

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

Sunday 3 December 2023

ADVENT SUNDAY

10.30am All Age Communion (In Church and YouTube)

Pop-up Choir, Juniors and Adult Choir

Prelude	Prelude on 'Winchester New' - Malcolm Archer 1952
Readings	Mark 13-24 end
Introit	Longing for light
Gradual	Make way make way
Offertory	Wait for the Lord
Recessional	Mine Eyes have seen the Glory
Anthem	Jesus Christ the Apple Tree arr. - Alan Bullard
Voluntary	Hark the glad sound - Malcolm Archer

6.30pm Advent Procession (In Church and YouTube)

Choristers and Adult Choir

Prelude	Chorale Prelude on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 J S Bach 659
See separate Order of Service	Music to include: Vigilate - William Byrd Lift up your heads - William Mathias A Song of Peace - C V Stanford
Voluntary	Chorale Prelude on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, in organo pleno J S Bach BWV 661

CONTACT US



CONTACTING THE OFFICE: Please contact the office on 0114 230 1199 administrator@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk
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Please pray for those who are sick:

Eden, Marie, Tony

Please pray for those who have died:

Sara Blakey

Please remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Renee Massey



NOTICES

The next Foodbank Collection will be on
13th December 2023 –
this is our final Christmas Collection.
All Christmas Items welcome as well as normal items.



Please bring your items to the Church Drive between
10am and 12.30pm.

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).



Pink Cards – if you make a direct bank payment you can pick up a pink card to put on the offertory plate in lieu of your cash / cheque donation.

APPEAL FOR THE ARCHER PROJECT – The Archer Project are looking for warm coats, waterproof clothing, warm underlayers, warm clothing and sleeping bags. Items can be brought to our Church and we will deliver to them or take straight to the Archer Project. Volunteers are also needed to help with the donations. Turn up to the Archer Project on Wednesdays between 11&1 pm or contact mesintern@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk



The Archer
Project

JOINING WORSHIP FROM HOME: Our Services are broadcast live on Youtube. Click here or follow this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnsranmoor4448/streams> OR If you prefer to watch on Facebook please join via our Facebook Page or type the following into your browser:



<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchRanmoor> when we are live on YouTube it will appear on the newsfeed of our Facebook Page.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE- The choir will be raffling a luxury Christmas hamper at the Extravaganza on 9th December. Proceeds will go towards the choir tour fund. Tickets will be available after church on Sunday mornings and at the Extravaganza. Tickets cost 50p each, £2 per strip, or 3 strips for £5.

CHURCH FLORAL DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS - We will be decorating the church window sills on Friday 15th December between 9.30am – 12.00am and the porch, pedestals, welcome arrangement and font on Thursday 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 small amounts fatsia, phormium, skimmia and variegated holly available to cut and bring with you on the day that would be great. We will be continuing to produce eco - friendly arrangements, so we shall be using pin holders for the window sills. We have a simple design in mind and we will guide you through the design on the day. If you are new to flower arranging and are interested in learning we are a very friendly group of people and we will 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.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP – This year we are running a study group during Advent. We shall be meeting on 30th Nov, 7th Dec and 14th Dec. The group will meet in rooms 1 & 2 in the Parish Centre. The meetings will start at 7.30pm and refreshments will be available. The Study group will reflect on the seven 'O' Antiphons, which will be sung at our Advent Service on Sunday 3rd December at 6.30pm. Our study will be based on seven paintings in Jane Williams' book "The Art of Advent". Jane Williams is a well respected theologian and professor of Christian theology at St Mellitus College, London. The evenings will be led by Rev. Peter Das and Sandra Green. You will be welcome at any of the study sessions even if you have other commitments on some weeks. We hope you will be able to join us for this time of reflection and discussion during Advent. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church. Sandra Green

MISSION AREA POSADA - Posada is a Mexican Advent celebration in which two young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travel from house to house to proclaim the imminent arrival of Jesus and request that the newborn baby be given a room. This idea has been adapted so that nativity figures travel from place to place, staying in different homes throughout the Mission Area. Over three weeks, the figures will travel round the parishes of St Mark's (Wk1), St John's Ranmoor (Wk2) and St Marys Walkley (Wk3). You are invited to share hospitality with the people who



bring the figures to you, maybe some food and drink, conversation, carols or prayers. The following day you take or give the figures to the next person on the list. But how you do this is up to you - feel free to improvise! We will collate and post them up in church where we will chart their progress on a map. For more information please contact Hannah Jones at childrensworker@stmarkssheffield.co.uk

CHURCH CLEANING - The next Church clean will be on Monday 18th December at 10am, all help welcome. Please contact Pauline Heath for more information.

NATIVITY 4PM CHRISTMAS EVE - Christmas is fast approaching and the theme of the nativity this year is going to be sheep! There's plenty of opportunity for people of all ages to get involved for a spoken or non spoken part. If you or your child are interested in getting involved, please email rubyjoyhart@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SOCIAL REMINDER - The next Sunday Social will be on the 28th January and the following dates are February 25th and March 24th.

Next Week:

Monday to Saturday:

9am Morning Prayer (on Zoom)

Wednesday

11.30am Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

followed by Wednesday lunch club

5.30pm Evensong

Thursday

8.30pm Organ Recital with Derek Grover

Saturday

7.30pm Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday 10th December

10.30am Parish Communion

4pm Christingle

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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COOKS URGENTLY REQUIRED

We are desperately in need of cooks for our lunch club. Without volunteers we cannot continue to provide the weekly service that we currently do. This is a massive outlet for the people who come weekly and benefit from it. Please get in touch if you are interested in helping. We could team you up with another cook, you will always be supported with the separate rota of helpers who set tables, wait on tables and clean up. Please get in touch if you can.