



Seacroft Churches

putting heart and soul into Seacroft, Whinmoor and Swarcliffe

Sunday 10 April 2022

PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

THIS SUNDAY

See over for the readings and special prayers.

9.30am	Eucharist Service with Sunday School	St J's
11.30am	Lillie and Aiden Smith Christened today	St J's
10am	'The Gathering', our new service with brunch then Alpha	St R's
5pm	Youth Church <i>in the crypt</i>	St R's

THIS WEEK

MONDAY	Prayer and Praise	Whinwood Grange
	7pm Bell Ringing Practice	St J's

TUESDAY	FOOD SUPPORT DAY	St R's
	9.30am Prayers for the community	
	11.30—2.30pm Tea and Toast café (in the church area)	
	Including an Easter celebration	
	12.15-2.30pm Foodbank and parish larder	

WEDNESDAY	10am Ladies Group	St J's
	10.30am Mid week communion	St J's
	1pm Little Angels	St J's
	1.30pm Ladies Group	St R's Crypt

MAUNDY THURSDAY

11.30–1.30pm	'Place of Welcome' cafe	St R's
2pm	Prayer and Praise	Woodview
6pm	Narcotics Anonymous	St R's crypt
5.45	short PCC meeting to approve the accounts	
6.30	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE WITH AGAPE MEAL	
	FOLLOWED BY A CANDLE LIT VIGIL FOR UKRAINE.	
	[JOINT SERVICE AT ST RICHARD'S]	

GOOD FRIDAY

10-12 noon	EASTER FUN	ST PAUL'S
	family fun in St Paul's Primary School	
2pm	'THE LAST HOUR'	ST J'S
6pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	ST R'S
(SATURDAY)	10am–1pm Girls dance	St R's)

EASTER DAY

Readings: Acts 10.34-43; Luke 24.1-12; Psalm 118.14-24

6am	Easter Sunrise Service at Ramshead Drive	
	followed by breakfast at	St R's
9.30am	EASTER DAY EUCHARIST + baptism	St J's
10am	EASTER DAY EUCHARIST	St R's
5pm	Youth Church	St R's



Welcome

If you're a newcomer today we are very glad you've joined us for worship. Please stay for refreshments after the service and say hello. Everyone is welcome in the churches in Seacroft Parish: St Richard's, St James' and St Paul's.

THANK YOU!

For St James' Easter Egg Tombola!
Holiday Club Vols.
The Food Crisis Service

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation...present your requests to God,'
Phil 4.6

In our prayers this week:

We thank God for the amazing holiday club last week; we pray for the Ukraine and all the events and services this Holy Week and Easter; those in food crisis, & those ill or grieving.

NEWS

202 people supported this week with food. Sadly, this is a record number.

If you would like prayers please let one of the church leaders know.

We encourage people to sanitise their hands and wear facemasks in our church buildings as covid cases are on the rise.

Thanks.

Sunday 3 April 2022

Lent 5 Passiontide begins

A special prayer for today

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the
cross, which is the path of glory.
Amen

Readings for Palm Sunday: Luke 19.28-40

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' 34 They said, 'The Lord needs it.' 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' 40 He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Psalm 118.19-24

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Philippians 2.5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
You humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Poem: Palm Sunday

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

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