



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

8th December 2013

2nd Sunday of Advent

President: Rev Steve Smith

Preacher: Alison Terrell

Readings for to-day

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

Prayer for the day

God our healer

Whose mercy is like a refining fire:

Touch us with your judgement,

And confront us with your tenderness;

That, being comforted by you,

We may reach out into a troubled world,
through Jesus Christ, 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.....

- Rev David Randolph Horn recovering from surgery and his wife Betsy having tests
- Catherine Hicks who is unwell and burnt out at the moment
- Florence Marawa, detained this week when reporting to Hillside and now in Yarls Wood. Pray for her and for Lois, Kirsty and Esme with whom she was living
- Rev Steve Smith as he prepares to leave All Hallows in February to move near Falmouth to be Vicar of Mabe and Ponsanooth
- Those caught up in the helicopter disaster in Glasgow
- Kerry applying for training as a Reader
- Janet from Doncaster, ill in hospital. She befriended Sameer when he was housed there
- Helen Cockerham, Kerry's partner with a diagnosis of epilepsy
- Iris and Sonja, having retired from their voluntary work of running the community café here at All Hallows
- A Pakistani man who has converted to Christianity
- Jen Silvester and her parents Reg and Christa. Reg is in hospital recovering after multiple organ failure and needs a hip replacement
- Kay, in for yet another hospital stay and contemplating yet more surgery. Pray for relief of the stress this causes, for endurance and that Kay will have peace in the knowledge that she is in God's hands constantly
- Jan's friend Heather with cancer and for her husband Harro
- Gabrielle Syme with inoperable cancer and husband Robert
- Lisa, learning to speak and walk after experiencing an aneurism
- Sameer – awaiting the outcome of his appeal hearing
- Linda's father Ron, taken into hospital with a fever, and mother Vida.

The community of Hyde Park....

- The Hartisca House staff and residents following news of closure.
- All who use our building during the week
- for 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 South Africa as they move into an era without the presence of Nelson Mandela, giving thanks for his example
- The Nicaraguan Community Movement in La Concha and for the Leeds Latin American Solidarity group as they appeal for regular

donations to support of the work of the NCM. (See Sarah for more info)

- Palestinians living on the West Bank, Gaza and in Israel
- LGCM and Sharon, national worker, as she challenges churches to have an open welcome for Gay, Lesbian and transgender members
- AJAR, Solace, PAFRAS, LASSAN and RETAS and other organisations that work to bring hope and justice for asylum seekers and refugees in Leeds, giving thanks for all who volunteer with them

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,: Tues and Thurs 7-8pm Cappelletta dancing group; OWLS lunches Thurs 12 (Bookable for older people) Friday (and/or Sat.) – Break dancing.

Sunday 8th December 12.30-4pm All welcome to AJAR (Asylum Justice and Release) team building and training event at All Hallows. Includes shared lunch, presentations from Manuel Bravo project, PAFRAS and discussion on AJAR from here. *AJAR works with those who have been detained or in fear of being detained, to help them be part of a just and fair process to seek asylum.*

Sunday 15th December 7.30, Sacred Wing choir perform followed by Carols and readings, at All Hallows. One hundred years after the birth of Benjamin Britten we’re featuring his popular *Ceremony of Carols*. The setting of the words brings out both their beauty and their meaning. The *Ceremony of Carols* takes a very dramatic approach and has a remarkable richness and depth. Admission free – collection for local charities.

Wednesday 18th December Christingle service with Rosebank Primary School

Christmas Services Midnight Mass 11.30pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Day Communion, 10.30am (quiet, relaxed service)

Reflection

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice.

~Meister Eckhart

Ways to donate to All Hallows:

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.

To give money to support us: please place money on the plate on the small table. You can also make a direct payment from your bank and you can gift aid. This is a way we get money off the government when we reclaim tax you have paid – ask James, Paul or Jan for details.

NB we are also fundraising for our roof that leaks!

To support local people who are in need of a meal contribute food to the **PARISH PANTRY**: If you can remember to bring dried food or tins or toiletries to church so Steve can donate them to people who need extra help just put them in the red box at back of church There is loads of need in our local area.

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