

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025 ADVENT SUNDAY



10.30am Parish Communion

Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Christus, der ist mein leben - Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Readings	Isaiah 2.1-5 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.36-44
Introit	HON 196 Hark! A herald voice is calling
Gradual	HON 489 The Lord will come and not be slow
Offertory	HON 315 Lord of our life, and God of our salvation
Recessional	HON 529 Wake, O wake with tidings thrilling
Setting	Missa Brevis Lennox Berkeley
Anthem	Ad te, Domine Alessandro Scarlatti
Organ Voluntary	Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn - Johann Pachelbel

6.30pm Advent Procession

Choristers and Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Nun komm der Heiden Heiland - BWV 659 - J S Bach (1695-1750)
Hymns	O Come, O Come Emmanuel Hills of the North Rejoice Hark! A herald voice is calling Lo! He comes with clouds descending
Music to include	Vox Dicentis Edward Naylor Rorate caeli Francisco Guerrero O Emmanuel Ēriks Ešenvalds
Organ Voluntary	Nun komm der Heiden Heiland - BWV 661 - J S Bach



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PRAYERS



Please pray for those who are sick:

Beryl H, Emma, Lizzie,

Please pray for those who have died:

David Gill, Trevor Page

Please remember those whose anniversaries are around this time:

Peter Smith, Jose Fletcher, Douglas Keen

NOTICES

SAVE OUR SPIRE

Our beloved church is at the heart of Ranmoor, and we need your help to keep it safe, welcoming, and comfortable for everyone. The spire urgently needs repair, and we are planning improvements including more toilets, better accessibility, a new servery for events, and upgraded heating. Our goal is to raise **£1 million** through grants and local fundraising—fundraising envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for helping us preserve this special place for generations to come! **Donate [here](#)**



GIVING TO ST JOHN'S- We have a variety of ways set up that you can give to St Johns. We have 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS- DELIVERY TO RANMOOR PARISH -Please help us by delivering Christmas Service time cards to the homes and businesses on your local streets. The cards are at the back of church and are bundled in packs of 50. To avoid duplicate deliveries, please sign the street list which you will be delivering to. Thank you so much.

NATIVITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - We're putting together our church Nativity for Christmas Eve at 4pm, and we'd love your help bringing the story to life! There's very little speaking involved, as the service will be narrated—we simply need willing hearts to fill a few key roles. If you or your family would like to take part, please get in touch with Matthew. Thank you for helping make this a special celebration!



TREVOR PAGE RIP – The funeral of Trevor page will take place in Church on Monday 1st December at noon followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY – Will take place on Tuesday 2nd December, 7.30pm at the vicarage. We meet fortnightly and will be reflecting on the previous Sundays readings. We will end with a short service of Compline.

CHURCH FLORAL DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS 2025 We will be decorating the church window sills on **Friday 19th December** between 9.45am – 12.00am and the porch, pedestals, welcome arrangement and font on **Tuesday 23rd December** between 9.45-12.00 am. We will need lots of arrangers to help us on both dates please. Sandra and Jackie will provide more details about the designs nearer the time but we will be

continuing to produce eco - friendly arrangements. 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.

WE HAVE LAUNCHED OUR TIME AND TALENTS APPEAL Please have a look at the display at the back of church and take some time to consider and time or talent you can share with us. By offering your time and talents, you are helping!! Our Church needs you. Your gifts can bless others. Your involvement will make us stronger. Thank you!



SAVE OUR SPIRE CURRENCY COLLECTION Help us Save Our Spire by joining in with our currency collection. Bring your leftover currency from your summer holidays to church and donate it to our appeal to help to preserve St John's Church for generations to come.

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 if you live locally.

THEATRE TRIP TO THE CRUCIBLE - Gillian Stanley has booked 20 "Fantastic" seats at The Crucible Theatre to see *A Christmas Carol* on **Saturday 10th January 2026 at 2pm**. Payment (cash preferred £43.20) is due by **1st December 2025**. To book your place, please contact Gillian on **07557 052858** or gillianstanley@hotmail.com, or sign up at the back of church.



The next Foodbank Dates are:
10th and 17th December . 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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 6th December** – Christmas Extravaganza (Tickets on sale now and are almost sold out)
- 10th January** – Theatre Trip to see *A Christmas Carol* (sign up in church/office)
- 8th January** 8pm Organ Recital – Tim Selman (Lincoln Cathedral)
- 25th January** – The Sunday Social

NEXT WEEK

Monday to Friday

9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 3rd December

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Choristers, Bairstow in E flat Responses *Plainsong*
How Beautiful are the feet G F Handel Psalm 76, 77

Thursday 4th December

8pm Christmas Organ Recital

Peter Shepherd (Chesterfield Parish Church)

Saturday 6th December

7pm Christmas Extravaganza

To book via [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk), visit

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-church

Sunday 7th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

10.30am All Age Service

6.30pm BCP Communion

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CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA



SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 7.00PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FESTIVE MUSIC WITH: AUDIENCE
CAROLS THE CHOIR OF ST JOHN'S STANNINGTON BRASS BAND

Tickets £15

Early-bird tickets £12.50

Students & Under 18s £5

Tickets available from:

www.ticketsource.co.uk
or the Parish Office



Nativity Set Festival



SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

10AM-4PM

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The Church will be Full of festive
cheer & decorated with Nativity
Sets. Each one with a story to tell!



- Nativity Dressing up
- Festive photos
- Christmas Crafts
- Nativity egg box
- Carol singing at 3pm
- Refreshments
- Lots of festive fun
- All Proceeds to our SOS Appeal