

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

RANMOOR

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2018

Lent 2

10:30am PARISH COMMUNION

Sermon	Revd Ken Bowler
Introit	The Lent Prose
Setting	Messa a Tre Voci <i>Lotti</i>
Motet	O Remember not <i>Purcell</i>
Hymns	<i>Please see overleaf</i>

6:30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Introit	The Lent Prose
Preces & Responses	Plainsong
Psalm	135.1-14
Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis	Short Service <i>Tallis</i>
Anthem	O vos omnes <i>Correa</i>
Sermon	Revd Angie Lauener
Hymns (NEH) 357	Father hear the prayer we offer
368	Guide me O thou great redeemer
417	O God our help in ages past
148	The God of Abraham praise (v.1,4,6,7,8 only)

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.

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 –The March edition of Inspire is available for £1.

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). So far we have not had any interest in the 2pm study group. If you were interested please have a word with Sandra Green. 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.

ST MATTHEW PASSION - On Saturday 3 March beginning at 6.30pm in Sheffield Cathedral, 24 of our Boy Choristers and Girl Choristers will be forming the Ripeno Chorus for Bach's monumental "St Matthew Passion" at Sheffield Cathedral alongside the Sheffield Bach Choir and the National Festival Orchestra. Tickets are almost sold out so if you would like to attend please be sure to act quickly!

POVERTY AND PASTRIES- Saturday 3rd March 10am to 12noon at the Central URC, Norfolk Street Sheffield. A chance to meet Tom Wyke, the new regional co-ordinator for Christian Aid. Alongside coffee and croissants, there will also be resources, information and ideas for this year's Christian Aid Week, on the theme of Internally Displaced People.

SUPPORT THE TAKING OF COMMUNION AT BRIDGEDALE – We are looking for people to help take Communion at Bridgedale House Care Home. Some people who live there used to Worship with us. This is between 2.15 and 3.15 on the first Wednesday of the month.

STREET PRAYER – Alison Wragg has put a display in the corridor and each week we will pray for a different street in our Parish. If you are able to help deliver prayer cards to local roads please can you speak to Alison or Gillian? There is also a sign-up sheet in the corridor.

COFFEE ROTA – A new coffee rota is available to pick up and has also been emailed out to everyone who volunteers. If you would like to help with the coffee and refreshments after our Sunday services please have a word with Claire in the office. Thank you.

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 30th June – Afternoon Tea** – Tickets available soon, more details to follow.
- **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, John Kirkham
<i>Please pray for those whose anniversary of death occur this week:</i>	John Potts, John Wells, Geoff Edwards, Jocelyn Wilson, Edna Skipper, Charles Stuart-Harris, Doreen Orme
<i>Street Prayer:</i>	This week we are praying for all those who live on Snaithing Park Road.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY: 4TH MARCH

10:30am All Age Service with Communion in the Parish Centre

6:30pm Parish Communion in the Parish Centre

PARISH COMMUNION READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Romans 4.13-End

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL READING:**Mark 8.31-End**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

PARISH COMMUNION HYMNS

Introit Hymn – All my hope on God is founded

1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Gradual Hymn – God, that madest earth and heaven

1 God, that madest earth and heaven,
darkness and light;
who the day for toil hast given,
for rest the night;
may thine angel-guards defend us,
slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
holy dreams and hopes attend us,
this livelong night.

2 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,

and, when we die,
may we in thy mighty keeping
all peaceful lie:
when the last dread call shall wake us,
do not thou our God forsake us,
but to reign in glory take us
with thee on high.

Offertory Hymn – O Holy Ghost, thy people bless

1 O Holy Ghost, thy people bless
who long to feel thy might,
and fain would grow in holiness
as children of the light.

2 To thee we bring, who art the Lord,
ourselves to be thy throne;
let ev'ry thought and deed and word
thy pure dominion own.

3 Great gift of our ascended King,
his saving truth reveal;
our tongues inspire His praise to sing,
our hearts his love to feel.

4 True wind of heav'n, from south or
north,
for joy or chast'ning, blow;
the garden-spices shall spring forth
if thou wilt bid them flow.

Post-Communion Hymn - To God be the glory, great things he hath done

1 To God be the glory, great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Please keep this notice sheet or pass it on to someone who maybe cannot attend.