



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

13th January 2013 **The Baptism of Christ**

President: Rev Steve Smith
Preacher: Katharine Salmon

Readings for the week:

Acts 8.14-17
Luke 3.15-17,21,22

Prayer for the day

Beloved Son of God,
Baptised by John, we praise you
and marvel at your humility.
you are one with us in baptism:
take us with you into the kingdom.
You are one with us in humanity:
Lead us into the love of God the Creator,
to whom be thanksgiving
now and always.
Amen

Angela Ashwin (adapted)

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.....

- Mabel recovering at home following time in hospital
- Pat and her family
- Martin
- Kay, convalescing
- Brian, settling into his new home
- Sameer
- John Jenkins
- Steve and David and their ministries in the coming year

The Church....

- Our shared decisions about the future of our use of the church building
- the work of Changing Attitude and LGCM as they support LGBT Christians and work to bring about an inclusive church
- for the work of Holy Rood House in Thirsk.
- Activities in the community café: OWLS lunch club on Wednesdays, Thursday breakfasts
- our developing relationships with Left Bank, Cardigan Centre, The Wet House, and how we might all work together for the good of the people of this parish
- There is an Extraordinary Meeting of the General Synod House of Laity next week to consider a motion of no confidence in the Chair (who spoke and voted against women bishops) and Nigel Greenwood from Leeds and all delegates would appreciate our prayers for this difficult occasion.

For justice in the world....

- For peace particularly in Northern Ireland and Egypt
- For those working for justice for women in India and all women who have suffered violence or sexual abuse
- For the work of Leeds based charities in their support of asylum seekers: LASSN, PAFRAS, RETAS and particularly AJAR as its members seek to support people who are in detention

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14th January 7pm Grub and Gossip Bring food (to share) and join in a look at how we can support each other more

Wednesday 16th Jan 10.30 Community project meeting, café

Saturday 19th Jan *Work morning postponed to 2nd Feb*

Monday 21st Jan Standing Committee

Sunday 27th January 11.30 – 1.30 *following a shortened morning service:* Last year we began to face up to our financial state and to the state of the building at All Hallows. We heard many opinions expressed and PCC said it would take all these and do some work on the implications of either staying in the building or moving out. We did gather together and publish what people said then. We will meet to talk about what PCC have found out about the costs of staying and the options of moving. We will send out a document with some figures nearer the time and also have copies of these in church.

We really want to pray and talk through our mission at All Hallows, and as this is a crucial discussion, while PCC legally make the final decision, we do want as always to be totally inclusive in our thinking. Bring sandwiches / snacks for yourself if you would like to eat while we talk.

Please make this a priority in your diary.

4pm LGCM meeting hosted by Jackie and Pippa at their home

Tuesday 29th January Safeguarding meeting for all involved in helping to support the children of our church in our groups and activities or involved with vulnerable adults.

Saturday 2nd February Work morning and breakfast at church

Monday 4th February 7:15pm PCC – decisions on “Where Next?”

Tuesday 5th Feb Deanery Synod at St Chads Church, Far Headingley

REFLECTION:

I love new beginnings. That includes new-born babies, sunrises, the first chapter of a book, sketching out a new project, brainstorming ideas, meeting new people, the opening song, a blank page, sitting down to dinner, beginning a hike, starting a trip, and New Year's Day! I appreciate the opportunity to begin again and perhaps do things a little more mindfully. For some great ideas for New Year's resolutions, try some of Jesus' teachings. Here's a few from the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John.

- 1) Don't worry. Luke 12: 22-32
- 2) Pray. Luke 5: 16, 10: 38-42
- 3) Take the lowest position in meetings. Luke 14: 8-10
- 4) Feed the hungry. Matthew 25: 31-46
- 5) Welcome new neighbours, co-workers, immigrants. Matthew 25: 31-46
- 6) Don't store things you are not using. Matthew 6: 19
- 7) Care for those who are sick. Matthew 25: 31-46
- 8) Pray for your enemies. Luke 6: 27-29
- 9) Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6: 31
- 10) Beware of hypocrisy and greed. Luke 12: 1, 15
- 11) Don't charge others for what God freely gives you. Matthew 10: 8
- 12) Stop grumbling. John 6: 43
- 13) Be childlike. Luke 18: 15-18
- 14) Be a servant. John 13: 3-17
- 15) Ask God for what you need. Luke 11: 9

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