

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026

LENT 3

10.30am Parish Communion

Choristers and Adult Choir



Organ Prelude	In manus tuas - Jeanne Demessieux * (1921-68)
Readings	Exodus 17.1-7 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42
Introit	HON 516 Through all the changing scenes of life
Gradual	HON 220 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Offertory	HON 231 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Recessional	HON 15 All my hope on God is founded
Setting	Jesu, Lover of my soul Philip Stopford
Anthem	Mass for 4 Voices William Byrd
Organ Voluntary	Attende Domine - Jeanne Demessieux *

12.30pm Baptism

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott - Miriam Carpinetti (1954-) *
Readings	Joshua 1.1-9 Ephesians 6.10-20
Psalm	40
Hymns	NEH 453 Stand up! Stand up for Jesus NEH 83 Glory be to Jesus NEH 73 My God, I love thee; not because
Responses	Plainsong
Setting	Fauxbourdons <i>June Nixon</i> *
Anthem	Great is your Faithfulness <i>Helen Williams</i> *
Organ Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue on o Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid - Ethel Smyth (1858-1944) *

***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, Neil H

Please pray for those who have died:

Lesley Margaret Lomax

Please remember those whose anniversaries are around this time:

Jacqueline Wragg, Maxim Hollingworth, Roger Inman, Iris Ward

Dorfy Casson, Henry Dickens, Glennis Williams,

Judith Howgate, Raymond Baker, David Trickett

NOTICES

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SAVE OUR SPIRE

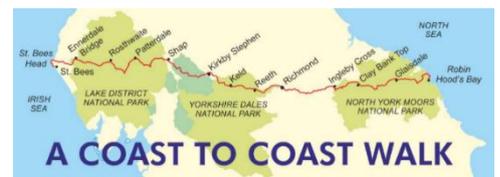
Our beloved church is at the heart of Ranmoor, and we need your help to keep it safe, welcoming, and comfortable for everyone. The spire urgently needs

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.



A COAST TO COAST WALK

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 21st February and 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!

FAIR TRADE – The **fair trade** stall will be in church today (8th March)

Lost Property



LOST PROPERTY– there will be lost property at the back of Church on Sunday. Please have a look and see if anything belongs to you. Anything not claimed will be taken to the charity shop.

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

CHURCH WARDEN

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.*

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 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.

CLEANING IN CHURCH – A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the church spring clean this week. Your time, energy and willingness have made such a difference, and it is truly appreciated. The church is looking brighter and more welcoming thanks to you all! 🌸 ✨

SUNDAY SOCIAL – The dates for the Sunday social are: **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, confirming 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.

TRANSPORT ROTA – We are in need of volunteer drivers to help with Sunday morning services. Please get in touch with Barbara Wozencroft if you can help.



The next Foodbank Dates are: **18th March & 1st 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

Saturday 7th March, 4pm - SPS

Wives, Widows, Spinsters: Women in Victorian Ranmoor

A talk by Val Hewson Tickets £5.

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

Sunday 22nd March – 6.30pm Crucifixus Pro Nobis Kenneth Leighton; Stabat Mater Giovanni Battista Pergolesi. Sung by the Choristers and Adults, accompanied by West Riding Ensemble, as an act of Passiontide devotion

Friday 27th March, 7.30pm- SPS

The medical networks of St John's in the late nineteenth century

A talk by Dr Jenny Stephenson. Tickets £5

Sunday 26th April at noon – APCM and Annual General Meeting

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 March

11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre

12.30pm Lunch Club

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 12th March

10am Toddler and Baby Group

Sunday 15th March

4th Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong