



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

10th February 2013 **The Sunday next before Lent**

President and Preacher: Rev Steve Smith

Readings for the week:

2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2
Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]

Prayer for the day

Christ, our only true light,
before whose bright cloud
your friends fell to the ground:
we bow before your cross
that we may refuse to be prostrated
before the false brightness of any other light,
looking to your power alone
for hope of resurrection from the dead, Amen

Janet Morley

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
- Martin
- Kay, convalescing
- Brian, settling into his new home
- Sameer - the Home Office is reconsidering his case with decision in 8 weeks
- John Jenkins
- Steve and David and their ministries in the coming year

The Church....

- Everyone at All Hallows and our shared vision for the mission of the church over the coming years
- The PCC and others involved in the leadership of the church & our Methodist neighbours as we continue discussions looking at closer ties in future
- Our friends at Left Bank and the Cardigan Centre as we continue to develop our good relations with them with a view to working together more closely for the good of the local community.
- Those tasked with preparing for the (possible) New Diocese due to come into being January 1st 2014
- Activities in the community café: OWLS lunch club on Wednesdays, Thursday all day breakfasts

For justice in the world....

- For the passage of the equal marriage bill in Parliament
- For all who are persecuted for their faith or politics
- For peace particularly in Tunisia, Egypt and Syria
- 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

Regular events: Sunday 10.30 Morning Service “Sharing the Feast of Life”. Monday 6.30 Yoga, Tuesday 1-3 Delicious Bites Cookery Group £2 all welcome, 7pm Rock Choir , **Wednesday Café Breakfast 9-10.30**, OWLS lunches 12 (Bookable for older people) **Thursday 9-2.30 ish All Day Breakfasts – plus pudding from 12!** Saturday – Break dancing

Justice & Peace **Monday 11th Feb, 7pm** Grub and Gossip in the café – a chance to reflect on activism – our involvements as part of the church community or as individuals

“Food and faith in Lent”:

This year at All Hallows ‘Food and Faith in Lent’ is about trying to find answers to some of the difficult questions faith throws up.

1. “ ‘Believe and you will be saved’- what does this actually mean? ” Steve **Wed 20th Feb**
2. “How did one man create the world in 7 days?” Jack **Thurs 28th Feb**
3. “Why does God allow suffering?” Rachel **Mon 4th March**
4. “Can we always forgive?” Alison **Tues 12 March** (tbc)
5. “Religion causes wars!?” Hannah **Mon 18th March** (tbc)

There will be pizzas! See you there!

Thursday 28th February at 7.00pm at Ripon Cathedral

‘Grace to Share our Bread: Expressions of 21st Century Community’ will be given by Revd Dr Kathy Galloway of the Iona Community

Friday 8th March 7.45pm Grace Petrie Live at All Hallows Tks £5.50

Friady 5th April 7.45pm Kieran Halpin Live at All Hallows

Saturday 13th April 12 – 5pm Sabeel Reflection Day. The Holy Land: Experience, Reflection, Action For those interested in current issues in Palestine / Israel at Mill Hill Unitarian Chapel (please book before 22nd March, 2013, with Shelagh Fawcett, Leeds Diocesan Commission. Hinsley Hall.62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX)

Steve would particularly appreciate donations of tinned and other dry foods for people calling at the vicarage for food. Please leave in the box in church or call at vicarage. Thank you!

The PCC met on Monday and formally passed a motion **agreeing to stay in our current building and to commit ourselves to sustaining mission here**. We also agreed to a number of actions:

- To write a Vision document/brochure which we can use for bids and for fundraising through all our worldwide connections. We have done a lot of work on this over the years. At the back of church we have put on paper what we have gleaned from many sources such as our church meetings, the Live Project, and our Section 11 document when appointing Steve, but **we would like any more suggestions towards this vision statement on the sheets at the back of church**
- To think about how we can raise money in creative and fun ways, which will draw us together and build and extend our community
- To be prudent about our finances and do things as we can but also to try to maximise income from the building
- To press on with looking at ways both to write and to get help with bid applications from various sources. We have had many offers of help and will use them!
- To set in train various immediate jobs: a short term roof repair, repair of the security lights and small electrical faults such as chapel heating, lagging the roof space above the café.
- To appoint Native Architects of York as our partners in all we are doing in relation to both building and garden. They have been really collaborative in their approach to us, are environmentally friendly and really 'get' our vision.
- To continue to work with our friends at the Methodist church, Left Bank, Cardigan Centre, Spin Arts (who supported the Arch Project promotion) and others
- To keep people – the All Hallows community, the Diocese and many other friends - informed and engaged as things happen, and to work with them. We have already had encouraging feedback from the Archdeacon.

Please do ask PCC members if you would like more information

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