



Seacroft Churches

putting heart and soul into LS14

Sunday after Ascension Day Sunday 29th May 2022

THIS SUNDAY

See over for the readings and special prayers.

NB this week is half-term so most children's/youth groups are having a break except Little Angels.

9.30am	JOINT SERVICE	St J's
10.15am	Note—there is no morning service at St R's	
11.30am	OUR ANNUAL MEETING (APCM)	St J's
	Oakley Charlotte, Maeve-Elaina and Mia-Mabel Northgraves Christened today	St J's
5pm	Youth Service tonight (in the crypt)	St R's

THIS WEEK

MONDAY	9.30am Prayers and staff meeting	St R's
	10am Planning the Queens's Jubilee events	St R's
	7pm Bell Ringing Practice	St J's

TUESDAY	FOOD SUPPORT DAY	St R's
	9.30-9.40 foodbank prayers for the community	
	11.30am-2.30pm Tea and Toast Cafe	
	12.30pm-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 (Crypt)	St R's
	7.30pm Lay Eucharist training for Leeds area	St R's
	<i>- if you would like to help assist in the giving of communion please come to this training.</i>	
	<i>Setting up for the Jubilee events</i>	St J's

THURSDAY	11am-3pm Celebrating the Queens Jubilee on Seacroft Village Green—stalls, teas and flower festival- please come and show your support!	
	6pm Narcotics Anonymous	St R's

SATURDAY	10.30am New narcotics anonymous for families	St R's
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NEXT SUNDAY - PENTECOST 5TH JUNE

Special Pentecost services and an invitation to pray for five people you know.

Readings: Acts 2.1-21; PSALM 104.26-36, 37B;
JOHN 14.8-17

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
Thanks to those who joined the 24-hr prayer.

We pray for God's mission to reach Seacroft with the good news. Pray for five friends to come to know Jesus in a special way. Pray that many people will come to the Jubilee events.

Please pray for our baptism children today and their families.

We remember with love Margaret Arnett (her funeral is on 10th June) and others grieving.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Urgent need of help! Please invite your friends and neighbours to come to the flower festival, stalls and teas and our special services on Sunday. How about wearing red, white and blue?

NEWS

Our new bishop of Kirkstall is Rev Canon Arun Arora, as announced on Friday.

BE COVID AWARE:

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

Sunday 22 May 2022

A special prayer for today (the collect)

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Readings Acts 16.16-34

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' 31 They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and

his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17.20-end

20 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

A prayer following Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITE YOUR FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WITH US

*This Thursday 2 JUNE 11am-3pm:
QUEEN'S JUBILEE EVENT on the Green.
We'll be doing lots based at St J's so please
volunteer if you can!*

FRI 2 JUNE : bell-ringing for the Queen!

*SUN MORNING 5 JUNE
Special services to celebrate the Queen's
Jubilee at St J's and St R's. GOOD NEWS
BBQ at St R's follows the service.*