

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2026
2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



10.30am Parish Communion

Choristers and Adult Choir

Welcome to our engaged couples who are here today for marriage preparation.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their weddings later this year.

Organ Prelude	Moderato - Niels Gade (1817-90)
Readings	Genesis 1.1-2.3 Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-34
Introit	HON 9 All creatures of our God and King (v 1-4,7)
Gradual	HON 514 Thou whose almighty word
Offertory	HON 393 O worship the King
Recessional	HON 242 Immortal, invisible
Setting	Coventry Gloria Peter Jones Darke in E
Anthem	My Soul, there is a country Hubert Parry
Organ Voluntary	Fantasia on Lobet den Herrn - Niels Gade

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Psalm Prelude Set 1 No.2 - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
Readings	Proverbs 8.1,22-31 Revelation 4
Psalm	148
Hymns	NEH 427 O praise ye the Lord NEH 452 Stand up and bless the Lord NEH 248 O strength and stay
Responses	Byrd
Setting	The Gloucester Service Herbert Howells
Anthem	A New Song James MacMillan
Organ Voluntary	Psalm Prelude Set 1 No.1 - Herbert Howells

PRAYERS



Please pray for those who are sick:

Beryl H, Joe H, Lizzie,

Please pray for those who have died:

Christine Suzanne Franklin, Jean Alice Evans

Please remember those whose anniversaries are around this time:

John Harry Bridgwater, Eric Gregory

NOTICES

INSPIRE SUBSCRIPTION – We invite you to renew your Inspire Magazine subscription for another year (until the end of January 2027).

Subscription options: Email edition – £10 per annum; Hard copy (delivered) – Suggested £15 per annum; Bulk hard copies by post – £24 per annum; (10 copies sent by Royal Mail); Please renew online using the link below (preferred):

<https://forms.gle/MndQz1MsM9d5bbpa8>

Alternatively, you can complete a peach form at the back of church.

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?**



A COAST TO COAST WALK

- Visit Matthew's [JustGiving page](#) to sponsor him (*details coming soon*)
- Sponsor Matthew using the sponsor form at the back of Church or in the Church office
- Join one of his **training walks** (approximately 8–10 miles):
 - **Saturday 21st February**
 - **Saturday 28th March**
(Sign up 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!

CHURCH WARDEN**COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO SERVE AS A CHURCHWARDEN?**

As Pauline and Mark prepare to step down after their fantastic service, we are looking for two new Churchwardens. Please pray about this opportunity and speak to Matthew if you're interested or would like to know more

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.

FAIR TRADE - there will be a **fair trade** shop in church on Sunday 8th February. Cash or card accepted.

PALM CROSSES -As we approach Ash Wednesday, we invite you to return last year's palm crosses so they can be prepared for use in this meaningful season.

Please bring them back to church over the next couple of weeks. Thank you for helping us mark the start of Lent together

MISSION AREA WEEKEND IN 2026 -We are delighted that 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. Bishop Leah Vasey-Saunders is joining 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.

CLEANING IN CHURCH - Pauline has scheduled some dates for Church cleaning. If you are able to help please just turn up. **Monday 2nd March, Tuesday 3rd March, Thursday 5th March 10-12noon** each day. Thank you in advance.

LENT GROUP- TUESDAYS OR WEDNESDAYS AT THE VICARAGE - Our Lent Group will meet on **Tuesday or Wednesday evenings**, from 7.30-9.00pm, at the **Vicarage**, beginning on **Tuesday 24th February** and running for five weeks, finishing on **25th March**. Due to popular demand, we have added a **Wednesday evening group**. If you have already signed up and would like to swap evenings, please do so on the **new sign-up sheet at the back of church**. We will be using *Meeting God in John* by **David Ford** as the basis for our discussions. The course is suitable whether you are new to John's Gospel or already familiar with it, and you are very welcome even if you are unable to attend every session. Books will be available from the **church office** (approx. **£9.56**). For further information, please speak to **Matthew, Alison, or Sandra**. A **sign-up sheet is available at the back of church**

TIME AND TALENTS APPEAL. Please have a look at the display at the back of church and take some time to consider any 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!

SUNDAY SOCIAL - The dates for the Sunday social are: **22nd February, 22nd March, 26th April, 31st May, 28th June**. All are welcome, please have a word with Janet Anker or Wendy Weeks for more information.

CONFIRMATION AT ST JOHN'S 12TH JULY AT 10.30AM - Bishop Leah, the Bishop of Doncaster, is coming to confirm candidates at our morning service on 12th 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.

Scissors

Paper

Stone

SCISSOR PAPER STONE 2026 continues St John's community history project, now in its third year, exploring the people, networks and stories that shaped Ranmoor. Building on earlier themes of stone, craft, servants and benefactors, this year's programme focuses on the social networks that connected lives in and beyond the suburb. With talks, exhibitions and children's activities—and a special September revelation about the church's first building- **Scissors Paper Stone 2026** celebrates Ranmoor's rich and often unseen history. Read the latest blog in Church or [online](#)



The next Foodbank Dates are: **18th February and 4th March** 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

14th February - 7.30pm Choral Bangers 5

Free Admission with a collection in aid of the spire appeal.

18th February - Ash Wednesday.

11.30am Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

7.30pm Holy Communion

20th March 7pm Social Evening in the parish centre. "My Extra Life!" with Mike Newbold. Tickets £10 on sale from ticketsource or the Church Office.

13th June - Bishops Garden Party

4th July - Summer Gala Concert (St John's choirs)

10th-12th July - 3 Spires mission weekend

NEXT WEEK

Monday to Friday

9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 11th February

11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre

12.30pm Lunch Club

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 12th February

10am Toddler and Baby Group

Saturday 14th February

7.30pm Choral Bangers 5

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SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY

1st Sunday Before Lent

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong