



# ALL HALLOWS

*A Church of the Rainbow People of God*

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2015**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**President**  
Rev Heston Groenewald

**Preacher**  
Rev Dan Woodhouse

**Reading**  
Philippians 1:20-26

<sup>20</sup>It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

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*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 and David for health and healing
- Raja and Mahmoud
- 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 all those fleeing persecution, war and violence
- 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, Colnbrook and Morton Hall

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

## Regular events:

Sun	10.30am 6pm	Morning Service "Sharing the Feast of Life" at All Hallows Alcoholics Anonymous group
Mon	6.30pm	Yoga
Tues	10am-4pm	TRJFP@AH Café
Wed	12-2pm 7pm 7pm 7.30pm	OWLS lunches (Bookable for older people) Alcoholics Anonymous group Midweek Eucharist at All Hallows 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 4-5pm	Breakdancing - open class Breakdancing - open session

## Other Events:

**Today:** After the service is our monthly shared lunch. All welcome 😊

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

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

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm:** No Going Back (a Leeds based charity who provide LGBT asylum seekers with Legal Aid) are hosting a Christmas Carol Concert with Stop Hate UK to celebrate diversity at Christmas, at Oxford Place Methodist Church, Oxford Chambers, next to the Art Gallery in Leeds City Centre. Please see <https://www.facebook.com/events/729975033768590/> for further details.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 12.00pm:** Leeds No Borders monthly protest outside Waterside Court (Kirkstall Road)

**For the Advent and Christmas schedule,** please see the separate sheet or see the website <http://allhallowsleeds.org/>

## Reflection

“The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace.

Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world. Let us use love and compassion. Peace begins with a smile. Smile five times a day at someone you don't really want to smile at; do it for peace. Let us radiate the peace of God and so light His light and extinguish in the world and in the hearts of all men all hatred and love for power.

Today, if we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other-that man, that woman, that child is my brother or my sister. If everyone could see the image of God in his neighbour, do you think we would still need tanks and generals?

Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy.

Today, nations put too much effort and money into defending their borders. They know very little about the poverty and the suffering that exist in the countries where those bordering on destitution live. If they would only defend these defenseless people with food, shelter, and clothing, I think the world would be a happier place.

The poor must know that we love them, that they are wanted. They themselves have nothing to give but love. We are concerned with how to get this message of love and compassion across. We are trying to bring peace to the world through our work. But the work is the gift of God.”

*Mother Teresa*

## 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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