

# ST JOHN'S CHURCH RANMOOR

## SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### Advent 2

#### 10:30am PARISH COMMUNION – ORCHESTRAL MASS

Sermon		<b>Revd Canon Dr Matthew Rhodes</b>
Introit		Advent Prose
Setting		Missa Brevis in G K.140 <i>Mozart</i>
Motet		Awake thou wintry earth <i>Bach</i>
Hymns	HON 209	Hills of the north rejoice
	HON 566	Ye servants of the Lord
	HON 529	Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
	HON 193	Hail to the Lord anointed (omit v.3)
Old Testament Reading:	Page 904	Malachi 3.1-4
New Testament Reading:	Page 193	Philippians 1.3-11
Gospel Reading:	Page 57	Luke 3.1-6

**1:00pm Baptism of Oliver Francis Campbell and Henry Wilfred Kit Whiteside**

#### 6:30pm “A CHRISTMAS PRESENT”

*A meditation for organ interwoven with festive choral music*

A rare opportunity to hear Messiaen's complete organ cycle 'La Nativité du Seigneur' as a meditation performed by Derek Grover, St John's Organist & Associate Director of Music, interwoven with a cycle of festive choral music drawn from twentieth-century masterpieces by Richard Rodney Bennett, Luc Jakobs, James MacMillan and Clemon Downs performed by the Choral Scholars, Consort & Songmen directed by Edward Barbieri, Director of Music.



SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK		
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9:00am Morning Prayer	9:00am Morning Prayer	
	10:30am Holy Communion (said)	
5:45pm Choral Evensong	5:45pm Choral Evensong	7.30pm <i>Sheffield Chorale</i> Carols by Candlelight in aid of Church ceiling funds

## NEXT SUNDAY: 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

9:30am Matins (BCP Said)	10:30am Parish Communion
4.00pm Christingle Service	6:30pm Choral Evensong

## NOTICES

**MATTHEW'S CONTACT DETAILS** – Matthew can be contacted on his mobile which is **07754 068 391** via the church office on 0114 230 1199 or on his email [vicar@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk). Matthews day off is a Monday.

**THIS MORNING** – we welcome back members of our Orchestra-in-Residence, the Sheffield Festival Orchestra, who are accompanying the Consort & Songmen in the third of our liturgical orchestral mass series at Communion this morning. Further details about the music offered is on the Music Board at the back of the church.

**THIS EVENING**, instead of Choral Evensong at 6.30pm, as part of our Christmas Programme, there is an opportunity to hear Messiaen's complete organ cycle 'La Nativité du Seigneur' as a meditation performed by Derek Grover interwoven with a cycle of festive choral music performed by the Choral Scholars, Consort & Songmen. 'La Nativité' was completed in 1935, and is one of Messiaen's earlier and more accessible organ works. It draws upon a wide range of religious imagery in celebration of Christ's Nativity, and lovers of fine music are strongly encouraged to immerse themselves in the broad pallet of sound, shape and kaleidoscopic colours, and to meditate upon these musical and theological offerings which speaks directly of the joy, peace and wonder of Christmas in the calm of St John's. Why not take a break from your Christmas shopping and slip into this synesthetic world of colour and sound, showcasing some of the most hidden and delicate sounds of the King of Instruments? All are very welcome for a rare opportunity to hear this remarkable presentation.

**THIS WEEK** – Morning Prayer will be in the side Chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9am. Choral Evensong will be sung on Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:45pm. All are most welcome!

**MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on Wednesday at 10:30am in the Church.



**FLORAL DECORATIONS IN CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** - We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December between 4pm and 6pm**. We need lots of helpers please! Please could you contact Jackie Lowe 0114 230 3999 [jackielowe22@btconnect.com](mailto:jackielowe22@btconnect.com) or Sandra Green 0114 230 9180 [sandra.green70@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.green70@gmail.com) if you are able to help with one of the window sills or larger decorations. Thank you. Jackie and Sandra

will fetch all the flowers needed from the wholesale market beforehand and as previously the church would welcome any donations to pay for these. Thank you.

**SERMONS** – Matthews's sermons can now be downloaded from our website following the service. These can be found on the home page of the website. [www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk).

**SIDESPEOPLE** – Now that our BCP communion has started back we need to have sidespeople on the rota to help set up – if you would like to volunteer to help with this service please let one of the Wardens or John Green know.

**CEILING REPAIR FINANCE** – The Appeal remains open. The Appeal has reached a fantastic £91,000 (plus the refunding of VAT) so far; thank you to everyone who has contributed. If you have not done so already, please consider donating. The overall project cost was £101,000 (plus VAT); just 1% over the original budget.

**INSPIRE** – The latest edition of Inspire is available for £1.

**DELICIOUS BAKING BY GILLIAN STANLEY** - Gillian will make cakes and cookies to order, just let Gillian know your requirements and give her a couple of days' notice. All profits will go towards the church ceiling fund. Gillian is also taking orders for Christmas Puddings and Christmas cakes! Thank you Gillian Stanley, 0114 230 2941, [gillianstanley@hotmail.com](mailto:gillianstanley@hotmail.com).

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP** - We shall be running an Advent Study Group again this year. The group will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Garden Room at the Parish Centre. As previously, the group will be led with a different member of the congregation taking the lead each week. We will be using 'Advent for Everyone - A Journey through Luke' by Tom Wright (ISBN 978-0-281-07967-4 price £8.99) as our resource. It is also available as an eBook. However, if you do not wish to buy the book, please bring a Bible as we shall provide the Bible references each week. Each session will be free-standing, although the course will follow a theme.

**TODDLER GROUP** –Are you able to help a couple of hours a month on Thursday mornings with our baby and toddler group? If this is something you are interested in helping with please get in touch with Claire in the office or one of the Toddler Group leaders – Helen Clark, Sally Booker or Barbara Wozencroft.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CHURCH CARDS** - At the back of church we have available Christmas cards that set out all of the services taking place here at St John's.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHESES** - This is a great opportunity to meet new people and have a meal together, every Wednesday in the Parish Centre. **On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** we will have our Christmas Wednesday Lunch and the choir of Nether Green Junior School will sing some festive favourites. If you would like to come along to lunch any Wednesday or if you would like to drop in for the talk please contact Claire in the office who can help to organise transport or give you more details. 230 1199.

**“GAUDEAMUS” – ST JOHN’S CAROL SERVICE** – On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm we will be holding our Carol Service which this year is called “*Gaudeamus*”. This will be a traditional feast of carols, readings and festive choral music to celebrate the Christmas Season. After the service we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies – if you are able to donate some mince pies please bring them along and leave them in the coffee area before the service. Everybody is most welcome.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS** – Come along on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 2-4pm in the Parish Centre and enjoy some festive family crafts. Entry by donation. We look forward to seeing you there.



**CHRISTMAS CARD TREE** – Instead of sending all your friends and church family here at St John's a Christmas card, we are asking you to place one card here on the Christmas tree and make a donation to our supported charity – Phoenix Association, who are based here in Ranmoor. They provide moral and financial support from the local community to residents of the Sheffield houses of Phoenix Futures. This support includes giving grants for education, sport, work tools, access to indoor climbing facility and outdoor conservation work. Thank you.

### **FUTURE SOCIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- **THEATRE TRIP – KISS ME KATE** - 12<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm at the Crucible.
- **COACH TRIP TO THE EAST COAST** – Save the date of **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### **PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR**

St John's Church and Ranmoor Parish Centre have ordered a Public Access Defibrillator which will be situated on the outside wall of the Parish Centre. This will provide emergency support to people who suffer a heart attack in our local area of Ranmoor. This will be with us and installed hopefully before Christmas. We have asked local businesses in Ranmoor to help fund this and we hope that some of our congregation may give a small donation towards this. The cost of the unit is £1600 and will be a yearly cost of around £100 to maintain. If you are able to give a donation towards the unit please let Matthew, Brian or Carl know.

### **ST JOHN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS APPEAL**



We want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry. We support the Burngreave foodbank throughout the year. This year at Christmas we are asking for something special to be donated, for example Chocolate treats, Christmas biscuits, Mince pies, Selection boxes and toiletries- these gifts can really lift the spirits of families receiving support from the foodbank. Please drop off your donation to church or to the office in the Parish Centre by: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your kind support.

**Please keep this notice sheet or pass it onto a friend or neighbour.**