

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

RANMOOR

SUNDAY 4th MARCH 2018

Lent 3

10:30am ALL AGE SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Talk	Children's Ministry Team
Introit	The Lent Prose
Setting	Plainsong Mass for a Mean <i>Sheppard</i>
Motet	O Lord increase our faith <i>Farrant</i>
Hymns	<i>Please see overleaf</i>

6:30pm PARISH COMMUNION

Sermon	Canon Chris Burke
Introit	The Lent Prose
Setting	Missa Secunda <i>Hassler</i>
Motet	Verily, verily I say unto you <i>Tallis</i>
Hymns (NEH)	94 We sing the praise of Him who died
	397 Let us with a gladsome mind
	267 T.358ii The spacious firmament on high
	373 T.376 How shall I sing that majesty

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.

RECRUITMENT OF OUR NEW VICAR – The advert has gone live for the recruitment of our new vicar. Closing date: 22 March 2018, 5PM and the Interview date: 23 April 2018. Please hold everyone involved in the process your prayers.

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.

PARISH COMMUNION 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.

ST TIMOTHY CROOKES – APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM Vicar - Revd Malcolm Lambert has been appointed as the Interim Vicar of St Timothy Crookes, with responsibility for helping to develop our emerging mission partnership. St John's, along with The Vine, St Mary's Walkley and St Mark's Broomhill are members of this partnership. Malcolm

experienced is an experienced priest who comes into the diocese with his wife, Ruth, who will be starting her appointment as head of chaplaincy services at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. We look forward to welcoming Malcolm and Ruth into this area and working alongside them to grow a new way of being church together.

RANMOOR VICARAGE – TIDYING THE GARDEN - As many of you know, the Vicarage garden is fairly large. During the interregnum arrangements have been made for the grass to be cut. However, parts of the garden are in need of some tidying. We are therefore arranging for a skip to be on the Vicarage drive and would welcome help to cut back overgrown shrubs and fill the skip. You will need to bring your own garden tools. If anyone can help on **Saturday 17th March** from 9.30-2.00pm then please sign up or just turn up. We will supply hot and cold drinks, please be aware that the water in the house is off; therefore there are no facilities available to us.

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 February edition of Inspire is available for £1. The latest 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.

PARADISE ROAD - Our very own James Stone (Songman and sometime Christmas Extravaganza compère) is having his new play, Paradise Road, performed in a professional production at Sheffield Library Theatre on April 20th and 21st. When a London couple open their home to asylum seekers from Iraq, strong suspicions and dark doubts begin to breed– is anyone who they appear to be? The play is presented in partnership with Assist Sheffield, the charity supporting destitute asylum seekers in our city. Tickets from: www.paradise-road.eventbrite.co.uk

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.

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**. *We have some tickets left 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>	Mary Hollis, Beth Anderson, Izzy Squire, Margaret Lowe, Micky Ingall, Josie Hague, Noreen Brenda Pleavin, Charles Higginbottom, Joy Goddard, Roger Inman, Jennifer Lawford, Bernice Justham, Frances Lilleyman, Ray Clegg, Bob Fearnough,
<i>Street Prayer:</i>	This week we are praying for all those who live on Ivy Park Road

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY: 11TH MARCH

10:30am Parish Communion in the Parish Centre

6:30pm Choral Evensong in the Parish Centre

ALL AGE SERVICE READING

GOSPEL READING:

John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

ALL AGE SERVICE HYMNS

Hymn – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

Hymn – Lord of all hopefulness

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Hymn – Come let us join our cheerful songs

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

2 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

3 Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

4 The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

PARISH COMMUNION READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against

your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

I Corinthians 1.18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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