



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

19th January 2014

Second Sunday after Epiphany

President and Preacher Rev Steve Smith

Readings

Isaiah 49: 1-7

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29- 42

Prayer for the day

Perfect Light of revelation,
as you shone in the life of Jesus,
whose epiphany we celebrate,
so shine in us and through us,
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy.
Amen.

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 Steve Smith as he prepares to move to Cornwall to be Vicar of Mabe and Ponsanooth
- For Florence in Yarlswood, for all who are supporting her especially Lois, Kirsty and Esme
- Sameer as he lives with the uncertainty awaiting a date for his appeal
- Betsy and David thank everyone for their care and their prayers following surgery from which both are on the mend
- Michelle Gosney hopefully starting a new job
- For Holy Rood House and the community there in Sowerby / Thirsk as they develop and seek a new member of staff
- Catherine Hicks who is unwell and burnt out at the moment
- A Pakistani man who has converted to Christianity
- Kay, out of hospital, pray for healing and also for Mick
- Ismail Lunat –friend of Ramesh whose father has lung cancer which has spread to his brain. After gamma radiation there was initial promise but now there seems to be recurrence. He is having more treatment. Pray for him and his family.

The community of Hyde Park....

- 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 Syria and the surrounding countries where there are Syrian refugees
- 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.
- 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 or Jackie 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; OWLS lunches Thurs 12 (Bookable for older people); Friday (and/or Sat.) – Break dancing group

Tuesday 21st Jan 7pm PCC meeting

Saturday 25th Jan/Friday 31st Jan & Sunday 2nd February
Poverty and Homelessness Action Week, Leeds: Exhibition-
Question Time – Service: See website and poster in church for
details

Tuesday 28th Jan Group gathering at 7.30 to continue looking at
the Lords Prayer. All welcome – see Paul for details

Sunday 2nd Feb after church meal and celebration of Steve’s time
with us. Please bring main course things only, unless you’d like to
bring some fruit, and bring them to the café before church if at all
possible.

Saturday 8th Feb Rev Bernadette Hegarty, who many of you will
remember, is organising a day for WATCH (Women and the
Church – affirming-campaigning – supporting) members and
supporters on at Christ the King Church, Mirfield from 10-3. If
anyone would like to go and would like more information, please
email me and I will send you the flyer with full details.

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Sunday 9th Feb, Steve’s last Sunday with us

24th February 2014 at 7.30pm York Minster “Women and the
Church” (WATCH) is delighted to invite you to the Kate Adie
Lecture – Christian Women in the First World War..

Reflection: We see differently

One day Benedict sent the young disciple Placid to fetch water.
Impatient, maybe, or just inexperienced, Placid let the bucket fill too
rapidly, lost his balance, and was pulled into the lake, where the current

quickly seized him and carried him from shore. When Benedict realized what had happened, he ordered another young monk, Maurus, to go to Placid's rescue. But first, Maurus begged Benedict for a blessing. Then Maurus rushed down the mountain, ran straight across the water to where Placid was flailing for his life and dragged him back to safety, amazed himself at what he had done.

The story is an important one for friends and disciples alike. It gives us layers and layers of life to think about.

Like Maurus, it is unlikely that most of us would have done anything of real significance in our lives if we had not been called to it by someone else.

Everyone needs a wisdom figure in life who gives direction, confidence and spiritual guidance.

Friendship calls us beyond ourselves to love without expecting a return, to live without counting costs. Friendship is our ability to see the needs of the other.

The miracles in our lives are seldom of our own making. They are simply the function of a few loving friends, the people around us who care enough to call us beyond our own definitions of ourselves.

Love inspires.

Joan Chitester

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 (see Andrea who does this rota)

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.

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

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