



# ALL HALLOWS

*A Church of the Rainbow People of God*

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Second Sunday before Advent

**President & Preacher:** Rev Steve Smith

## **Readings for to-day**

Malachi 4.1-2a

Luke 21.5-19

## **Prayer for the day**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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*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.....**

- The people of the Philippines following the typhoon that has killed so many and wrought such devastation, and those trying to bring relief
- Rev David Randolph Horn, awaiting an operation on Tuesday; and for his wife Betsy, having tests on Tuesday
- Hazel, Ali Dunn's cousin, living with uncertainty of a heart condition
- Phil and Nat's neighbour Brian, seriously ill with a rare autoimmune disease. Please pray too for Brian's wife Jackie
- Jen Silvester and her parents Reg and Christa. Reg is in hospital on a ventilator after multiple organ failure and needs a hip replacement. He is primary carer for Christa who had a major stroke a few years ago. Jen has moved her mother to a care home in Leeds. You may remember Jen as a member of All Hallows' until a few years ago
- Kay who is back in hospital again and feeling very low; and Mick, also recovering again from surgery
- Jan's friend Heather with cancer and for her husband Harro
- Gabrielle Syme with inoperable cancer and husband Robert
- Lisa, in hospital following an aneurism
- Sameer – awaiting the outcome of his appeal hearing last Friday
- Linda's father Ron, taken into hospital with a fever, and mother Vida
- A Pakistani man who has converted to Christianity
- Helen Cockerham, in hospital with encephalitis, and for her partner Kerry
- The children of Hannah's friend who tragically died on Monday, and for Hannah and Burj as they support them
- Iris and Sonja, retiring from the cafe at the end of November

## **The community of Hyde Park....**

- The Hartisca House staff and residents following news that the home is due to be closed.
- All who use our building during the week especially café volunteers
- 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 work of Christian Aid in Brazil with tribal communities
- Palestinians living on the West Bank, Gaza and in Israel
- LGCM and Sharon, national worker, as she challenges churches to have an open welcome for Gay, Lesbian and transgender members

- PAFRAS, who due to funding cuts are having to reduce opening to Thursdays only, plus losing their communications officer and their news-sheet.

PRAYERS: If you have a request you want included in this bulletin email [bulletin@allhallowsleeds.org.uk](mailto: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

**Our Muslim Neighbours** is a six session course for Christians. The content covers key points of interest and relevance for our understanding of Islam and our Muslim neighbours. There is support for Christians to explore what this means in terms of their local mission and ministry. **Tuesday** until to 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at St Michael’s Parish Hall See leaflet in church.

**A huge thank you** to those who helped with the work morning at Church yesterday. Can you spot the differences?

### **News from City of Sanctuary:**

**Thursday 21st November** Protest against racist immigration controls 1-2.30pm UKBA Waterside Kirkstall Road LS4 2QB

**Thursday 21st November** Leeds City of Sanctuary Open Meeting

A chance to hear about all the work & latest news from the different groups and decide whether you feel we are ready to apply to be an official City of Sanctuary. 6-8pm Retas 233-237 Roundhay Rd LS8 4HS

**On line?** See [www.allhallowsleeds.org.uk](http://www.allhallowsleeds.org.uk)

## **Reflection**

- God, forgive our rich nations where small babies die of cold quite legally.
- God, forgive our rich nation where small children suffer from hunger quite legally.
- God, forgive our rich nation where toddlers and school children die from guns sold quite legally.
- God, forgive our rich nation that lets children be the poorest group of citizens quite legally.
- God, forgive our rich nation that lets the rich continue to get more at the expense of the poor quite legally.
- God, forgive our rich nation, which thinks security rests in missiles rather than in mothers, and in bombs rather than babies.
- God, forgive our rich nation for not giving You sufficient thanks by giving to others their daily bread.
- God, help us never to confuse what is quite legal with what is just and right in your sight.

(Marian Wright Edelman)

**Church Rota** – Sadly, after much hard work Darren is going to have to hand the rota on from Dec/Jan. Is there anyone who could take on this role? 2-4 hours admin from home every 6-8 weeks. And a huge thanks to Darren for all his hard work!

## **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.

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