

26 July we talked about the importance of the Community Project and the strong need for more volunteers there, healing prayer, and Arch developments, among much else. For more details ask any member of the MT.

Jan (MT Secretary)

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 – including today.

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

29 August 2010

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant and Preacher Steve Smith

Readings

Hebrews 13.1–8, 15–16

Luke 14.1, 7–14

Prayer for the Day

**God of true abundance,
in whom nothing is lost and all are fed:
liberate us from meagre rations
of scarce and grudging love
for which we must compete.
Show us another kingdom
which stills our all-consuming fear
and fills us with new hope;
through Jesus Christ, the peace of creation.
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.

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 Bronwyn (friend and colleague of Sheena) and her husband Jono who has advanced lung cancer.
- for a local boy badly injured in a gas explosion on last Sunday evening, being treated with skin grafts in Manchester Children's burns specialist unit.
- for Andrew Shackleton, in hospital awaiting treatment of his tumour.
- for those away at Greenbelt, that they may return inspired 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

Be sceptical, question authority, be a rebel. Do not conform and don't be ordinary. Remember, all human progress is the result of far-sighted people challenging orthodoxy, tradition and rich, powerful, vested interests.

Be daring, show imagination, take risks. Fight against the greatest human-rights violation of all: free-market capitalism, which has created a world divided into rich and poor, where hundreds of millions of people are malnourished, homeless, without clean drinking water and dying from hunger and preventable diseases.

Don't accept the world as it is. Dream about what the world could be – then help make it happen.

In whatever field of endeavour you work, be a change-maker for the upliftment of humanity.

(Peter Tatchell, as quoted from his speech accepting his honorary doctorate)

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.

All Hallows action time-line

In church for the next few weeks is a time-line, on the wall at the back.

We want to think about what All Hallows has done as a church over the last 25 years. Please feel free to put up whatever events spring to mind. In 1985, when it starts, Stanley and Elizabeth Baxter were here and the Movement for the Ordination of Women was in full spate. Since then we have been involved in many events, nationally and locally, which have reflected what All Hallows feels is important to protest about, care for or stand for. As we think about where we might go from here, it would be great to collect as many thoughts/memories as possible – photos too if you like. Also to think about what our current preoccupation should be; what are we called to do now? Write that under 2010 if you want to.

Jan

Ministry Team topics

We thought it would be a good idea to write a brief note on what various church committees are talking and thinking about. At our last meeting on