



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

12th October 2014
17th Sunday after Trinity

President
Rev David Randolph-Horn

Preacher
Kerry Cockerham

Readings
Exodus 32.1-14
Psalm 106.1-6,19-23
Philippians 4.1-9
Matthew 22.1-14

Prayer for the day
God of peace,
cause us to rejoice in you always,
make us gentle to everyone,
keep us from being anxious about anything—
help us to ask you for what we need, with thanksgiving;
and let your peace
guard our hearts and minds
in Jesus Christ our Lord
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....

- Sameer as he deals with feelings of hopelessness
- Roul and Kay who miss church but cannot get here without support
- Jan's friend Margaret who has terminal cancer and for her husband David
- Jan's friend Helen recovering very slowly from a burst brain aneurysm, and also her family
- Kerry's work colleague Wendy who has terminal cancer and for her family
- Kerry's dad who is recovering at home following a stroke
- A priest who will join us to help lead and minister – for interviews on 16th October
- All Hallows' Community Project "Pay As You Feel" / "Real Junk Food Project" café
- For Paul Hooper (our Archdeacon) and his family as they mourn the loss of Paul's younger brother David.
- For Raja and Mahmoud as they leave us on Monday to new accommodation in Sheffield that the NASS have assigned to them.
- For Daniel who has a court hearing in a couple of weeks time

The wider community....

- All who use our building during the week – break dancers, the yoga groups, meditation group, OWLS, Community Project
- Members of Hyde Park Methodist and for their community shop and youth work

For justice, peace and healing in the world....

- For world leaders that they may seek peace rather than further conflict in Iraq and Syria
- For the victims of the Ebola virus and their families, and for those caring for them
- For peaceful resolutions in Hong Kong, South Sudan, Libya, Ukraine and Central African Republic
- For the people of La Concha in Nicaragua
- For those currently held hostage in Iraq and Syria, for their families and for their captors that they may reject hostility and violence.

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

Regular events:

Sunday 10.30am Morning Service “Sharing the Feast of Life”

Sunday 6pm Alcoholics Anonymous group

Monday 6.30pm Yoga

Tuesday 7pm Yoga

Wednesday 12-2pm OWLS lunches (Bookable for older people)

Wednesday 7pm Capoeira

Wednesday 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous group

Friday 10am-4pm TRJFP@AH Café

Saturday Breakdancing 4-5pm open class, **5-8pm** open session

Wednesday 15th October 7pm: PCC meeting

Thursday 16th October: Interviews for a new priest

Reflection

Seeds of a new humanity

The mystic Julian of Norwich, holding an acorn in her hand in the fourteenth century said of it, “In this is all that is.” The Earth shakes at the thought of the simple truth of it.

In every seed is the gift of life to those seeking life, wanting life, denied the kind of life that is full of energy, full of hope. But the hope is a tenuous one, a sacred one, one to be treated with awe for fear of our own failure to protect it.

Seeds are the one thing that are the only genuine promise we have of the future. “Even if I knew the world would end tomorrow,” Martin Luther wrote, “I would plant an apple tree today.” It is an insight that defies despair, that promises new life in the midst of the old. It is a beacon that cries out for commitment in an age such as ours when the seeds of destruction among us—greed, power, and control—are in mortal struggle with the seeds of life. And now, so accustomed have we become to destruction in the name of progress, we are on the brink of commercializing seed, of politicizing seed, of monopolizing seed, of genetically modifying seeds for the sake of someone’s control of creation, of making seed the new military weapon of the twenty-first century.

It is all a matter of valuing the money we can make today more than we value the life that is meant to come.

But the problem is that we ourselves are all seeds, too. We are either seeds of universal love or seeds of exploitative racism. We are seeds of

eternal hope or we are seeds of starving despair. We are seeds of a new humanity or we are the harbingers of humanity's decay. It is a choice. A conscious choice that depends on what we see in seeds and how we treat them and whose we think they are and what we will do to keep them free and available. Or not. We are the seed of our own life to come and the life of the planet as well. Indeed, "In the seed is everything that is." Joan Chittister

–from *Sacred Seed*, a new book of essays from spiritual leaders around the globe on the sacredness of the natural seed. It was published by The Golden Sufi Center in partnership with the Global Peace Initiative of Women and Dr. Vandana Shiva and the Navdanya community.

Cook book

Raja has written a recipe book of Syrian recipes which she is selling to raise money for the "give me a pen and I will give you peace" project, which aims to raise money to send school equipment to refugee children in the north of Syria so that they can begin their education again. It is full of amazing Syrian recipes and stunning photos of the food. If you would like to buy a copy then please see Raja or contact Sarah.

Ways to donate to All Hallows:

- PARISH PANTRY: Don't forget your donation of food
- Please put donations of money on the collection plate on the small table by the back row of seats in church – regular donations are welcome including gift aid and direct debits to our bank account – see Richard for details
- 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 Rob who does this rota)

CONTACT DETAILS: See our Church Wardens Jan or Paul

On line? See www.allhallowsleeds.org.uk