

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

RANMOOR

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2018

Next before Lent

10:30am PARISH COMMUNION

Sermon	Revd Ken Bowler
Setting	Mass for Three Voices <i>Byrd</i>
Hymns	<i>Please see overleaf</i>

6:30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Preces & Responses	Plainsong
Psalm	2
Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis	Wesley in F
Anthem	O come ye servants of the Lord <i>Tye</i>
Sermon	Canon Chris Burke
Hymns (NEH) 339	Be thou my vision
286	From glory to glory advancing
410	My God how wonderful thou art (<i>omit vv.4,5,6</i>)
252	The day thou gavest

NOTICES

We are currently in an interregnum. The Parish Profile has nearly been finalised and this will then allow us to work with our patrons and advertise for our new vicar within the next few weeks. Please hold the Patrons and the PCC in your Prayers during this time. Worship continues in the Parish Centre while essential repairs are carried out to the structure of the church building.

DURING THE INTERREGNUM the Churchwardens have responsibility for the running of the Church. The Churchwardens are Brian Parfett and Carl Webber. Carl and Brian are contactable on churchwardens@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk. The parish administrator, Claire Webber, will continue to be the key every day contact and will respond quickly and direct any queries that come in to her. Please pray for everyone who has offered to help during the interregnum. Claire can be contacted on: administrator@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk or 0114 230 1199. If a priest is required please contact Claire, who will make arrangements.

CEILING UPDATE – Steady progress is being made to repair our church ceiling. Our Architect put proposals to the church at the end of January, our PCC met to discuss these on 4th February. The Architect's recommended proposal was agreed which is to restore all damaged panels and to redecorate. While the scaffolding is up the ceiling will also be cleaned. Work is now underway to obtain the necessary consents. Unfortunately, though, the timescale for completing the work has been revised and is now likely to take us into the summer before we can reopen. Please continue to pray for all those involved in this important work. Once the costs have been finalised, we plan to ask for contributions towards the cost of these repairs.

WELCOME TO JULIAN AND VERONICA SULLIVAN - Julian and Veronica have been worshipping at St John's since Julian retired from being the Vicar at St Mary's Bramall Lane. We are delighted to announce that Julian has been awarded a Bishop's License to Officiate at St John's. He will be working with Bridget and Malcolm over the coming months.

OUR SERVICES will be taking place in the garden room from now on with the choirs singing at the back of the room.

CHORAL EVENSONG will take place this evening at 6:30pm tonight in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome to attend.

HOLY COMMUNION will take place on Wednesday at 10.30am in Room 2 of the Parish Centre.

PASTORAL CARE AT ST JOHN'S IN THE INTERREGNUM - The Pastoral Care Team continues to provide short and longer-term support, transport and Communion in the community. We would like everyone to be aware that the person to contact about any pastoral care issues should be Claire Webber, the Parish Administrator.

FOOD BANK – As a church we support the Burngreave Foodbank here in Sheffield. There is a donation box in the corridor of the centre if you wish to donate any non-perishable produce.

INSPIRE ARTICLES – Georgina Hulse has joined the editorial team of Inspire. We are always looking for new articles of interest. The February edition of Inspire is available for £1. The latest edition of Inspire is available for £1.

PREPARING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY - As we have done in previous years we would like to use the palm crosses that were given out last year to make the ash for the Ash Wednesday services.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES will take place in Parish Centre on Wednesday 14th February and will be at 10.30am in room 2 and 7.30pm in the garden room.

LENT STUDY GROUPS - We shall be running a Lent Study Group on Wednesday evenings for six weeks in Lent, starting on Wednesday 21st February. The group will meet in the Garden room at the Parish Centre from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. We have chosen the study guide 'Living Faith - Invitations from the Cross' by Krish Kandiah as the basis for our discussions. The group will be lay led with a different member of the congregation leading each week. It will not be necessary to come to all six sessions as each week will explore a different saying of Jesus from the cross. Copies of the book will be available at each session. If you would like to join us, there is a sign up sheet in the corridor at the Parish Centre. (Or alternatively, please email Claire). If there is sufficient demand, we are happy to consider running a second course on Wednesday afternoons, starting at 2pm. We do hope you will be able to join us on this Lenten journey. Sandra Green.

EASTER EGGS - The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story booklet in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. We will have some for sale at a cost of £4.00 for milk chocolate eggs and £5.50 for dark chocolate eggs.

FUTURE SOCIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Saturday 19th May** - Christian Aid Garden Party – more details to follow.
- **Friday 9th March** at 7.30pm- Social Evening with **Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire Andrew Coombe**. Tickets are on sale for the event now at a cost of £10 per ticket. Andrew will be giving a talk about his role. Cheese and wine will be provided. All proceeds to go to the ceiling fund.
- **Saturday 14th July** – Coach trip to Whitby and Robin hoods Bay. The cost will be £12 per adult and £6 for children. A sign up sheet is in the corridor.
- **Saturday 21st July** - Bishops Garden Party – St Johns will be providing refreshments as we have done in previous years to support the garden party and the Bishops chosen charities. More details to follow.

<i>Please pray for those who are sick:</i>	Sheila Edwards, Hazel Bradey, Reg Law, John Kirkham and Joanna
<i>Please pray for those whose anniversary of death occur this week:</i>	Robert Moffatt, Emily Mason, Leon Lehman, Gill Lomas, Phyllis Dornan, Eric Gregory, Elma Casson, Marjorie Garlick, Basil Mortimer, Christine Le Pla, Jean Glossop, Jack Cowley
<i>Street Prayer:</i>	This week we are praying for all those who live on Riverdale Drive

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY: 18TH FEBRUARY

10:30am Parish Communion in the Parish Centre
6:30pm Choral Evensong in the Parish Centre

PARISH COMMUNION READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

NEW TESTAMENT READING:**2 Corinthians 4.3-6**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING:**Mark 9.2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

PARISH COMMUNION HYMNS

Introit Hymn – Thy kingdom come, O God

1 Thy kingdom come, O God,
Thy reign, O Christ, begin;
Break with Thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

2 Where is Thy rule of peace
And purity, and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

3 We pray Thee, Lord, arise,
And come in Thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for Thy sight.

4 O'er heathen lands afar
Thick darkness broodeth yet:
Arise, O morning Star,
Arise, and never set.

Gradual Hymn – God is working his purpose out

1 God is working his purpose out,
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

2 What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the love of God in all mankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?

3 All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Offertory Hymn – Christ whose glory fills the skies

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shade of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till Thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Post-Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him

1 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made.

2 Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!