



Seacroft Churches

putting heart and soul into LS14

3rd Sunday of Easter - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! Sunday 1st MAY 2022

THIS SUNDAY

See over for the readings and special prayers.

9.30am	Easter Eucharist Service	St J's
10am	Easter Eucharist Service	St R's
11.30am	Oscar Lee Furey's Christened today	St J's
2pm	Joshua Malyon's Christening today	St J's
5pm	No Youth Service tonight	St R's

THIS WEEK

MONDAY (BH)	3pm Prayer and Praise Bell Ringing Practice	Whinwood Grange St J's
TUESDAY	FOOD SUPPORT DAY 9.30-9.40 Prayers for the community 11.30am-2.30pm Tea and Toast Cafe 12.30pm-2.30pm Foodbank and Parish Larder	St R's
WEDNESDAY	10am Ladies Group 10.30am Mid Week Communion 1pm Little Angels 1.30pm Ladies Group (Crypt) 7pm St J's 'MOT' with Archdeacon Paul	St J's St J's St J's St R's St J's
THURSDAY	ALL DAY VOTING FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS 10-12noon Knit and Natter (in hall) 11.30-1.30pm 'Place of Welcome' cafe Come and try us out and bring a friend! 2pm Prayer and Praise 3.15pm St Paul's after-school club 5-8pm Beavers and Scouts 6pm Narcotics Anonymous 7pm PCC Meeting (note change of venue)	ST R'S CRYPT St R's St R's Woodview St P's St R's St R's St J's
FRIDAY	8am Prayers with Bishop Young staff 9am Assembly (open to families and friends) 9.30am Staff prayers and meeting 11am Funeral for Annie Evans 4-6pm Youth club (8-11yrs) 7-9pm Youth Club (11+)	BYA St P's St R's St J's St R's St R's
SATURDAY	9am VETS coffee morning (crypt) 11am-3pm dance group	St R's St R's

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 9.36-end; Psalm23; John 10.22-30
9.30am Easter Eucharist (St J's); 10am The Gathering' followed by brunch (St R's); 11.15 Patrick Powell's Christening (St J'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.

PRAY

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

In our prayers this week: Revd Dominic and Awais.

We pray for those our green spaces including The Green and Rein Park. Our baptism families, Little Angels and Sunday School. Those grieving including the families of Marlene Malcolm, Val Beadman, Doreen Ford, Maud Coote and Annie Evans.

SMALL GROUPS

Have you ever been interested in finding out about how the bible can help us live each day? We're hoping to start a couple of small groups. For info - Rev Anne. (Research shows that small groups help churches grow in number.)

NEWS

FOOD BANK in April (3 weeks) 512 people were fed.

We are low on tea bags, UHT semi skimmed milk, biscuits, cereal and strong carrier bags. Thank you, from Lis and team

GOD AT WORK

Our Parish's annual meeting is now on 29 May, 11.30am with luxury pastries and news.

BE COVID AWARE:

We encourage people to sanitise their hands and wear facemasks in our church buildings. Thanks.

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Special prayers for today

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with
your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

A prayer following communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his saving work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Readings: Acts 9.1-6

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder
against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high
priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at
Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the
Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Je-
rusalem.³ Now as he was going along and approaching
Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around
him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to
him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'⁵ He asked,
'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom
you are persecuting.⁶ But get up and enter the city, and
you will be told what you are to do.'

Psalms 30

I will exalt you, Lord,
for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
2 Lord my God, I called to you for help,
and you healed me.
3 You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the
dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.
4 Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;
praise his holy name.
5 For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favour lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.
6 When I felt secure, I said,
"I will never be shaken."
7 Lord, when you favoured me,
you made my royal mountain stand firm;
but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.
8 To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:
9 "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?
10 Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me;
Lord, be my help."
11 You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
12 that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.
Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

The Gospel Reading: John 21.1-19

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to
the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed
himself in this way.² Gathered there together were
Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of
Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others
of his disciples.³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going
fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They
went out and got into the boat, but that night they
caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but
the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.⁵ Jesus
said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?'
They answered him, 'No.'⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the
net to the right side of the boat, and you will find
some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to
haul it in because there were so many fish.⁷ That dis-
ciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he
put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped
into the lake.⁸ But the other disciples came in the
boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not
far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal
fire there, with fish on it, and bread.¹⁰ Jesus said to
them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just
caught.'¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled
the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-
three of them; and though there were so many, the
net was not torn.¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and
have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to
ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was
the Lord.¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it
to them, and did the same with the fish.¹⁴ This was
now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disci-
ples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to
Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me
more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you
know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my
lambs.'¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of
John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord;
you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend
my sheep.'¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon
son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because
he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And
he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you
know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my
sheep.'¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were young-
er, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wher-
ever you wished. But when you grow old, you will
stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten
a belt around you and take you where you do not
wish to go.'¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of
death by which he would glorify God.) After this he
said to him, 'Follow me.'