

# ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



## SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 10.30am Parish Communion

Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Conditor alme siderum Rebecca Groome Tevelde (b 1956)
Readings	Isaiah 35.1-10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11
Introit	HON 198 Hark the glad sound
Gradual	HON 334 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Offertory	HON 193 Hail to the Lord's annointed
Recessional	HON 362 O for a thousand tongues to sing
Setting	Missa Dominicalis T L de Victoria
Anthem	Cum Audisset Joannes Manuel Cardoso
Organ Voluntary	Toccata on Ave Maris Stella Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

4pm



The  
Children's  
Society

### 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Fancy in C fa ut - Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
Readings	Isaiah 5.8-end Acts 13.13-41
Psalm	12,14
Hymns	NEH 14 The advent of our God NEH 366 God of mercy, God of grace NEH 365 God moves in a mysterious way
Reponses	Plainsong
Setting	Magnificat Octavi Toni Orlando di Lasso Nunc Dimittis Josquin des Prez
Anthem	Audivi Vocem Thomas Tallis
Organ Voluntary	Fancy in A re - Orlando Gibbons

## PRAYERS



Please pray for those who are sick:

Beryl H, Emma, Lizzie,

Please remember those whose anniversaries are around this time:

Margaret Elizabeth Walker, Audrey Hawkins, Alex Holt,  
 Stella Spencer, Eric Michael Bird

## 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](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.

**NINE LESSONS – MINCED PIES –** We are appealing for minced pies for the nine lessons and carols service. If you are able to donate any please drop them to the coffee area in Church or drop them into the office. Thank you so much!



**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](mailto:jackielowe22@btconnect.com)) Sandra Green (0114 2309180, [sandra.green70@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**THANK YOU FROM BURNGREAVE FOOD BANK** – A huge thank you from the Burngreave Foodbank for your kind Christmas donations. A formal thank you will be received from them soon which we will share with you, but the amount of Christmas goodies donated was fabulous!! Remember the next donations are 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD** – Instead of sending individual Christmas cards, we invite everyone to use the Display Board at the back of the church. Please write a Christmas message on a bauble and place it on the Christmas tree.

Donations are welcome in support of [Phoenix Futures Family House](#)

**MISSION AREA WEEKEND IN 2026** – Following a successful gathering in 2024, we are delighted that St John's, St Mark's and St Mary's will be uniting to spend time together sharing food, fun, study and worship with activities suitable for all ages between 10 - 12 July 2026. Bishop Leah Vasey-Saunders has agreed to join the Mission Area for the day at St Mark's on Saturday 11 July and will confirm candidates from the Mission Area on the morning of 12 July at a service at St John's. Do save the weekend in your diaries. A planning group from across the 3 churches will convene in the New Year.

**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** Thank you to everyone who donated to our currency collection. This has now come to an end. We will keep you posted how much this has raised soon.

**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.



The next Foodbank Dates are:  
**17<sup>th</sup> December and 7<sup>th</sup> January.** 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

**10<sup>th</sup> January** – Theatre Trip to see *A Christmas Carol*

**8<sup>th</sup> January** 8pm Organ Recital – Tim Selman (Lincoln Cathedral)

**25<sup>th</sup> January** – The Sunday Social

**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**

**Wednesday 17th December**



11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre  
10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive  
12.30pm Wednesday Lunch Club  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 18th December

10am Toddler and Baby Group

## Sunday 21st December 4th Sunday of Advent


10.30am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols



# NATIVITY

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
4pm

Book your place  
at our Nativity  
using the QR  
Code here:



In Church and on YouTube  
[www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk)  
0114 230 1199

### OUR SERVICES & EVENTS DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Advent Procession


#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

5.30pm Choral Evensong

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

8pm Christmas Organ Recital  
*Peter Shepherd (Chesterfield Parish Church)*

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

7pm Christmas Extravaganza 

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am All Age Service  
6.30pm BCP Communion

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

10am - 4pm Nativity Set Festival  
*Incl. Crafts, Carol singing and Christmas fun.*

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Parish Communion  
4pm Christingle  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

10.30am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

4pm Nativity   
11.30pm Midnight Mass

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day

10.30am Parish Communion

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Parish Communion (Said)  
No evening services at St Johns



#### How to Book Your Tickets

For events with **TicketSource**, you must reserve / book your tickets. 🎄 **Christmas**

**Extravaganza** tickets are available via **TicketSource** or directly from the Church Office.

🎄 **Nativity (24<sup>th</sup>)** Tickets must be reserved through

**TicketSource**.

To book via TicketSource, visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-church](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-church) or use the QR code here:



Many of our services will be streamed on **YouTube**. Check our website for details.

#### Throughout December:

##### Monday to Saturday:

9am Morning Prayer in Church & on ZOOM

##### Wednesdays:

11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre 5.30pm Said Evensong (excl. 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>)