



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

9th February 2014

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Education Sunday

Steve's last Sunday!

President and Preacher: Rev Steve Smith

Readings

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

Matthew 5: 13-20

Prayer for the day

Vulnerable God,

You challenge the powers that rule this world

Through the needy, the compassionate,

and those who are filled with longing.

Make us hunger and thirst to see right prevail,

And single minded in seeking peace;

That we may see your face

And be satisfied in you,

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....

- Mabel Wilson, now in ward 14 St James
- Right Rev Nick Baines who is to be the new Bishop for the new diocese of Leeds , West Yorkshire and the Dales which we are a part, as from Easter Sunday
- Give thanks for the life of Gabrielle Symes who died 2 weeks ago and pray for husband Robert and all the family
- Joyce Lindley of the Wednesday OWLS group - in Chapel Allerton hospital with complications after a hip operation
- Kerry Cockerham, being Baptised at All Hallows today, 9th February
- Rob, taking on the job of co-ordinating the church rota.
- Julie Ganger, starting a new job
- Paul and Jan our church wardens; the PCC and the small group writing the document which will form the basis of the advert for our next priest.
- Give thanks for the release of Florence from Yarlswood and her return to stay with Lois, Kirsty and Esme
- Sameer, living with the uncertainty awaiting a date for his appeal.
- Betsy and David thank everyone for their care and their prayers following surgery from which both are on the mend
- Holy Rood House and the community there in Sowerby / Thirsk as they face changes
- Catherine Hicks who is unwell and burnt out at the moment
- A Pakistani man who has converted to Christianity
- Our schools on this Education Sunday
- Steve as he moves to Cornwall this week

The community of Hyde Park....

- All who use our building during the week
- 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....

- For the people of Syria and the surrounding countries where there are Syrian refugees
- The Nicaraguan Community Movement in La Concha and for the Leeds Latin American Solidarity group as they appeal for regular donations to support of the work of the NCM.
- LGCM and Sharon, national worker, as she challenges churches to have an open welcome for Gay, Lesbian and transgender members

- AJAR, Solace, PAFRAS, LASSAN and RETAS and other organisations that work to bring hope and justice for asylum seekers and refugees in Leeds, giving thanks for all who volunteer with them

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

Regular events: Sunday 10.30 Morning Service “Sharing the Feast of Life”. Monday 6.30 Yoga; OWLS lunches Thurs 12 (Bookable for older people); Saturdays Breakdancing 4-5 open class, 5-8pm open session

Wed 12th February 7.30pm The first public meeting towards planning Hyde Park Unity Day, our annual community celebration, at Wrangthorn Hall.

Wed 12th February 7.30pm Pilgrim Group gathering at Pippa and Jackie’s house to continue looking at the Lord’s Prayer. All welcome – see Paul for details

***Change of Date* Monday 17th Feb 7pm** PCC meeting with Area Dean Richard Dinnery to discuss vacancy as well as other business

Tuesday 18th February 7.30pm Christian Ethics in Contemporary Life The second in Concord’s series on Ethics and Morals, given by Dr Albert Jewell in the Quaker Meeting House, Woodhouse Lane LS2 9DX

Monday 24th Feb Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
Make the world a fairer place by choosing Fairtrade products... this year the focus is on bananas, stick with Foncho (a banana grower visiting the UK) see www.fairtrade.org.uk

Saturday 1st March: 9 – 5pm Meditation Group from the Buddhist tradition at All Hallows’

Monday 10th March Women Peace-ing Together
Concord Women’s Textile Project meeting to create a multi-faith, multi-cultural banner – all women invited to the Iqra Centre, Carr Manor Crescent LS17 5DH. Contact Cynthia on 01924 863956 or 075863 27822 or e-mail concordwomen@phoncoop.coop or Jenny on 0113 2664532 or e-mail jennyp.w@btinternet.com

Breakdancing: For more info on the weekly session at All Hallows contact Beanz on 07415033610 Taught class £3.50, open session £1

Reflection

Softening Our Hearts Some old men came to see Abba Poemen, and said to him: Tell us, when we see brothers dozing during the sacred office, should we pinch them so they will stay awake? The old man said to them: Actually, if I saw a brother sleeping, I would put his head on my knees and let him rest.

With this story, legalism and false asceticism pale in the light of greater virtue. What Abba Poemen calls for here is the godliness of mercy and compassion and forgiveness, the very holiness that pious practices are meant to sow in us, and that rigidity for its own sake can never substitute. Nor does our failure to be unwaveringly faithful to the practice of them count against the value of those whose hearts are right even when their knees are weak. The number of people who have made Lenten resolutions over the centuries and then, in despair of perfection, gave up doing them after they broke them once, should have known Abba Poemen.

(Joan Chittister)

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 (see Andrea who does this rota)

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**: will now be dealt with from the café. Please bring appropriate food to church on Sunday or to the café on Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

CONTACT DETAILS On line? See www.allhallowsleeds.org.uk