

# ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**DECEMBER 2024**  
**ADVENT SUNDAY**



## **10.30am All Age Communion & Baptism**

*Pop-up Choir, Juniors and Adult Choir*

<b>Organ Prelude</b>	Gottes Sohn ist kommen - Johann Walther (1684-1748)
<b>Readings</b>	Jeremiah 33. 14-16 Luke 21. 25-36
<b>Introit</b>	HON 329 Make way
<b>Gradual</b>	HON 98 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
<b>Offertory</b>	HON 169 God is love
<b>Recessional</b>	HON 317 Lord, the light of your love
<b>Anthem</b>	Jesus Christ the Apple Tree arr. - Alan Bullard
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	Gott hat des Evangelium - J.G. Walther

## **6.30pm Advent Procession**

*Choristers and Adult Choir*

*Music to include:*

<b>Organ Prelude</b>	Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen - Johannes Brahms
<b>Hymns</b>	O Come, O Come Emmanuel Hills of the North Rejoice Hark! A herald voice is calling Lo! He comes with clouds descending
<b>Music to Include</b>	Vigilate - William Byrd A Song of Peace - C V Stanford O Oriens - Cecilia McDowall
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	Ricercar on "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" - George Baker

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## PRAYERS

Please remember those whose  
anniversaries fall at this time:  
*Prof John Smith, Douglas Keen*



## NOTICES

**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](http://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.



**Speak up!**

**Worried about a child?  
Worried about an adult?  
Have you seen or heard  
something you are not happy  
with?**

Here at St John's Ranmoor we have lots of people who can help. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Speak up confidentially  
Contact Claire Webber  
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**ST JOHN'S RANMOOR**



**Wednesday  
Lunch Club**

**LUNCH CLUB** - The Wednesday Lunch club meets every Wednesday following the Holy Communion and transport is available. Please let Claire in the office or any of the clergy know if you would like to come along



**ADVENT STUDY GROUP** -This Advent we shall be looking at the Nativity from the perspective of different women who were part of the story. We will be exploring the personal stories of these women - some of whom are clearly named in the bible, whilst others are fictional but someone like them might have existed. We shall be using for our studies Paula Gooder's book 'Women of the Nativity' (ISBN 978-1-78140-460-7). This consists of nine imagined stories all from the

perspective of women. In our three weekly study groups we shall be looking at stories based on the matriarchs and the patriarchs, the prophets and John the Baptist. They take us on a journey through Advent in this time of watching and waiting patiently for the birth of our Saviour this Christmastide. Our weekly study group will take place on Thursday 5th, 12th and 19th December at 2.30pm. We will meet in Room 2 in the Parish Centre. Please bring a bible with you. (It is not essential to have the book). Revd.

Alison Wragg will lead each session. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church if you would like to join this group. **ADVENT QUIET MORNING** - We are again holding an Advent Quiet Morning on Saturday 14th December from 9.30 - 12.30 in church. Tea and coffee will be served at 9.30am and our reflections will commence at 10.00am. There will be four short reflections based on the stories of Mary and Shiphrah from 'Women of the Nativity' by Paula Gooder. Each reflection will be followed by a time of silence when a number of silent activities will be available at different stations in church. The morning will conclude with a silent eucharist. The morning will be led by Alison. We do hope you will make space in the busy build-up to Christmas to join us on the Advent journey and discover afresh the story of Christmas. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church if you would like to participate in our Advent quiet time. Alison Wragg & Sandra Green

**CHURCH FLORAL DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS** -We will be decorating the church on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December** between 9.45am - 12.00am and need lots of arrangers to help us please. We will be continuing to produce eco - friendly arrangements and shall be using potted plants on the window sills this year. We have a simple design in mind and we will guide you through the design on the day. Sandra and Jackie will purchase the plants for the window sills and the flowers for the pedestals from the market.

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](mailto:jackielowe22@btconnect.com) Sandra Green 0114 2309180

[sandra.green70@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**2025**

**SUNDAY SOCIAL 2025** - The Sunday Social Dates for 2025 Are: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE CARDS** - These are in bundles at the back of the church. Please can you take a bundle and deliver to any roads you can. Please tick the road you are delivering to. Thank you so much!

**CLEANING** - Pauline has organised some dates over the next couple of weeks to do a Church Clean. If you are able to come along to help on any of the dates that will be hugely appreciated. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, or Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Pauline will be there from 10am-12noon. Please just turn up. Thank you!



**COFFEE ROTA** - From January we will be starting a new coffee rota. If you can spare a few hours on a Sunday morning to help with coffee we would love to hear from you! The commitment is usually once



every 2 months. We work in pairs and it's a vital part of our Sunday morning service. Please speak to Claire in the office. Thank you!

## NEXT WEEK

**Monday to Saturday**

**9am Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre**

**12.30pm Wednesday Lunch Club**

**5.30pm Choral Evensong**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am Toddler and baby group**

**2-3.30pm Advent Study Group**

**8pm Organ Recital with Peter Heginbotham**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**7.30pm Christmas Extravaganza.** Tickets available from ticketsource

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-church> or from the church office.

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**10.30am Parish Communion**

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### OUR SERVICES & EVENTS DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12 & 19<sup>th</sup> December**

2.30-4pm Advent Study Group  
Ranmoor Parish Centre

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

10.30am All Age Communion with baptism  
6.30pm Advent Procession

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

5.30pm Choral Evensong

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

8pm Christmas Organ Recital  
Peter Heginbotham

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

7.30pm Christmas Extravaganza 

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am for 10am start  
Advent Quiet Morning followed by  
Silent Eucharist at midday


**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am Parish Communion  
2.30pm Messy Church  
4pm Christingle  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

10.30am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

4pm Nativity   
11.30pm Midnight Mass

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Day**

10.30am Parish Communion

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am Parish Communion (Said)  
No evening services at St Johns



Where you see **Ticketsource**, please go online and reserve a ticket. Christmas Extravaganza tickets are sold via **Ticketsource** or the Parish Office. If you cannot join us in person don't worry, as all our services listed here will be on Youtube too. (excluding the Christmas extravaganza)

To book through **Ticketsource** visit our **Christmas Services** page on the **St John's Ranmoor Website**

**Throughout December:**

**Monday to Saturday:**  
9am Morning Prayer in Church & on ZOOM

**Wednesdays:**  
11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre  
5.30pm Said Evensong