ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30am Parish Communion

Choristers and Junior Choir

Organ Prelude	Moderato - Gustav Merkel (1827-85)
Readings	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18
	Philippians 3.17-4.1
	Luke 13.31-35
Introit	HON 478 The God of Abraham praise
Gradual	HON 128 Fight the good fight
Offertory	HON 15 All my hope
Recessional	HON 501 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Setting	Messe brève - Léo Delibes
Anthem	He came singing love - Colin Gibson
Organ Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue in G minor - Gustav Merkel

2-5pm Board Games Café

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Canzona in D minor BWV588 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)
Readings	Jeremiah 22.1-9,13-17
	Luke 14.27-33
Psalm	135
Hymns	NEH 434 Oft in danger, oft in woe
	NEH 64 Be thou my guardian
	NEH 76 Take up thy cross
Responses	Plainsong
Setting	Crux Fidelis - Sarah MacDonald*
Anthem	Fauxbourdons - Healey WIllan
Organ Voluntary	Fantasia in C minor BWV 562 - J.S. Bach

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



CONTACTING THE OFFICE: Please contact the office on 0114 230 1199 <u>administrator@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk</u> www.stjohnranmoor.org.uk

PRAYERS

Please remember those who have died:

Iris Ward

Please remember those whose anniversaries are around this time: John Anthony Boddy, Tom Pollak, Margot Stanley, Beth Lomax, Brian Dwyer, Robert Priestley

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 <u>here</u>, or pick up a form from the back of church. Thank you! FORMS TO BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 7th APRIL

<u>SAVE OUR SPIRE (SOS) INSPIRE APPEAL –</u> 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

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.

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<u>Click here to renew your subscription</u> 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.

<u>LUNCH CLUB</u> – 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.

<u>SUNDAY</u> 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 the Administrator. 0114 230 1199 email Claire. on or administrator@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk Many thanks Krys Chandler

<u>LENT COURSE</u> – 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 <u>two sessions</u> (Tuesdays & Thursdays) for five weeks beginning on the <u>11 March</u>. Please sign up in church or via the office.

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**.

<u>CHRISTIAN AID CONCERT</u> – As part of Christian Aid week we will be holding our popular Christian Aid concert on 16th May. We're looking for a broad range of performances so if you have a talent that you'd be willing to share to help us raise money for Christian Aid, then please contact Sarah via <u>sarahehbeardsmore@gmail.com</u>.

SUMMER FAIR -
Church Summer Fair - Sunday 6th July!
Join us for our Church Summer Fair on Sunday, 6th July, immediately after the morning service! This funfilled event is in support of our Spire Appeal, and there will be something for everyone—stalls, entertainment, and more! **Want a Stall?** Contact Claire in the office to book your space. **Characteria Know an Entertainer?** Let us know if someone would like to perform on our entertainment stage! **Can You Help?** This is a team effort, and we'd love your support in making the fair a success! Let's come together for a fantastic day of fun and fundraising. **Please save the date!!!**

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:

<u>LATEST BLOG –</u> Blog 18 - Ranmoor's Lost Church (Part Two) This blog continues the story of **St John's Church in Ranmoor**.

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 <u>here</u> or from the office.

If you can help with refreshments for this event or any SPS event please sign up at the back of church. Thank you!!!

SAVE THE DATE:

25th April – Sheffield Gangs Talk 7.30pm Tickets on sale next week
 8th May – VE DAY 80th Anniversary. Afternoon Tea. Tickets on sale next week
 23rd May – Scenic Britain by rail. 7.30pm Tickets on sale next week
 6th July – St John's Summer Fair

NEXT WEEK

Monday to Saturday 9am Morning Prayer Monday 17th March 11.30am Baptism Wednesday 19th March 10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection **11.30pm** Holy Communion in the Parish Centre **12.30pm** Wednesday Lunches **5.30pm** Choral Evensong Thursday 20th March Toddler and Baby Group 8pm Organ Recital Saturday 22nd March **Scissors Paper Stone** 2pm open Church, 5.30pm Talk Sunday 23rd March 10.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Choral Evensong