



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

8th February 2015
The Second Sunday before Lent

President and Preacher
Rev Dr Clive Barrett

Readings

Proverbs 8.1,22-31

Psalm 104.26-37

Colossians 1.15-20

John 1.1-14

Prayer for the day

Creator God,

Because of your abundant love
you chose to bring light and order into the formless void,
to create a world of unsurpassed beauty
and you saw that it was good.

We ask that you continue to recreate the world
with that same attentive love,
to bring light into today's ever increasing chaos and darkness
where we have failed to be stewards and carers of your creation.

Replenish our hearts
so that we too can renew the face of the earth.

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 and for Betsy and her sister
- Heston and Lydia as they prepare to move to Leeds
- Jack who has a meeting with Bishop Nick on Feb 17th: that his future following the end of theological training and particularly decisions about his first curacy, will be clear and appropriate
- Linda's sister Margaret and her son and Linda's nephew Ryan hoping to find the right mental health support
- All Hallows' Community Project "Pay As You Feel" / "Real Junk Food Project" Café – now open on Tuesdays and Fridays
- The "Real Junk Food Project" Café in Armley as it attempts to buy its home
- Robert's brother, Peter, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and for his family
- 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
- Catherine, still struggling with burnout and feelings of depression
- Jan, waiting for a hip replacement operation shortly
- 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 Nigeria, Iraq, Syria, South Sudan, Ukraine and Central African Republic
- For the people of La Concha in Nicaragua
- For refugees fleeing persecution and conflict throughout the world

PRAYERS: If you have a request you want included in this bulletin, please email bulletin@allhallowsleeds.org.uk

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

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

Do think about coming to one or more of our **Lent Groups**, meeting at least to start with, at church on the following dates, alternating Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from **7.00pm till 9.00pm**:

24th February; 5th March; 10th March; 19th March; 24th March.

Saturday 14th February 9am: Work morning followed by shared lunch

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://bit.ly/1IU600Z> - Food from 6pm by TRJFP@AH

Saturday 21st February 9.30am-3:00pm: 'Faith in Dark Places' at St Edmund's Church, Roundhay. Please see the flyer for further details.

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!

Saturday and Sunday 11th – 12th April 2015: 'Hope for the World', a weekend of words, music, exploring the joy of the Gospel led by John Bell at St. Benedict's Parish, Garforth LS25 1PX. Please see the flyer for further details.

Reflection

How to do nonviolent resistance (part 2 of 3)

Third, nonviolent resistance condemns systems, ideas or policies that oppress but never launches personal attacks against individuals who are the agents of the system itself. If we cannot assume the good will of those who oppose us we must at least not judge their motives. Ideas and systems are bigger than any single person. To attack individuals in order to curb a sinful system only plays into the hands of the system itself by failing to focus attention where attention is necessary.

Fourth, nonviolent resistance absorbs physical attack without striking back physically. Suffragettes went to jail to win the vote and never struck a blow. Women and men faced attack dogs in Selma, Alabama, to win the right to be human beings without themselves becoming barbaric in the process. It was row upon row of Indians falling to their knees under the gratuitous blows of their English masters that sent a chill up the spine of a colonial world. Nonviolent resistance unmasks the inhumanity of oppression and gives all of us another chance to repent and begin again to be thinking, feeling human beings.

—from *Heart of Flesh: a feminist spirituality for women and men*, by Joan Chittister (Eerdmans), reprinted in [Joan Chittister: Essential Writings](#), ed. Mary Lou Kownacki and Mary Hembrow Snyder (Orbis).

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