing
- Pray with thanks for the licensing on Thursday of Rev Jude Smith, Team Vicar & Pioneer Minister in the Abbeylands Team.

The community of Hyde Park....

- those involved in arranging funding for the building work we need to do
- (in the parish:) those working to save the old Leeds Girls' High School playing fields from being built on
- For members of the PCC as they work with Steve on the running of our church
- for all at Hyde Park Methodist Church; pray for our ministry together and for all who live in the area of Hyde Park.

For justice in the world....

- the people of Syria and the people of Egypt
- gay and lesbian people in Russia during this very difficult time
- the asylum support charities in Leeds including Solace, AJAR, PAFRAS and LASSN
- For those protesting against the arms trade this week at the London arms fair in London including Rev Keith Hebden

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

Regular events: Sunday 10.30 Morning Service “Sharing the Feast of Life”. Monday 6.30 Yoga, Tuesday 1-3 Delicious Bites Cookery Group £2 all welcome, Restarting in Sept:**Wednesday Café Breakfast 9-10.30**, OWLS lunches 12 (Bookable for older people) **Thursday 9-2.30 All Day Breakfasts – plus pudding from 12!** Friday (and/or Sat.) – Break dancing

Sunday 8th September 2013 6:30pm to 8pm Described as an invitation to “Explore how God is calling us to engage together for a more just Leeds”, something I am sure that you will agree is something that All Hallows’ is engaged with. The event is called “United Leeds”, is being organised by Leeds Churches Together in Mission and will have a keynote address by Tony Campolo (it doesn’t say if his wife is coming!) It is on at St George’s Church. More details at

<http://www.networkleeds.com/Group/Group.aspx?ID=29600>

If you are interested in going please let Steve and / or Paul know – perhaps we could go as a group!

Seeking Justice Book group : Some of us are meeting on Wednesday **11th September** at 7.30pm- 9.30 to discuss this new book by Keith Hebden (chapter 6) at Paul and Catherine’s – all welcome

Friday 13th September 7.45 – 11pm Joe Tiltson and the Embers band with Sarah Carey in support – Live @ All Hallows Gig

September 15th INCLUSIVE CHURCH SUNDAY - On the 10th Anniversary of Inclusive Church we welcome as our preacher, Simon Sarmiento, founder of the Thinking Anglicans website. Do stay afterwards for a question and answer session

Reflection

“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.”

Until this dream comes to pass, let us make time to give thanks for our diversity and to pray for God's help in overcoming our prejudices and the injustices that reflect and reinforce them.

Ways to donate to All Hallows:

Give your time to help out on with activities – café, gardening, events, gigs, working parties to clear and clean and to help with the Sunday Service.

To give money to support us: please place money on the plate on the small table. You can also make a direct payment from your bank and you can gift aid. This is a way we get money off the government when we reclaim tax you have paid – ask James, Paul or Jan for details. NB we are also fundraising for our roof that leaks!

To support local people who are in need of a meal contribute food to the **PARISH PANTRY**: If you can remember to bring dried food or tins or toiletries to church so Steve can donate them to people who need extra help just put them in the red box at back of church There is loads of need in our local area.

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

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