



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

21st December 2014
Fourth Sunday of Advent

President

Rev Dr Clive Barrett

Preacher

Richard Barton

Readings

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Psalms 89.1-4,19-26

Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38

Prayer for the day

God who makes all things new,
may we learn new things.

New lessons from those around us.

New lessons about longing and patience.

New lessons about giving and receiving.

New lessons about vulnerability and risk.

New lessons about unity and love.

Open our eyes to see, in your world and in our lives,
where you are making all things new

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 for health and healing
- 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
- David for health and healing
- Heston and Lydia as they prepare to move to Leeds
- Linda's parents Ron and Vida in America struggling with health problems
- Linda's sister Margaret and her son and Linda's nephew Ryan currently in prison and hoping to find the right mental health support when he leaves.
- All Hallows' Community Project "Pay As You Feel" / "Real Junk Food Project" Café - opening on Tuesdays and Fridays after Christmas
- The "Real Junk Food Project" Café in Armley as it faces losing its home
- Kerry's mum and dad going through a difficult time and all the family
- Raja and Mahmoud following their move to Sheffield
- Daniel trying to sort out his life
- The mother of Amalia, a friend of Emma, for health and healing and all her family
- 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, South Sudan, Libya, Ukraine and Nigeria
- For the victims of the massacre at the school in Peshawa and their families
- For the people of La Concha in Nicaragua
- For all those held in Immigration Removal Centres

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 10am-4pm TRJFP@AH Café – from 6th January

Tuesday 7pm Yoga – resumes 30th January

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

Wednesday 7pm Capoeira

Wednesday 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous group

Friday 10am-4pm TRJFP@AH Café – Re-opens on 2nd January

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

Tonight 7:30pm: Sacred Wing Concert and Carol Service at All Hallows’. Please see the following website for further details.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Sacred-Wing/246781305350242>

Sunday 4th January – shared lunch after church

Saturday 10th January 9am Work morning to clean and prepare the church porch for painting, deep clean part of the kitchen and various other jobs. Followed by lunch together. See Paul for details

Friday 20th February 7.45pm: Jim Boyes with Belinda O’Hooley: Sensations of a Wound, Live at All Hallows. For further information and to book tickets, please see <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jim-boyes-with-belinda-ohooley-sensations-of-a-wound-live-at-all-hallows-tickets-14529039749?aff=eorg>

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!

Friday 8th May 7.45pm: Lucy Ward with The Gentle Good Live At All Hallows. For further information and to book tickets, please see <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lucy-ward-live-at-at-all-hallows-with-the-gentle-good-tickets-14661098741?aff=eorg>

The Real Junk Food Café @ AH will re-open in the new year on Tuesdays and Fridays!

Reflection

Christmas brings us all back to the crib of life to all start over again: aware of what has gone before, conscious that nothing can last, but full of hope that this time, finally, we can learn what it takes to live well, grow to full stature of soul and spirit, get it right. There is a child in each of us waiting to be born again. It is to those looking for life that the figure of the Christ, a child, beckons. Christmas is not for children. It is for those who refuse to give up and grow old, for those to whom life comes newly and with purpose each and every day, for those who can let yesterday go so that life can be full of new possibility always, for those who are agitated with newness whatever their age. Life is for the living, for those in whom Christmas is a feast without finish, a celebration of change, a call to begin once more the journey to human joy and holy meaning.

Joan Chittister “In Search of Belief”

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