Seacroft Churches

Putting heart and soul into LS14

The week ahead ~ 15th Oct

9.30am Holy communion at St J's

with Sunday club and refreshments

11.30am Followed by the Christening of Ruben

10am Holy Communion at St R's

Followed by the Christening of Sophia

MONDAY 9.30am Team prayers at St Luke's Church St L's

- praying and planning together

11am PLACE OF WELCOME CAFÉ ST J'S

- drop by and make new friends

7pm Bell ringing practice— why not join the team? St J's 7.30PM BIBLE STUDY group (lifts from Kate) Steve/Enid's

- we're looking for new members so why not give it a try?

TUESDAY FOOD SUPPORT DAY St R's

9.30 Food Support Prayers 11.30am-2pm Tea & Toast Café

12pm-2pm Foodbank and Parish Larder

4-6pm THE FEAST—for families St R's

7.3opm Bible Study (lifts available from Tracey) St R's CRYPT

WEDNESDAY 10am Ladies Group St J's

10.30am MID-WEEK COMMUNION St J's 1pm Little Angels St J's

1pm Ladies Group (Crypt) St R's

THURSDAY Clergy study day in Wakefield

10AM CRAFT & LUNCH - kneeler mending The Crypt, St R's

11.30-1.30 THE PLACE OF WELCOME CAFÉSt R's2pm Hilary's Care ServiceWoodview6.15pm Cubs and ScoutsSt R's

6pm Narcotics Anonymous in the Crypt St R's

FRIDAY 12.30pm Funeral of baby Evelyn Grace st J's

4-6pm Youth Club (younger one) St R's

7pm-8.15pm (older one) St R's

SATURDAY 10am Planting and gardening—all welcome St R's

10.30am Narcotics Anonymous family welcome group St R's

12-4pm Private party St R's

Next week's readings: Matt 22.15-22; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Ps 96.1-9 (10-13)

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Welcome!

If you're a newcomer today we are very glad you've joined us for worship. Please stay for refreshments after our services say hello!

Please pray

For the worsening situation in Gaza and Palestine/Israel, including Palestinian Christians taking refuge in their churches.

We pray for Sophia and Ruben Christened today.

We thank God for the fun we had yesterday with the Bingo and Buns fundraiser.

FUTURE DATES:

IN LOVING MEMORY SERVICE, SUN 29
OCT 4PM St J's
~ there is opportunity to have the names of loved ones who have died to be read our during the service. Please write their names of the sheet at the back of church at St J's.

PUMPKIN PARTY
at The Feast
TUES 31 OCT 4-6PM
St R's
- competition for
carved or decorated
pumpkins (children

Readings & Prayers

SPECIAL PRAYERS (COLLECTS) FOR TODAY:

A Collect for Black History Month

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.

May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; • you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Philippians 4.1-9

4¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14

22Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 21The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." 5But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

