

Commitment and connection...



I sought the Lord,
and he answered me;
he delivered me
from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4

In the past 18 months or so, due to Covid restrictions, we have all been waiting for a variety of events: such as a vaccine, the end of restrictions, the opportunity to meet safely with loved ones, some of us waiting for work or schools reopening, or for feeling safe enough to go out and about. Also, we have been waiting for a new Team Rector and next month that waiting time will be over as Anne joins us.

Yet in our church fellowships, the waiting time has not been one of inaction. During the time that I have been with you I have noticed two things in particular that stand out: commitment and connection. The commitment of church members continuing to serve the community by running the foodbank, Saturday night meals and now youth events; also commitment in organising and carrying out remedial and maintenance work on the buildings and grounds to enable them to continue functioning as bases for worship, mission and ministry here in Seacroft. Linked to that commitment is connection: people keeping in touch with and supporting one another in various ways.



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Thinking about it, such actions are ways of connecting Gods love to others and showing his commitment to his world. They spring from a commitment to and a connection with God. They provide a good foundation on which to build - as we emerge from lockdown there is the hope of being able to reach out more into the wider community as opportunities arise. Who knows what new and good things God may have in store for the people and parish of Seacroft, as He works in, with and through his faithful people here.

God bless
Mary Bradley



A Prayer for our Parish...

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for creating us by your power and redeeming us by your love. Guide and strengthen your Churches here and pour out your Spirit on the people and parish of Seacroft, that we may give ourselves in love and service to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thank you!

Many thanks go to all who give their time in working hard “behind the scenes” to enable the work and witness of St James’, St Richard’s, and St Paul’s congregations to continue, including those who do the cleaning, gardening, admin, building maintenance and who run the Foodbank and Saturday night meals.

Anne’s Licensing

Will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th September at St Richard’s Church. Bishop Nick will be officiating. More details will be given nearer the time.

Giving and stewardship

if anyone would like to donate what they would have put in collections, that would be very welcome, as we have not been able to pay any share at all as yet this year. Please give our treasurer Joanne a ring on 07775 908146 or drop her an email and she will advise you. Email:

joanne.shaw4@ntlworld.com

An update from Neil

I have been working alongside ‘Connecting Crossgates’ and ‘Crossgates Community Hub’, we have just held a two week Summer Club in St Richard’s Church Hall, providing activities, food and fun for children during the school holidays. This has been a great success and has seen a great number of children and families engage with us. This is fantastic news for the Parish of Seacroft! This will then be repeated for an additional two weeks at Crossgates. For updates check out the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsCofM/>

Every blessing in Christ.
Neil Obbard

Parish Warden Message

Our prayers go with the children and their leaders as they go away on the ‘Chance Weekend’ from 13th to 15th August.

How wonderful it has been in St Richard’s church over the last 2 weeks during summer camp as there was a real buzz about the building. It was great to have it full of young people after such a long time.

Our excitement continues as we look forward to welcoming Anne after our long wait! Thank you for your continued support. God bless Hilary



A prayer for our world, our nation, our community & ourselves

Loving Father God: be with us, our families, friends and neighbours, our country and our world.
Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to those who mourn.
Give wisdom to frontline and key workers, insight to governments and patience to us all.
Overcome disease with the power of your new life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Arrangements for Sunday Worship

In common with many other churches we are proceeding very cautiously following the relaxing of Covid restrictions on July 19th.

Please continue to book in to attend services, although no one will be turned away if they decide to arrive at the last minute!

We also encourage you to continue the practice of wearing a face covering indoors, in view of current government advice.
Thank you.