

# ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



**Confirmation at St John's Ranmoor**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 10.30am**

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**Hymn: Will you come and follow me?**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown?

Will you let my name be known?

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind

if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind

and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

Should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see

if I but call your name?

Will you set the pris'ners free

and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean

And do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide

if I but call your name?

Will you quell that fear inside

and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

To reshape the world around

Through my sight and touch and sound

in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me

### **The Greeting**

*The bishop greets the people*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

**There is one hope to which we were called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

**and also with you.**

### **The Collect**

**Reading Romans 8.1-11**

*at the end:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: The Spirit lives to set us free**

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
He binds us all in unity,  
Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
The dead were wakened by his call,  
Walk, walk in the light.

He died in pain on Calvary,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
To save the lost like you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light.

We know his death was not the end,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
Walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
His light will shine for all to see,  
Walk, walk in the light.

### **Gospel Reading Matthew 13.1-9,18-23**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Liturgy of Initiation**

*The bishop asks the candidates*

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

**I have.**

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

**I am.**

*The bishop addresses the whole congregation*

People of God, will you welcome *these candidates* and uphold *them* in *their* life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

**The Decision**

*A large candle is lit. The bishop addresses all the candidates*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

*The bishop says*

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ  
give you strength to continue in the Way.

**Amen.**

### **Profession of Faith**

*The ministers and candidates for confirmation gather at the baptismal font as  
the organ is played.*

*The bishop addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess  
together with *these candidates*  
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The candidates may come forward to the font and sign themselves with water, or  
the bishop may sprinkle them.*

*The bishop says*

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized into your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The bishop and the candidates gather at the place of confirmation.*

## **Confirmation**

*The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says*

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

*The bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed and says*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The bishop addresses each candidate by name*

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

*She then lays her hand on the head of each, saying*

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid*

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,**

and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

## **Commission**

*The bishop may use this Commission*

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Response:*

Your name be hallowed.

Your kingdom come.

**The Diocesan Prayer:**

**Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.  
Renew us as we make your love known;  
Release us to share freely together in mission;  
and Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.  
Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,  
that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit.  
we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Peace**

*The bishop introduces the Peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

*A minister may say*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Hymn: Amazing grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the  
sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart  
to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and  
snares

I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus  
far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to  
me,  
his word my hope secures;

he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there a  
thousand years  
bright shining as the sun  
we've no less days to sing Gods  
praise  
than when we first begun

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Bishop praises God and the choir responds:*

**Choir**      Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
                  God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Bishop recalls the Last Supper*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer concludes:*

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We sit or kneel*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **Choir: Agnus Dei**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

**Choir Anthems:**

**'If ye love me' by Philip Wilby**

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you for ever:  
Even the spirit of truth.  
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you,  
And shall be in you.  
I will not leave you comfortless.  
I will come to you.  
- *John 14 vv.15-18*

**'View me, Lord' by Richard Lloyd**

View me, Lord, a work of Thine:  
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?  
Might Thy grace in me but shine,  
I should seem made all of light.

To Thy mercies fast I fly;  
Though I am but clay and dust,  
Yet Thy grace can lift me high.  
Amen.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel  
At Thine altar pure and white:  
They that once Thy mercies feel,  
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade  
When the heav'nly light appears,  
But the cov'nants Thou hast made,  
Endless, know nor days nor years.

In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust,

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **Notices and Banns**

### **Hymn O Jesus I have promised**

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end;  
be Thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if Thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

2 O let me feel Thee near me,  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear Thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;

O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control!  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul!

4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
to all who follow Thee  
that where Thou art in glory  
there shall Thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend!

### **Giving of a Lighted Candle**

*The bishop or another person gives each of the newly confirmed a lighted candle. When all have received a candle, the bishop says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

### **The Blessing**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**