

## **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

## **15 August 2010 The Blessed Virgin Mary [Eleventh Sunday after Trinity]**

**Celebrant:** Steve Smith

**Preacher:** Anne Paskett

### **Readings**

Isaiah 61: 10 - 11

Galatians 4: 4 - 7

Luke 1: 46 - 55

### **Prayer for the Day**

**All: Christ Jesus, whose glory was poured out like perfume,  
And who chose for our sake to take the form of a slave;  
May we also pour out our love with holy extravagance,  
That our lives may be fragrant with you. Amen**

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.

**Those suffering** as a consequence of the **floods in Pakistan**. [*The collection for the Pakistani flood victims last week raised £205. This was passed to a member of the local mosque for Islamic Relief, who gave their heartfelt thanks.*]

**NB A second collection will be taken today!**

**Jerome and Nadia**, of this parish, following the tragic death of their 4-year-old Jerome Junior.

**Those away on holiday**, that they may return rested and refreshed.

**The community café** and for all who work there and those who find it a place of refreshment.

## **Meditation**

### **'Mercy is What God Does for Us'**

Mercy is what God does for us. Mercy discounts the economic sense of love and faith and care for a person and lives out of a divine sense of love instead. Mercy gives a human being who does not "deserve" love, love. And why? Because, the Scriptures answer, God knows of what we are made

The fact is that we are all made of the same thing: clay, the dust of the earth, the frail, fragile, shapeless thing from which we come and to which we will all return some day. We are all capable of the same things. Our only hope is that when we are all sitting somewhere bereft, exposed, outcast, humiliated and rejected by the rest of society, someone, somewhere will "reach out a hand and lift us up."  
Joan Chittister

## Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug** PCC Meeting in church 7pm

**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.

**21<sup>st</sup> August is the Deanery picnic.** There are a few places left on the coach if anyone would like them. Leave St Chads at 10.45. Contact Steve.

**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