



Scissors Paper Stone

**A community history project exploring
the origins of St John's Church in Ranmoor:
the people who built it, the community which
founded it and the people it served.**

2029 marks the 150th anniversary of the building of the first church, almost totally destroyed by fire in January 1888. The tower and spire alone survived. Only twenty months later the church you see today was completed.

Over the next five years, the Scissors Paper Stone project will explore the history of St John's, sharing what we find through an events programme.

See overleaf for our 2024 events programme
or visit our website to read the blog.



St John's
Ranmoor
INSPIRE PROJECT

www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk

Scissors Paper Stone Events 2024

Saturday 13 April, 4.30pm

Sheffield's Unsung Hero: John Newton Mappin – Brewer

Talk by Loveday Herridge (Local author, historian and member of Sheffield Visual Arts Group) with real ales and Victorian light music. Tickets £3, u18s and students free.

Saturday 15 June - Sunday 30 June

Sacred Stones Exhibition

Local artist Margaret Bennett's paintings in response to our church architecture. Church open Tuesday – Friday 3-6pm with refreshments at 4pm.

Saturday 15 June

Sacred Stones Opening and Concert

2pm: **The history of the first church** by Mary Grover – a Victorian Society talk. Tickets from victoriansociety.org.uk/south-yorkshire.

4pm - 7pm: **church open** with refreshments.

5.30pm: **Margaret Bennett introduces her exhibition.**

6pm - 7pm: **Concert by the Choirs of St John's** celebrating the builders of our church.

Saturday 29 June, 10am - 4pm

Open Church

Tours of the church, children's workshops and refreshments available.

Saturday 6 July, 4.30pm

The Stones of St John's

Talk by geologist Scott Engering. Tickets £3, u18s and students free.

Saturday 7 September, 4pm - 7.30pm

Heritage Open Day

5.30pm: **The life of Job Stone and other stone masons of Ranmoor:** talk by Val Hewson, local historian and Chair of Reading Sheffield. Free event.

Saturday 5 October, 5.30pm

Frank Tory, the sculptor who carved the ornamental masonry

Talk by Sylvia Dunkley. Exhibits from the Tory archives provided by Bob Hodges and Gina Hodges, great grand-daughter of Frank Tory. Tickets £3, u18s and students free.

Tuesday 19 November, 7.30pm

Who built St John's?

A look at the people behind the church's construction, by Mary Grover to the Ranmoor Society. Members only.