

# Seacroft Churches

putting heart and soul into Seacroft, Whinmoor and Swarcliffe

## Sunday 3 April 2022 Lent 5 Passiontide begins

### THIS SUNDAY

See over for the readings and special prayers.

9.30am	Eucharist Service with Sunday School	St J's
10am	Eucharist, followed by Alpha and lunch	St R's
3.30pm	THANK & ACT—special food crisis service - with afternoon tea	St R's

### THIS WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	10-12noon HOLIDAY CLUB 3pm Prayer and Praise	St R's Whinwood Grange
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7pm Bell Ringing Practice HOLIDAY CLUB (in the hall) FOOD SUPPORT DAY 9.30am Prayers for the community 11.30—2.30pm Tea and Toast café (in the church area) 12.15-2.30pm Foodbank and parish larder	St J's St R's St R's
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10am Ladies Group 10.30am Mid week communion 1pm Little Angels 1.30pm Ladies Group	St J's St J's St J's St R's Crypt
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9.30am 'We are Seacroft' 11.30—1.30pm 'Place of Welcome' cafe 2pm Prayer and Praise 6pm Narcotics Anonymous	Zoom St R's Woodview St R's crypt
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9am Morning Prayers 10am Staff & leaders mtg (this is open to all) 11-1pm 'We Are Seacroft' open day Kentmere Community Centre (we have a stall)	St R's St R's
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10am—1pm Girls dance club Party booking	St R's St R's

### NEXT WEEK IS PALM SUNDAY

Readings Luke 19.28-40, Psalm 118.19-24, Luke 22.1-49

9.30am	Eucharist Service with Sunday School	St J's
10am	'The Gathering' service followed by by brunch then Alpha	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.

**'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 those who have supported the foodbank and parish larder. Those in crisis due to the rise in the cost of living. The situation in the Ukraine.

Those who are ill or grieving. If you would like prayers please let one of the church leaders know.

For our main Holy Week and Easter services please see the Easter flyer.

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

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### A special prayer for today

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

#### Isaiah 43.16-21

16 Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
18 Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
19 I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
20 The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
21 the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.  
This is the word of the Lord.  
All Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, •  
then were we like those who dream.  
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter •  
and our tongue with songs of joy.  
3 Then said they among the nations, •  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, •  
and therefore we rejoiced.  
5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, •  
as the river beds of the desert.  
6 Those who sow in tears •  
shall reap with songs of joy.  
7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, •  
will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them.

#### Philippians 3.4b-14

4even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Phari-

see; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

#### Gospel Reading John 12.1-8

1Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' 6(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

#### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Please note we are no longer having the ready-printed readings sheet. This will save us a few hundred pounds every year.