



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

29th November 2015

First Sunday of Advent

President and Preacher

Rev Heston Groenewald

Elizabeth Hall

Readings

Isaiah 25.6-10a

1 Corinthians 13.4-13

Prayer for the week

May it come soon

to the hungry, to the weeping
to those who thirst for your justice,
to those who have waited centuries for a truly human life.

Grant us the patience to smooth the way
on which your Kingdom comes to us.

Grant us hope, that we may not weary
in proclaiming or working for it,
despite so many conflicts, threats and shortcomings.

Grant us a clear vision that in this hour of our history
we may see the horizon, and know the way
on which your Kingdom comes to us.

Amen

Prayer from Nicaragua, from *Bread of Tomorrow*, edited by Janet Morley, SPCK / Christian Aid, 1992

*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...

- Paul, Catherine, Buster and Milo
- Owain as he struggles with depression
- Scott, a former All Hallows member now living in Brisbane, who is currently in an intensive rehab course
- Keith following the death of his dad
- Betsy for health and healing and David
- Raja and Mahmoud, following the latest decision of the Home Office
- For Ramesh's friend, Brian, who has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, that his treatment will go smoothly and successfully and that he is healed. Pray also for strength for him and his partner David during this difficult time.
- James, Ruth, Dave and Hannah living in Australia
- The Real Junk Food Project @All Hallows Café
- Linda's parents and also her sister Margaret and her son and Linda's nephew Ryan
- Kerry and her family following the death of her dad
- Sameer for his continued health and healing
- Helen, an asylum seeker who AJAR supported in the past who is imprisoned in Newhall Prison.
- Young Danny still homeless
- 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, the self-help groups
- Members of Hyde Park Methodist and for their community shop and youth work
- Members of the Grand Mosque, Makkah Masjid Mosque and Leeds Hindu Mandir

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

- For peaceful resolutions in Nigeria, Iraq, Syria, South Sudan, DRC, Afghanistan and Ukraine
- For the people of La Concha in Nicaragua
- For men, women and children who are living with HIV and AIDS
- For those refugees who have arrived in the UK, particularly those in Leeds
- For those detained in Immigration Removal Centres, particularly Yarl's Wood, the Verne, Dover and Morton Hall

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

Regular events:

Sun	10.30am	Morning Service "Sharing the Feast of Life" at All Hallows
	6pm	Alcoholics Anonymous group
Mon	6.30pm	Yoga
Tues	10am-4pm	TRJFP@AH Café
Wed	12-2pm	OWLS lunches (Bookable for older people)
	7pm	Alcoholics Anonymous group
	7pm	Midweek Eucharist at All Hallows
	7.30pm	Life, the Universe and Everything: discussion and discipleship group at All Hallows vicarage
Thur	10am -12pm	Breakfast drop in @AH Café
Fri	9.15am	Morning Prayers at All Hallows
Fri	10am-4pm	TRJFP@AH Café
Sat	2-3pm	Breakdancing - open class
	3-5pm	Breakdancing - open session

Other Events:

Tuesday 1st December 6.30pm: UK premiere of 'Refugee – The Eritrean Exodus' at Hyde Park Picture House followed by Q&A session with the director Chris Cotter.

Tuesday 1st December: World AIDS Day <http://www.worldaidsday.org/> - an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died.

Friday 4th December 7pm: Tidal and Leeds for Change are proud to present "3 Acres and A Cow" - A history of land rights and protest in folk song and story, at Trinity Church, Boar Lane, Leeds. For tickets see <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/3-acres-and-a-cow-tickets-19205227352>

Saturday 5th December 7pm: Martyn Joseph- Live At All Hallows. Tickets from <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/martyn-joseph-live-at-all-hallows-tickets-15774094742> and Jumbo Records. Volunteers also urgently needed to help out at TRJFP@AH Café beforehand- any time given by people would be greatly appreciated 😊. Food prep starts around 4.30pm. Please see Lydia if you are able to help.

Tuesday 8th December, 4.20-6:30pm: Leeds Welcomes Refugees: A Celebration of Welcome! at West Yorkshire Playhouse

Saturday 12th December 9.45am-1pm: Wild City Retreats in the Epicentre Rooms, Meanwood Valley Urban Farm. Booking required, please email events@leedschurchinstitute.org or phone 0113 391 7928. For further information, please see Pippa.

For more events, please also check the calendar on the All Hallows website, <http://allhallowsleeds.org/whats-on/calendar/>

Reflection

Today, dear Lord I'm eighty
And there's much I haven't
done.
I hope dear Lord you'll let me
Live until I'm eighty-one.
But if I haven't finished
All that I want to do
Please let me stay a wee while
more
Until I'm eighty-two.
There's places I want to visit
And much I want to see
Do you think you could manage
To make it eighty-three?
In fact the world is changing fast

And there is so much in store
I'd like it very much to live
Until I'm eighty-four.
Who knows what new
inventions
Will be enjoyed by those alive
So if it's all the same to you
Can I stay till eighty-five?
Progress will be making
The world a wondrous mix
So I'd like to see what happens
When I turn eighty-six.
I know Dear Lord it's much to
ask
And it must be nice in heaven

But I'd really like to stay
Until I'm eighty-seven.
I know by then I won't be fast
And sometimes will be late
But it would be so pleasant
To be around at eighty-eight.
I will have seen so many things
May memories will be wine
So it would be a shame to
leave
At only eighty-nine.
I've just one thing to ask Dear
Lord, I ask you kindly
if you could see your way clear
to let me live past ninety

Joyce Woodyet

Ways to donate to All Hallows:

- PARISH PANTRY: Please 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. Please see Catherine who does this rota.

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