

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026

LENT 4

10.30am Parish Communion

Choristers and Junior Choir

Organ Prelude	Vexilla Regis - Marcel Dupré
Readings	Exodus 2.1-10 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 Luke 2.33-35
Introit	HON 137 For the beauty of the earth
Gradual	HON 269 Jesus, good above all other
Offertory	HON 448 Sing we of the blessed Mother
Recessional	HON 467 Tell out my soul
Setting	Messe brève - Léo Delibes
Anthem	Ave Maria - Simon Lindley
Organ Voluntary	Trumpet Tune - Andrew Carter

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Aus Tiefer Not Schrie ich zu Dir - Max Regar (1873-1916)
Readings	1 Samuel 16.1-13 Ephesians 5.8-14
Psalm	23
Hymns	NEH 76 Take up thy cross NEH 63 All ye who seek a comfort sure NEH 392 Lead, kindly Light
Responses	Plainsong
Setting	The Second Service William Byrd
Anthem	Crux Fidelis Sarah MacDonald*
Organ Voluntary	Herzlich tut mich verlangen - Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

***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, Les Middleton

Please remember those whose anniversaries are around this time:

Tom Pollak, Margot Stanley, Beth Lomax,
Brian Dwyer, Robert Priestley, Kenneth Mckay Smith

NOTICES

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

SAVE OUR SPIRE

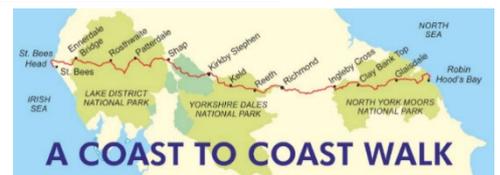
Our beloved church is at the heart of Ranmoor, and we need your help to keep it safe, welcoming, and comfortable for everyone. The spire urgently needs

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?

- 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!



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.



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.



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.*

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.

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.



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

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

Monday 16th March

7.30pm PCC meets in the annexe

Wednesday 18th March

10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive

11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre

12.30pm Wednesday Lunch Club

5.30pm Choral Evensong - First Evensong of St Joseph

Adult Choir; Fauxbourdons Thomas Morley; Responses Plainsong

Nolo mortem Peccatoris Thomas Morley; Psalm 91

Thursday 19th March

10am Toddler and Baby Group

Friday 20th March

Social Event – What is it like to be a TV Extra (SOS Fundraiser)

Tickets £10 from [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or the office

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-church

Sunday 22nd March

5th Sunday of Lent

10.30am Parish Communion

12.30pm Sunday Social

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