

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



10.30am Parish Communion

Choristers and Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Offertoire -Hedwig Chretien (1859-1944)*
Readings	Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Romans 10.8b-13 Luke 4.1-13
Introit	HON 145 Forty days and forty nights
Gradual	HON 293 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
Offertory	HON 465 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said
Recessional	HON 372 O Jesus I have promised (tune 3)
Setting	<i>Mass for 4 Voices William Byrd</i>
Anthem	<i>Wash me thoroughly - S S Wesley</i>
Organ Voluntary	Fugue on Two Subjects - Louise Farrenc (1804-1875) *

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Hilf Gott, dass mir gelinge (BWV 624) - J S Bach
Readings	Jonah 3 Luke 18.9-14
Psalm	119, vv.73-88
Hymns	NEH 74 O for a heart to praise my God NEH 294 Just as I am NEH 382 Jesu, grant me this, I pray
Responses	Plainsong
Setting	Fauxbourdons - June Nixon*
Anthem	O Bone et Dulcissime Jesu - Josquin des Prez
Organ Voluntary	Attende Domine - Jeanne Demessieux (1921 - 1968)*

****During March, we are celebrating the works of women composers to mark International Women's day on 8th March.***

CONTACT US



CONTACTING THE OFFICE: Please contact the office on
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PRAYERS



Please remember those who have died:

John Hepworth, Iris Ward

Please remember those whose anniversaries
are around this time:

Henry Dickens, Glennis Williams, Judith Anne Howgate,
Raymond Baker, David Trickett

NOTICES

JOIN OUR ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years we are required to create a completely new Electoral Roll. 2025 is that year! Even if you are on the current roll, you will need to apply again as no names are carried forward. To complete an online form click [here](#), or pick up a form from the back of church. Thank you!

FORMS TO BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 7th APRIL

SAVE OUR SPIRE (SOS) INSPIRE APPEAL - Last weekend we launched our Inspire appeal! Brilliant news from Matthew that the Sheffield Church Burgesses have generously granted us £100,000! We heard about the need to make our beautiful church welcoming for all our community. The spire needs work to keep it safe and we need more toilets, accessibility and a servery for church and other events. And to improve the heating!!! We aim to raise £1million from grants and local fundraising. Thank you to everyone who came and the choir for singing beautifully...we are so grateful to our church and wider community for support. There are fundraising envelopes at the back of Church. Thank you! **Make a donation [here](#)**



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INSPIRE PROJECT

INSPIRE SUBSCRIPTION - We are inviting you to renew your subscription to **Inspire Magazine** for another year until end of Jan 2026.

We are giving people the option to either 1) subscribe on email to Inspire magazine (£10 per annum); 2) subscribe to receive a hard copy delivered (Suggested £15 per annum) or 3) receive by post a hard copy £24 (10 copies posted royal mail). There is a link here to make your preference for subscription renewal.

<https://forms.gle/MndQz1MsM9d5bbpa8>

Click here to renew your subscription or complete a yellow form at the back of church (Online is preferred) Thank you!

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.

LUNCH CLUB – Our Lunch Club runs weekly on a Wednesday. We would love to see you so if you would like to come along speak to Claire in the office. Transport can be arranged. For convenience the Holy Communion Service takes place in the Parish Centre at 11.30am before the lunch.

FAIR TRADE – The fair trade stall will be here on Sunday. Cash and card accepted. Lots of nice treats and goods will be for sale.

TOILET TWINNING - Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cake stall last Sunday. It raised over £200 and this will be used to twin our church toilet and create a small pond in the Centre garden.

SUNDAY SOCIAL 2025 – The Sunday Social Dates for 2025 are: Sunday 23rd March (Not the 30th March as stated in Inspire), Sunday 27th April; Sunday 25th May and Sunday 22nd June.

AGEING SUPPORT GROUP PROPOSAL: some of you may have attended the Ageing Seminar held last September 2024. The feedback received was very positive and some of those who attended said they found it very helpful to share their experiences of ageing with others in the same position. I am proposing to set up an Ageing Support Group after Easter which aims to offer parishioners a regular opportunity to meet up with others to share their experiences, be it concerning emotional or practical issues or any other matters. We can also refer to books that address the issues of ageing from a spiritual perspective. I would act as facilitator of the Group and retired Canon Julian Sullivan has kindly agreed to join us in our discussions and would lead us in reflection and prayer at the end of the session. The time of the meeting and the frequency will need to be agreed. At this stage, please let me know if you would be interested in joining an Ageing Support Group by signing the sheet at the back of Church or by contacting Claire, the Administrator, on 0114 230 1199 or email administrator@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk Many thanks Krys Chandler

LENT COURSE – This Lent we will be reflecting on how God travels with us in our Lenten journey through the Sacraments. Our sessions will be led from the recently published York Courses on ***The Sacraments: Responding to God's Loving Invitation by Jane Williams (2024)***. We are offering two sessions (Tuesdays & Thursdays) for five weeks beginning on the 11 March. Please sign-up here below if you'd like to explore more about the sacraments and how they make God's love tangible to us through our participation in the common life of the Church. There is an option to purchase the Lent course book with us and we'd appreciate if you'd let your preference known by ticking on the relevant section on this sign-up sheet.

CHURCH CLEANING – Many Thanks to all who have helped with the cleaning this week. We were able to access a super vacuum which has taken 40 years of dust from the grills at the side of the pews and hopefully we will feel the heat coming through now! In total we have cleaned for **36 hours** this week.

BOARD GAMES CAFE – Due to the success of the first Board Games Café, we are pleased to add in another 2 dates. They will take place in the Parish Centre at 2-5pm on the **16th March and 18th May**.

CHRISTIAN AID- Christian Aid Week this year will run from Sunday, May 11th to Saturday May 17th. In preparation for this there will be a Christian Aid Changemakers Watch Party on March 8th at St Gabriel's Church, Dobbin Hill, 10 30am until 13-45pm. The morning starts with coffee at 10am and finishes with a light lunch. We will be focusing on the incredible difference Christian Aid has made around the world. The programme will include input from our CA partners from Guatemala (The focus for 2025) and updates on our humanitarian and campaign work. This event is very inspiring and we invite anyone who is interested in the work of Christian Aid to come along. For more information speak to Janet or Malcolm Anker.



SOUND SYSTEM - We are currently refreshing our sound system and are grateful for your patience!

The next Burngreave Foodbank Dates are: Wednesday 19th March, 2nd and 16th April. Collections can be brought to any Church service, to the office during opening hours or to the Church drive on collection day between 10am and 12.30pm



SCISSORS PAPER STONE LATEST BLOG – Blog 18 - Ranmoor's Lost Church (Part Two) This blog continues the story of **St John's Church in Ranmoor**, which was tragically destroyed by fire on **2nd January 1887**. Originally gifted by John Newton Mappin in 1879, the church was renowned for its elegant furnishings and was known as the **"Church of the Wealthy."**

Read the full blog on our website or at the back of Church.

Tickets are on sale now for our next event:

Scissor Makers, Bookmakers and Home Makers. Buy [here](#) or from the office.

NEXT WEEK

Monday to Saturday

9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 12th

11.30pm Holy Communion
in the Parish Centre

12.30pm Wednesday Lunches

5.30pm Evensong

Thursday 13th March

Toddler and Baby Group

Sunday 16th March

10.30am Parish Communion

2-5pm Board Games Café in the Parish Centre

6.30pm Choral Evensong