



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

23rd June 2013

Sundays in ordinary time

President and Preacher: Rev Steve Smith

Readings for to-day

Galatians 3.23-29

Luke 8.26-39

Prayer for the day

Lord make us a people of stillness.

Help us to be empty before you

That we may be filled with your peace;

Teach us to be quiet in your presence

That we may listen to your words

And give us confidence to expose our whole being to
you

And meet you in the silence. Amen

Angela Ashwin

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.....

- Gabrielle Syme diagnosed with lung cancer
- Julie and Barry mourning the loss of 4 month old Lucas
- Sheena being ordained Deacon in Ripon Cathedral on 30th June
- David Randolph-Hall and his work supporting the church of The Venerable Bede at Wyther.
- Sameer giving thanks that he has been granted asylum and for all the support and prayers of All Hallows
- Give thanks for the safe delivery of a daughter to Ramesh's sister.
- The family of Khadam (ex-colleague of Paul) who has died of a massive heart attack

The community of Hyde Park....

- For those who make use of our church building for events and regular groups, including the Live@ gigs, Breakers Unify, the yoga class and the dancers in rehearsal
- for all those who help with the community garden and for Paul as he co-ordinates the volunteering and planning
- All those involved in providing the music which enhances our worship at All Hallows
- for Rev Charity Hamilton and all at Hyde Park Methodist Church; pray for our ministry together and for all who live in the area of Hyde Park.

For justice in the world....

- For the people of Syria
- Give thanks that the coordinator of the community movement in la concha, Nicaragua, Don Pablo has finally been released from prison
- For the work of AJAR supporting asylum seekers for those they support and for the volunteers
- For people who have suffered loss or bereavement in monsoon flooding in north India

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

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, **Wednesday Café Breakfast 9-10.30**, OWLS lunches 12 (Bookable for older people) **Thursday 9-2.30 All Day Breakfasts – pus pudding from 12!** Saturday – Break dancing

A message from Sheena: *Dear brothers and sisters at All Hallows! I'd like to thank everyone for your prayers and support while I have been away at college .I'm delighted to say I will be ordained on **Sunday 30th June** at Ripon Cathedral at 1030 am and would be overjoyed if you could be there! There will be light refreshments afterwards. I will be welcomed into Holy Trinity Rothwell at a service at 4pm that day to which you are very welcome.*

My new address will be 46 Holmesley Lane Woodlesford LS26 8RY 0113 2826239: please do pray for me as I face this next exciting step.

Friday 5th July Live @ All Hallows PS- This is NOT an ORGAN GIG – it's the name of a multi instrumental BAND!! We're excited to confirm that our next LAAH gig is on 5th July, with The Wonderful Sound of the Cinema Organ headlining, and Pete Greenwood and band in support. This gig is a Fundraiser for Tidal (www.leadstidal.org), a campaigning group that works to support, coordinate and grow global activism in Leeds

Tickets £6 advance from eventbrite (<http://cinemaorganlaahtidal-efbevent.eventbrite.co.uk/#>), £7 on the door

Seeking Justice book : Some of us are meeting every 2 or 3 weeks to discuss this new book by Keith Hebden – want to know more? Ask Paul...

Reflection

When you lose the great mystical level of religion, you always become moralistic about this or that as a cheap substitute. It gives you a false sense of being on higher spiritual ground than others.

Jesus is clearly much more concerned about issues of pride, injustice, hypocrisy, blindness, and what I have often called “The Three Ps” of power, prestige, and possessions, which are probably 95 percent of Jesus’ written teaching. We conveniently ignore this 95 percent to concentrate on a morality that usually has to do with human embodiment. That’s where people get righteous, judgmental, and upset, for some reason. The body seems to be where we carry our sense of shame and inferiority, and early-stage religion has never gotten much beyond these “pelvic” issues. As Jesus put it, “You ignore the weightier matters of the law—justice, mercy, and good faith . . . and instead you strain out gnats and swallow camels” (Matthew 23:23-24). We worry about what people are doing in bed much more than making sure everybody has a bed to begin with. There certainly is a need for a life-giving sexual morality, and true pro-life morality, but one could sincerely question whether Christian nations and people have found it yet.

*Christianity will regain its moral authority when it starts emphasizing social sin in equal measure with individual (read “body-based”) sin and weave them both into a seamless garment of love and truth.
Richard Rohr*

PARISH PANTRY: If you can remember to bring dried food or tins to church so Steve can donate them to people who need extra help just put them in the red box at back of church or drop off at the Vicarage. There is loads of need in our local area.

CONTACT DETAILS If you want to contact the Vicar, Rev Steve Smith by telephone, ring 0113 242 2205

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