

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

Sunday 4th December 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent



10.30am All Age Service

(In Church and Facebook Live)

Adults, Choristers, Junior and pop up Choir

Prelude	Rorate Caeli - Jeanne Demessieux
Reading	Matthew 3.1-12
Introit	Hymn 329 Make way, make way
Gradual	Hymn 401 On Jordan's Bank
Offertory	Hymn 528 Wait for the Lord
Recessional	Hymn 209 Hills of the north, rejoice
Anthem	Let all mortal flesh keep silence - Gustav Holst
Voluntary	Fanfare - Kenneth Leighton

6.30pm BCP Holy Communion

(In Church & Facebook - will be possible to view on Facebook within 24 hours)

Choristers and Adult Choir

Prelude	Chorale Prelude on Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 660 J S Bach
Readings	Isaiah 11.1-10 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12
Introit	NEH 12 On Jordan's bank
Gradual	NEH 480 In Christ there is no East or West
Offertory	NEH 18 Ye servants of the Lord
Recessional	NEH 8 Lift up your heads ye mighty gates
Setting	Missa quarti toni - Tomás Luis de Victoria
Anthem	Cum audisset Joannes - Manuel Cardoso
Voluntary	Chorale Prelude on Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 J S Bach

CONTACTING THE OFFICE: Please contact the office on

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PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Bryan, Harold, Hilary, Reg, Tony

Please remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Diana Desmond, Bernard Walton, Douglas Keen,
Renee Massey, James Thompson, Sally Flather



NOTICES

CHURCH BUILDING COVID GUIDANCE - Facemasks are not a legal requirement and are therefore optional. We have removed specified areas of socially distanced seating, but the side aisles tend to be quieter, so do sit there if you'd prefer more space. Sanitiser is readily available around the building. If you feel uncomfortable with any aspect of our approach to Covid safety, please contact us. A full risk assessment is on the church website.

CHURCH FLORAL DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS - We will be decorating the church window sills on **Friday 16th December** between 9.30am - 12.00am and the porch, pedestals, welcome arrangement and font on **Wednesday 21st December** between 9.30am-12.00 am. We will need lots of arrangers to help us on both dates please. Sandra and Jackie will purchase the flowers from the market. If you have fatsia, phormium, laurel, skimmia, variegated holly or tree ivy available to cut and bring with you on the day that would be great.



If you are new to flower arranging and are interested in learning we are a very friendly group of people and we'd gladly give you help and encouragement on the day or perhaps you might like to just come along and watch the arrangements take shape! If you would like to help or be involved, please could you get in touch with us. Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you. Jackie Lowe (0114 2303999, jackielowe22@btconnect.com) Sandra Green (0114 2309180, sandra.green70@gmail.com) **Donations towards the cost of Christmas Flowers** - We rely on the generous donations of the congregation to be able to purchase flowers to decorate the church and we would be very grateful for any donations towards the Christmas flowers please. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW - the choir are running a prize draw in aid of the chorister tour fund. There are some brilliant prizes to be won, all donated by local businesses. Tickets cost £1 each and can be purchased in church. The draw will take place at the Christmas Extravaganza on 10th December.

MESSY CHURCH - HELPERS NEEDED - We have lots of children booked in to come along with parents to the messy Church on Tuesday 20th 10-12noon. Please let Janet Noble know if you are able to help.

DISCUSSION GROUP - Would you be interested in meeting for an open discussion about matters of life and faith? Please talk to Matthew or send him an email, letting him know what days/times are good for you. (matthew.rhodes@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk)

LUNCH CLUB HELPERS AND COOKS – Our lunch club is thriving with a great turn out of regulars and new people each week. We really want to add to our already amazing team of volunteers who **cook, assist** in the kitchen and help **serve food and clean up**. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month or every couple of months, we would love to hear from you. Get in touch with Claire in the office if you are interested – we need you!



ADVENT QUIET MORNING: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

10.00AM-12.30PM AT WHIRLOW SPIRITUALITY CENTRE.

An invitation to reflect in stillness on the coming of the Christ child as we look towards Christmas. Our time together will start with coffee and Morning Prayer and end with a simple Communion service. In between, our reflections will be led by Amanda Georgiou, a Spiritual Director with a particular interest in retreats and quiet days. Please let Revd Matt Wood know if you would like to attend. revmatt@abbeydaleandmillhouses.org.uk

MINCE PIES APPEAL FOR CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS – We are having mulled wine and mince pies after both these services. If you can donate a box of mince pies we would be very grateful. Please leave at the back of church near the coffee area or drop into the parish office. The Carols around the Christmas tree is on Saturday 17th at 4pm outside and the Nine Lessons and Carols are on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES CARDS – We have a number of Christmas Card with all our Christmas Services and Events. Please can you take a bundle and deliver to your street in the Parish. Please write the name of the streets you will deliver to in the Parish so we don't duplicate deliveries. Many Thanks



TO ANY MEMBER OF ST JOHN'S CONGREGATION WHO LIVES ALONE. After the uplifting experience of Sunday morning worship would you welcome the opportunity to get together and share lunch and company? We, Janet and Wendy, are hoping to start a new social event (the "Sunday Social") in the parish centre one Sunday a month, immediately after the morning service, to provide companionship and a simple lunch, for those who might like to attend. If there is sufficient interest it will most likely start at the end of January. The meal we would hope to provide would be something like a jacket potato with fillings and salad. The main purpose, however, is to provide time and facilities for socialising. Conversation will be encouraged! Board games, Uno, Beetle, dominoes and jigsaws etc will be available. The Sunday Social will finish at about 3.00pm with tea and cake before we all go home; **anyone in the congregation who lives alone would be welcome to join us (but there will obviously need to be a limit in numbers).** It is likely that there will not be a set payment for attending the Sunday Social but it is hoped that each person who attends would be prepared to make a voluntary contribution towards the church refurbishment fund (toilets!). At this stage we are just trying to find out how many of the congregation

might be interested in joining us; this is to help us decide whether to go ahead with it. If you would like to show that you would be interested in attending this Sunday Social please let Claire (in the office) know by Monday December 12th. Thank you, Janet Anker and Wendy Weeks



FAIR TRADE STALL - We will be selling goods from the fair-trade stall on the second Sunday of the month. **Starting on the 11th December**, - there will be some stocking fillers and small treats and gifts available. The following dates will be 8th January, 12th February and 12th March.

GIVING TO ST JOHN'S: We have a variety of ways set up that you can give to St Johns. We have now set up a **donation** page on our website. www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk You can give one-off payments or set up regular payments via the secure portal on the website. We have also got QR Codes (scan this) and a fixed 'text to give' number that you can donate on. *Text 70085 to give £5 (plus your standard network text message rate).*



The Children's Society

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES - Mary Booth will be collecting the Childrens society boxes on **Sunday 4th December**. If you have one to be returned, please bring it to the service or bring it to the parish office before then.

FOODBANK COLLECTION DATES:

7th and 14th December; 11th January

(note that the dates are not our normal pattern for collection)

JOINING WORSHIP FROM HOME: [click here to join any of our facebook services:](#) or type the following into your browser:

https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchRanmoor/live_videos It shows a gallery of all past broadcasts and shows a **LIVE** tab when we are actually live.

Morning Services will always be live on Facebook.

Evening Services will appear within 24 hours of them taking place.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

****10TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA-** tickets on sale from the Church office, Sarah Beardsmore or via [Eventbrite](#)

**** SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 6.30PM** - Nine Lessons and Carols

**** 20TH DECEMBER - MESSY CHRISTMAS** - A morning of fun and craft for Christmas. Free Ticket to be reserved on [Eventbrite](#).

**** 24TH DECEMBER - CHRISTINGLE AND NATIVITY** - please reserve your ticket for this service. On [Eventbrite](#)

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Monday to Saturday:

9am Morning Prayer (on Zoom)

Wednesday: 11.30am Holy Communion (in the Parish Centre) & 5.30 pm Evensong

Saturday 10th: Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday 11th December - Advent 3

10.30am Parish Communion (In church and on Facebook Live)

6.30pm Choral Evensong (In Church and on Facebook Live)