



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

30th November 2014
First Sunday of Advent

President and Preacher
Rev Bob Brooke

Readings

Isaiah 64.1-9
Psalm 80.1-8,18-20
1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Mark 13.24-37

Prayer for the day

Take the clay of our lives and shape it to love
Take the clay of the church and shape it to grace
Take the clay of the world and shape it to peace
Take the clay of today and shape it to hope
And then breathe your spirit into all again
For ever and ever
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....

- Sameer as he deals with feelings of hopelessness
- Roul and Kay who miss church but cannot get here without support
- Ram's friend Ismail and his dad who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and for his family
- Jan's friend Margaret who has terminal cancer and for her husband David
- Kerry's dad as he returns to work
- Heston and Lydia as they prepare to move to Leeds
- The family of Kerry's former work colleague Wendy as they mourn their loss
- All Hallows' Community Project "Pay As You Feel" / "Real Junk Food Project" Café - planning to open on Tuesdays and Fridays after Christmas
- The "Real Junk Food Project" Café in Armley as it faces losing its home
- Kerry's grandma who is recovering at home after breaking her hip
- Raja and Mahmoud following their move to Sheffield
- Daniel who is waiting for a court decision and trying to sort out his life
- Alan Griggs's son in law Glen who has Motor Neurone Disease and for all his family

The wider community....

- All who use our building during the week – break dancers, the yoga groups, meditation group, OWLS, Community Project
- Members of Hyde Park Methodist and for their community shop and youth work

For justice, peace and healing in the world....

- For the victims of the Ebola virus and their families, and for those caring for them
- For peaceful resolutions in Iraq, Syria, Nigeria, Libya, Ukraine and Central African Republic
- For the people of La Concha in Nicaragua
- For all those held in Immigration Removal Centres, especially women and children in Yarl's Wood

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

Regular events:

Sunday 10.30am Morning Service “Sharing the Feast of Life”

Sunday 6pm Alcoholics Anonymous group

Monday 6.30pm Yoga

Tuesday 7pm Yoga

Wednesday 12-2pm OWLS lunches (Bookable for older people)

Wednesday 7pm Capoeira

Wednesday 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous group

Friday 10am-4pm TRJFP@AH Café

Saturday Breakdancing 4-5pm open class, **5-8pm** open session

Saturday 6th December 10am-1pm: ‘Wild City Retreats’, an initiative of Leeds Church Institute. For further information please see www.LCILEeds.org or contact Pippa.

Sunday 7th December: After Church is our monthly shared lunch. It will also be our **Church Christmas Party** with games, music and a fancy dress competition! Please bring food and friends to share together

Friday 12th December 7:30pm: An evening of Dickens and Shakespeare. A “One Man Christmas Carol” and “What Shakespeare thought of TRJFP”! This will be a PAYF event.

Sunday 21st December 7:30pm: Sacred Wing Concert at All Hallows’.

Saturday 14th March 2:30pm will be the licensing service for Rev Heston Groenewald at All Hallows’. Make sure you book the whole weekend in your diary – this is a great excuse for a party!

Reflection

The Fall Almost Nobody Sees

Everybody's gone away.

They think there's nothing left to see.

The garish colours' flashy show is over.

Now those of us who stay hunker down in sweet silence,
blessed emptiness among

red-orange shadblow
purple-red blueberry
copper-brown beech
gold tamarack, a few
remaining pale yellow
popple leaves,
sedge and fern in shades
from beige to darkening red
to brown to almost black,
and all this in front of, below,
among blue-green spruce and fir
and white pine,

all of it under grey skies,
chill air, all of us waiting
in the sombre dank and rain,
waiting here in quiet, chill
November,
waiting for the snow.

—**David Budbill**

Ways to donate to All Hallows:

- PARISH PANTRY: Don't forget your donation of food
- Please put donations of money on the collection plate on the small table by the back row of seats in church – regular donations are welcome including gift aid and direct debits to our bank account – see Richard for details
- 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 Rob who does this rota)

CONTACT DETAILS: See our Church Wardens Jan or Paul

On line? See www.allhallowsleeds.org.uk