

## 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](mailto: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

**8 August 2010**  
**Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Celebrant:** David Randolph-Horn

**Preacher:** Jan Betts

### Readings

Hebrews 11.1–3 and 8–16  
Luke 12.22–40

### 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)*

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.

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*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 Andrew (Shackleton), who has a tumour that requires further investigation and treatment.
- for those suffering as a consequence of the floods in Pakistan.
- 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 those away on holiday, that they may return rested and refreshed.
- for the community café and for all who work there and those who find it a place of refreshment.

**NB** *This Sunday and next week there will be a cash collection at church for victims of the Pakistan floods.*

## Meditation for the Transfiguration (6 August)

God wants to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured in glory on the mountain. Luke's account tells us that Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai *the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God* (Exodus 34:29). Paul says that the *Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness* (2 Cor. 3:7). In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles. What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: *This is my beloved Son; listen to him*. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8).

While this transpired, Peter, James, and John were asleep! Upon awakening they discovered the transfiguration of Jesus along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: mental lethargy and the 'unexamined life' can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder

us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. *We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit* (2 Cor. 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

'Lord, keep me always alert and awake to you, to your word, your action, and your daily presence in my life. Let me see your glory.'

## Dates for your diary

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

**Also on Monday 9 August, at 7.30pm:** Meeting to pray for each other, for the work of the church, etc, at Andrew Lloyd's: 63 Greenwood Mount, Leeds LS6 4LG (bungalow at the top on the left, set back). Call David 07930 815911 for a lift. We meet about monthly and will split if we grow much more.

**BOOK BY TONIGHT for the Deanery Picnic trip to Ripon on Saturday 21 August – see Pippa or tel. 262 8012.** Bring your own picnic; afternoon tea and cakes included. Free coach leaves from St Chad's at 10.45am. There will be time to explore Ripon, meet people from other local churches, have a guided tour of the cathedral, and experience traditional Evensong with joint choirs. Arrive back in Leeds 7.30-ish.

**Saturday 21 August from 9.15am Training on how to use the sound system** in church, run by Mike – see Jan or Mike for more information.

**Sunday 10 October** a bring-and-share lunch following the morning service followed at 1pm by an afternoon with Sarah Jones

## 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