

Finding your way around the service

If you are new to All Hallows, you are very welcome. Here are a few points to help you navigate your way through the service. The main service sheet is the long, narrow sheet. Things in light type are said or sung by one person; things in **dark type** are said or sung by all. Do feel free to join in as much or as little of the service as you wish.

Silence

'For God alone my soul waits in silence' (Psalm 62.1) Silence plays an important part in our worship. There are two periods of silence in our service, opened and closed with the sounding of a bell. We offer these silences as an opportunity for personal reflection and prayer.

All are welcome

All are welcome to receive communion at All Hallows – we just ask that you come with a heart open to God and respect for the Way of Jesus. We all gather around the altar at communion. As part of our policy of being fully inclusive, all communion wine used at All Hallows is non-alcoholic.

Children of around school age normally go out to Kids' Church after the Prayer for the Day, and come back during the sharing of the Peace. There is a play tent and drawers of play things for toddlers who want to stay in the main church during the service. During All Age services and some holidays the children remain in church.

Please consider donating some food to our 'parish pantry', which provides food for people without. Tins of stew, soup, veg and tinned puddings especially welcome. Please leave in the box in church. Food is also needed for PAFRAS, serving people who are seeking sanctuary – see Lois for guidance on what is suitable.

Reminder: If you have a notice or prayer request, please send it to bulletin@allhallowsleeds.org.uk for it to be included, or tell Jackie Friend. These will normally remain in for four weeks. Please also tell us when the notice or request needs to be changed or removed.



A Church of the Rainbow People of God

1st August 2010

Lesbian & Gay Liberation Sunday

Celebrant: Steve Smith

Preacher: Colin Coward

Readings

Colossians 3.1–11

Luke 12.13–21

Prayer for the Day

**May the God of the Exodus,
who continually leads us from slavery to freedom,
from darkness to light,
from death to life,
bless us and keep us faithful
to the Way of Christ.
Amen.**

(Elizabeth Stuart)

There is a visitors' book on the table in the entrance to the church. If you are visiting us, we would love you to sign it and leave any comments or contact details.

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.'

Prayer requests

Please pray:

- for the work of Changing Attitude, in particular for Colin Coward as he works in the Anglican Church to bring about full acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.
- for Jerome and Nadia, of this parish, following the tragic death of their 4-year-old Jerome Junior.
- for Mabel, safely back home from hospital but still suffering intermittently from severe pain in her leg, that she will get more support from the medical and social services, and from us.
- for Laura's niece Andrea, her boyfriend Zac and baby Michael. Michael is very poorly, and social services have decided that his parents will not be able to look after him, so are applying to have him fostered or adopted should he be able to leave hospital. A very painful situation.
- for Helyn, recovering from her operation.
- for those away on holiday, that they may return rested and refreshed.
- for the people of Israel/Palestine, that they may be set free from the cycle of fear, hatred and violence.
- for all prisoners and those who love them.
- for the community café and for all who work there and those who find it a place of refreshment.

Reflection

To love you is to advocate your rights, your space, your self, and to struggle with you, rather than against you, in our learning to claim our power in the world.

To say "I love you" means- let the revolution begin!

(Carter Heyward)

Dates for your diary

TODAY: Lesbian and Gay Liberation Sunday There is an **eat-and-meet** after the service at which Colin will answer questions about the place of LGBT people within the Anglican Communion. **Join us even if you haven't brought food.** The Leeds Pride Parade leaves Millennium Square at 3pm; we are staffing a stall jointly with Changing Attitude.

Wednesday 4 August at 7.30pm Prayer group at Andrew Lloyd's house.

Monday 9 August at 10.40am Hiroshima & Nagasaki Service 2010 – 65th Anniversary in Park Square

Saturday 21 August Deanery Picnic trip to Ripon. Free coach leaves 10.45am, back about 7.30pm. Time to explore Ripon, meet people from other local churches, guided tour of cathedral, and traditional Evensong with joint choirs. Book place with Pippa (262 8012), stating if you wish to join the choir.

This is preceded at 9.15 by training in how to use the sound system in church, run by Mike – see Jan or Mike for more information

Upcoming concerts All at All Hallows from 7.30pm on Sundays – see Steve T for more info.

26 September Manchester singer-songwriter Hannah Atkins

31 October O'Hooley and Tidow (note from editor – Belinda O'Hooley is usually a sell-out wherever she performs)

28 November Katriona Gilmore and Jamie Roberts

Advance notice of an eat-and-meet: **Sunday 10 October** a bring-and-share lunch following the morning service followed at 1pm by an afternoon with Sarah Jones – speaker, singer, songwriter, ordained woman who has spoken at Greenbelt about her experience as a transgender woman and will speak and answer questions.