

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

Sunday 6th December 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent



10.30am CHRISTINGLE AND COMMUNION

(In Church, On ZOOM and Facebook Live)

Please see separate Order of Service for Christingle

6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

(On Zoom and Facebook Live)

Organ Prelude	Magnificat octavi toni Johann Kindermann (1616-55)
Canticles	Stanford in C
Anthem	JS Bach Zion hears the watchmen's voices
Psalm	Advent Prose vv 1 and 2 Psalm 40
Organ Voluntary	Prelude in A BWV 536 JS Bach (1685-1750)

Prayers

Please pray for those who are sick:

Alan H, Graham C, Hazel, Mark, Peter,

Please pray for those whose anniversary of death is this week:

*Bernard Walton, Douglas Keen, James Thompson, Sally Flather, Philip Goddard,
Dorothy Moore*

NOTICES

RE-OPENING CHURCH AFTER LOCKDOWN 2 - Following the Governments announcement this week, the City of Sheffield will be in Tier 3. This means for Places of Worship, communal worship can now resume, subject to relevant social contact rules in each tier. We will be very pleased to be re-opening our Church Building for Church services from Sunday 6th December ([See Christmas Services](#))

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – Please take a look at our programme of Christmas Services. The information is all on our [website](#). You will also see that the Christmas Card with details has been emailed out and it is also in the middle of INSPIRE this month. The first of our Christmas Services will be **Sunday 6th December** at 10.30am “Christingle and Communion” If you would like to attend in person, please ensure you reserve a ticket on the [Eventbrite link](#) or visit the [Christmas pages](#) on our website. Please ask [Claire](#) in the office if you are unsure about booking the tickets or have any queries. The services will be on ZOOM and Facebook Live so you will not miss out. Make sure if you are coming to the Christingle or even taking part on ZOOM, that you collect your kit for assembly on Saturday 5th December from Church between 8.30am and 10am.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT CANDLE COMPETITION – Children of the parish... we would like you to colour in our advent candle. Once you have coloured it in and sent it back to us a winner will be chosen before Christmas Day. The artwork can be sent on email to [Claire in the office](#) or post back to the office. We will display them on our website and in the Parish Centre windows for all to see. Visit our [children's page on the website](#) to download the candle to colour, find it on the weekly email or pick up one from Church next week.

COMPETITION TIME!

REACH SLEEP-IN FOR ROUNDABOUT - Our young people were hoping to hold a Sleep-Out event this autumn to raise awareness about the plight of Sheffield's homeless. *The young people (and Matt our curate) have now had their sleep out and would really appreciate if you can sponsor them for having took part in this event.* <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjohnsranmoorreachesleep-in2020>

STUDY GROUP - The second meeting of our Advent Study Group will be **next Monday 7th December at 6.45pm**. This is a change from the previously published date. The course can be accessed via the church Zoom. We are following the diocesan Advent course which is called 'Light in the Darkness'. It is available on the 'Lights for Christ' website. <https://www.lightsforchrist.uk/lightinthedarkness>. The second session is entitled 'Safe'. The notes for each session are available on the website to download and print in a PDF format if you would prefer a printed version. The second session will be led by Mark Gregory. We hope you will be able to join us. Please contact Sandra Green (01142309180) if you would like any more information.

THE CRAFT AND CHATTER GROUP are holding 2 sessions per week on Zoom, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1.00 pm. Do join us just to chat or to work on your own hobby as well as chatting. We look forward to seeing you.



ORGAN UPDATE - The organ is now being reinstalled in church and appeal stands at £66,000. The full works, including project management and some additional costs comes in at £105,000 so we're still nearly £40,000 off fundraising the full amount. We are enormously grateful to everyone that has already supported the appeal and you can find out more about how to give on the website. There's also an article about the work that was in the September edition of Inspire.

GIVING TO ST JOHN'S - many thanks to everyone who has continued to give so generously to St John's. With fewer people in church and the Government discouraging the use of cash, along with the closure of bank branches in Sheffield, receiving cash has become more difficult. Would you please consider setting up a regular standing order to St John's for our general fund. Our bank details are: CAF Bank Ltd, Account St John the Evangelist, Ranmoor, Sort Code 40-52-40 Account No. 00097913. When in church, you can use your card and make a donation using the contactless machine. Thank you, your support is appreciated. Questions about giving can be raised with Sandie, via the church office or email: sandie.parfett@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk.

CONTACTING THE OFFICE - Ranmoor Parish Centre is following government guidance on the second lockdown and will be mainly closed except for a couple of groups that are exempt from closure. Government Guidelines are in place asking for people to work at home, Claire will be working from home and can be contacted on the office number 0114 230 1199 which redirects to Claire's mobile. Claire can also be contacted on her email anytime. administrator@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk Thank you!

QUIZ - Don't forget Pete's fun quiz every Friday at 3pm on the church ZOOM. A great bit of fun to do on a Friday afternoon. Thank you as ever to Pete for keeping everyone entertained throughout the whole of the lockdown period!

ECO TIPS



Try Wildlife Bingo. There are many activities online that get us outside and hunting for wildlife at the link for these bingo cards. Fill them in on your next local walk and have fun identifying different nuts and berries or spotting special festive species (bonus points for a red-legged partridge in a pear tree!) Remember to always find spaces where you can connect with nature while maintaining social distancing.

Brush up on your wildlife ID skills. Learn how to ID local bird song, birds in your garden or even the ducks in your local pond. Care for nature begins at home: we can all use

this time of being at home more to learn something new about nature in our gardens and home neighbourhood.

FOODBANK COLLECTION AND BABY BASICS COLLECTION -

Thank you to everyone again for your generous donations to the Christmas foodbank. In addition to the shopping list of items, we are asking for chocolates, Christmas treats and any items that will help lift the spirits of families during this time.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DATES FROM ST JOHN'S
9th December

SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

Monday to Saturday: 9am Morning Prayer (on Zoom)

Monday to Thursday: 8pm Compline (on Zoom)

Sunday 13th December: 10.30am Parish Communion
(In Church, Facebook live and ZOOM)

Sunday 13th December: 6.30pm Choral Evensong (In Church, Facebook live and ZOOM)

GET IN TOUCH WITH US:

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL



St Johns Church, Ranmoor.... we need your help...

In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas the foodbank will provide over 180 Christmas food parcels for local individuals and families in crisis.

St John's supports the foodbank faithfully throughout the year. In addition to the shopping list of items listed here, we are asking for chocolates, Christmas treats and any items that will help lift the spirits of families during this time.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DATES FROM ST JOHN'S
25th November and 9th December

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SHOPPING LIST **Top Ten Items**

- Long Life Fruit Juice
- UHT Milk/ milk powder
- Tinned Fruit and veg
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Meat
- Dried Mash Potato
- Coffee
- Vegetable oil
- Toiletries
- Christmas Treats