

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

22 August 2010
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant: Steve Smith

Preacher: David Randolph-Horn

Readings

Isaiah 58.9(b)–end
Hebrews 12.18–end
Luke 13.10–17

Prayer for the Day

**Creator of the Universe
and Sustainer of Life,
teach us to walk the soft earth
as relatives of all that live.**

Amen.

(Based on a Native American prayer, in An Iona Prayer Book by Peter Millar)

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 Andrew Shackleton, who has a tumour that requires further investigation and treatment
- for those suffering as a consequence of 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.
- for Danny & Sophi, fighting addiction – winning at the moment but having a hard time of it.
- for Simon & Trish and all involved in the Arch Project.

Reflection

Time, the contemplative knows, is given not for the sake of perfection but for the sake of discovery. There is a great deal to be discovered in life before we are finally able to break ourselves open to the God within and around us out of whom all life flows. What we learn in the course of a lifetime, is life-changing:

We must learn that no institution is God. Nothing that symbolizes God is God and cannot be absolutized.

We must learn that we are not God. The world was not made for our amusement; it was made for our growth. And grow we must, painful as the growing may be.

(Joan Chittister)

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 1 September at 7pm Worship Planning Group meeting

Thursday 9 September 6.30–9pm Instead of the planned Ministry Team meeting, we are going to join people from other churches at **Connect**, a creative networking event for anyone interested or involved in Christian social action in Leeds. It takes place at St George's Centre, and is hosted by Leeds Christian Community Trust, Leeds Churches Together in Mission, Network:Leeds, and Unity in Poverty Action.

Wednesday 15 September at 7pm PCC meeting

Sunday 26 September is "Back to Church Sunday"

Yes, I know – naff title... but we can still use the day to invite someone to see and share what is so special about All Hallows! Please take one or more invitation/prayer cards available in church.

Monday 27 September will see the commencement of a six-week **'Live Project'** involving fifth- and sixth-year students of Sheffield University's School of Architecture who will be helping us with practical ideas to do with (amongst other things) making the building more environmentally friendly; looking at what the church means to people in the locality and seeking out possible additional users of the church building. This is an extremely prestigious opportunity we're being given and it will be of immense benefit to our task as the body of Christ in this place. I hope that during this short period the whole community at All Hallows will wholeheartedly welcome the students and give them every support. With love, Steve.

Wednesday 29 September at 7pm Ministry Team meeting (provis.)

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 and tickets

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