

# ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY**



## **10.30am Parish Communion**

*Choristers and Adult Choir*

<b>Organ Prelude</b>	O Gott, du frommer Gott - Johannes Brahms 1833-97
<b>Readings</b>	The Passion according to Matthew 26.14 - 27.66
<b>Introit</b>	HON 435 Ride on, ride on
<b>After the Passion</b>	HON 540 Were you there when they crucified my Lord
<b>Offertory</b>	HON 346 My song is love unknown (omit v.4)
<b>Recessional</b>	HON 499 There is a green hill far away
<b>Setting</b>	Missa Prima Sexti Toni - Giovanni Croce
<b>Anthem</b>	It is a thing most wonderful - Phillip Moore
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	Herzlich tut mich verlangen - Johannes Brahms

## **6.30pm Choral Evensong**

*Adult Choir*

<b>Organ Prelude</b>	Vorspiel Wilhelm Heuss (1870-1890?)
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 5.1-7 Matthew 21.33-end
<b>Psalm</b>	80
<b>Hymns</b>	NEH 79 The royal banners forward go ( NEH 82 Drop, drop slow tears NEH 90 O sacred head, sore wounded (omit vv 2 and 3)
<b>Responses</b>	Plainsong
<b>Setting</b>	Fauxbourdons - Healy Willan
<b>Anthem</b>	The Lord is Good - Cecilia McDowall*
<b>Organ Voluntary</b>	Chorale Prelude on O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden - Max Gulbins (1862-1932)

**\*DURING MARCH, WE ARE CELEBRATING THE WORKS OF WOMEN COMPOSERS TO MARK INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON 8TH MARCH.**

# PRAYERS



Please pray for those who are sick:

Lizzie

Please pray for those who have died:

Les Middleton

Please remember those whose anniversaries are around this time:

Sally Moran, Harry Gillott, Frank Walshaw, Anthony Dabell,  
Jean Billington, Kathleen Anderson, Enid Constance Gilberthorpe,  
Norman Barnes, Joyce Scott, Tsapman Li

# NOTICES

## SAVE OUR SPIRE

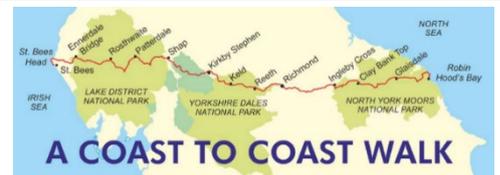
Our beloved church is at the heart of Ranmoor, and we need your help to keep it safe, welcoming, and comfortable for everyone. The spire urgently needs

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](#)

**CHALLENGE FOR SAVE OUR SPIRE** -On the **6th April**, Matthew will be taking on the mighty **Coast to Coast path** to raise **£5,000** for the **Save Our Spire (SOS)** project. This famous route, designed by **Alfred Wainwright**, is **192 miles long**—almost as many miles as the spire is tall in feet—and will take Matthew **13 days** to complete.



### How can you help?

- Sponsor Matthew on [JustGiving page](#); Sponsor using the form at the back of Church or in the Church office **or use the QR:**
- Join one of his **training walks**
  - **Saturday 28th March** (Sign up and more details at the back of church)



Take part in your **own sponsored walk** with family and friends to help fundraise for SOS. Thank you for your support!

**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](http://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.

**LUNCH CLUB TRANSPORT CHAPERONES** - We are looking for



volunteers to join our rota to help assist with the Wednesday lunch club bus. This role does not require driving. It would suit someone who is able to get on and off the bus and assist the driver in supporting passengers. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Claire in the office.



**NEW SCHOOL DROP-IN STARTING AFTER EASTER** - After Easter, Sarah Beardsmore and Claire Eaton will be starting a **new School Drop-In for secondary school young people**. Our first session will take place on **Monday 13th April**. The drop-in will offer a **hot drink and a biscuit to young people on their way home from school**, as well as a friendly space where they can pause for a few minutes and chat about their day if they would like to. We hope it will be a simple way of offering welcome, kindness and a listening ear to young people in our community. If you would like to support this new outreach, we would be very grateful for **donations from the congregation** of: Tea, Coffee, Juice, Individually wrapped biscuits (including **Free From** and **vegan** biscuits); Donations can be left at church. Thank you for helping us create a warm and welcoming space for local young people.

**APCM & ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING -** The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and Annual Church Meeting will take place on **Sunday 26th April at 12:00 noon**. There are currently vacancies for **PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives**. If you are interested in serving, please speak to Matthew for more information. Application forms are available at the back of the church.

**CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** - The electoral roll will be published before the APCM. If you would like to join the roll, please complete a form available at the back of the church. *(Please note: this is for new members only, as the roll was fully revised last year.)*

**FLORAL DECORATIONS IN CHURCH FOR EASTER -** We are decorating the church for Easter on Sat 4th April at 9.45am and would be grateful if anyone is able to help us. We intend to use baskets of spring flowers of your choice on the windowsills. You could either prepare this at home and bring it to church or arrange it in church on the Saturday morning. Please note we use eco-friendly materials (jam jars, pin holders and chicken wire) to comply with our Silver Eco-Church status. We would welcome members of the congregation who have not previously been involved in arranging flowers in church to join us. No previous experience is necessary as we are happy to provide help and advice. If you would like to help or find out more, please get in touch with Sandra Green **EASTER LILIES**-If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of a lily in memory of someone who has died, this will be incorporated in one of the flower arrangements in church on Easter Sunday. We will also be placing a list of the people to be remembered at the back of church. A suggested donation is £2.50. (It would be helpful if you could put the money for lilies in an envelope with your name and the names of those you wish to be remembered on the front.) Please contact Sandra Green 0114 2309180, [sandra.green70@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.green70@gmail.com) Thank you.

**MISSION AREA WEEKEND IN 2026** -St John's, St Mark's and St Mary's will be spending time together sharing food, fun, study and worship with activities suitable for all ages between 10 - 12 July 2026.

**SUNDAY SOCIAL** - The dates for the Sunday social are: **26<sup>th</sup> April, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> June**. All are welcome, please have a word with Janet Anker or Wendy Weeks for more

information. Several of our Sunday Social group are jigsaw enthusiasts and love nothing more than doing a jigsaw together after their lunch on our Sunday Social Sundays. They have now done all the 250-300 piece jigsaws that we possess so, on their behalf, I am appealing to you to search your cupboards, chests and attics to search for any of these items that you might be prepared to give us. You could even visit your local charity shop but please we only need adult jigsaws and less than 300 pieces so they can be completed as an afternoon entertainment before our guests go home . If your searches are successful please either leave them in church, give them to Claire in the office or hand them to me---Wendy Weeks.

**CONFIRMATION AT ST JOHN'S 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 10.30AM** - Bishop Leah, the Bishop of Doncaster, confirming candidates at our morning service on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Confirmation is when we confirm the promises made at our baptism and is open to people from Year 6 up. Preparation will take place after Easter and anyone is welcome to try it out without having to commit to being confirmed in advance. If this is something you might be interested in, please speak to Matthew or Alison.



The next Foodbank Dates are: **1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at noon** - APCM and Annual General Meeting

**13<sup>th</sup> June** - Bishops Garden Party

**4<sup>th</sup> July** - **Summer Gala Concert** (St John's choirs)

**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July** - 3 Spires mission weekend

## NEXT WEEK

**Monday to Friday**

9am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 31st March**

8pm Compline for Holy Week

**Wednesday 1st April**

10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive

11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre

12.30pm Wednesday Lunch Club

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 2nd April**

7.30pm Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion with washing of feet

**Friday 3rd April**

12noon - Three Hour Liturgy

(Choir sings from 1.30pm)

**Saturday 4th April**

8.30pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday 5th April -Easter Sunday**

10.30am Holy Communion with Baptism

no evening service