

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.30am Parish Communion

Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Tombeau and Aria from Partita by Grayston Ives (b. 1948)
Readings	Acts 2.42-47 1 Peter 2.19-25 John 10.1-10
Introit	HON 282 Jesus, where'er thy people meet
Gradual	HON 484 The King of love
Offertory	HON 117 Faithful shepherd feed me
Recessional	HON 504 Thine for ever, God of love
Setting	Gloria from Mass of Creation - Marty Haugen Missa Octavi Toni - Orlando di Lasso
Anthem	Surrexit Pastor Bonus - Jehan L'Heretier
Organ Voluntary	Marche triomphale 'Nun danket alle Gotte' - Sigfrid karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Noon Annual Church Meeting and APCM

12.30pm Sunday Social

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Choristers and Adult Choir

Organ Prelude	Prelude on 'Franconia'. Eric Thiman (1900-75)
Readings	Ezra 3.1-13 Ephesians 2.11-end
Psalm	29.1-10
Responses	Responses Manning
Hymns	Christ is our corner-stone Let all the world in every corner sing The church's one foundation (omit v.3)
Setting	Dyson in D
Anthem	Blessed be the God and Father S S Wesley
Organ Voluntary	Postlude on 'Regent Square'. Eric Thiman

PRAYERS



Please pray for those who are sick:

Debbie, Lizzie, Neil H,

Please pray for those who have died:

Craig, Steve Dodd

Please remember those whose anniversaries are around this time:

Karl Evans, Jean Butler, Vi Thompson, Alex Dawson,
Joyce Cashman, George Thickett, Joan Birch,
Geoffrey Charles Eyre, Anthony West, Robert Trickett

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](#)** or visit our website to find out more ways to donate. www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk/donate



THANK YOU FROM MATTHEW:

I am so grateful for all your prayers, encouragement and generous sponsorship during my Coast to Coast walk for our Save Our Spire appeal. With Gift Aid, you have helped raise over £15,000, which is quite extraordinary. It truly felt as though I was carrying you with me every step of the 192 miles. I even took a small pink stone from St Bees, reminding me of the pink marble floor of St John's, and threw it into the sea at Robin Hood's Bay at the end – a sign that you were with me throughout.

This journey turned out to be more of an endurance test than I had expected. After developing norovirus straight after Maundy Thursday, I missed Good Friday and Easter Day entirely. During the walk I also battled a chest infection, an eye infection, blisters and a troublesome knee. At times it felt as though my Lenten pilgrimage simply continued the fells and lanes of the north of England. There were moments of real temptation to give up, but I didn't. I walked every mile. Walking long distances alone gave me much time to reflect, and the story of the road to Emmaus stayed with me. I often imagined Jesus walking beside me, sometimes unrecognised but always present. I also felt that I was being carried by you – your prayers, your kindness, and your support. It is often in other people that we encounter Christ most clearly, and coming back to church last week and being among you again was a deeply emotional moment for me. Thank you for walking this journey with me. Your love, prayers and generosity have meant more than I can say, and the funds raised will make a lasting difference to our Save Our Spire appeal. Matthew

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

APCM & ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and Annual Church Meeting will take place on **Sunday 26th April at 12:00 noon**. The Annual Accounts and group reports have been emailed to all those on our electoral roll. Copies are available to pick up at the back of church or from our [website](#)

During **Christian Aid Week**, we have a series of welcoming events at St John's Church and warmly invite everyone to take part, enjoy the fellowship, and help raise vital funds for this important cause.



 **What's happening**

Sunday 10 May – 10:30am

Service in church to mark the beginning of the week.

Friday 15 May – 6:30pm

Gala Concert in church featuring a delightful mix of choral and instrumental music, light-hearted anecdotes, and tempting refreshments afterwards.

Free admission with a retiring collection for Christian Aid. This popular concert showcases the many and varied talents at St John's and is a great way to fundraise together for Christian Aid. If you would like to offer a performance contact Sarah Beardsmore - sarahehbeardsmore@gmail.com.

All week = Raffle tickets on sale, with the draw taking place at the Big Breakfast.

Saturday 16 May – 10:00am–12:30pm

The Big Breakfast on Church Drive (or in church if wet).

Bacon butties, hot drinks, and stalls including plants, books, cakes, preserves, and more. ❤️ **A heartfelt appeal** - This year, Christian Aid faces significant funding challenges due to government cuts, losing a substantial portion of its income at a time when global need is greater than ever. Your presence, participation, and generosity at any of these events will make a real difference. Please come along, bring friends and neighbours, and give as generously as you are able. Together, as a church community, we can offer practical hope and support to those who need it most.

Donations of jams, preserves, books, jigsaws and cakes are all welcome. Home baking welcome on the day - please complete a ingredient slip which can be found at the back of church. Please bring donations to the back of church or the office. Christian Aid envelopes are in their folders ready to collect at the back of Church.

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.

[See the lovely welcome message from Bishop Leah Here on our website.](#)

CONTACT US

CONTACTING THE OFFICE: Please contact the office on 0114 230 1199
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SUNDAY SOCIAL – The dates for the Sunday social are: **26th April, 31st May, 28th June.**

All welcome, please have a word with Janet Anker or Wendy Weeks.

COFFEE ROTA – If you are interested in joining our coffee rota please can you have a word with Claire in the office or Trudie Kelly. Many Thanks

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. please speak to Matthew or Alison for more information.



THE CLOCK IN THE RINGING CHAMBER has been water damaged. If anyone knows of someone who can repair clocks please get in touch with Pauline Heath. Thank you.



The next Foodbank Dates are: **29th April & 13th May** 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

- **3rd May 2-5pm** Board Games Cafe
- **9th May at 7pm** – INSPIRE Concert fundraiser with University of Sheffield Singers Society. Tickets from [ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.com)
 - **10th – 16th May** Christian Aid Week
- **Thursday 21st May** – Scissors Paper Stone – The servants of Ranmoor Talk. [ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.com)
 - **13th June** – Bishops Garden Party
- **4th July – Summer Gala Concert** (St John's choirs)
 - **10th-12th July** – 3 Spires mission weekend
- For tickets to any of our events visit www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-church

NEXT WEEK

Monday to Friday

9am Morning Prayer

Monday 27th April

7.30pm Sanctuary, in the side chapel

Wednesday 29th April

10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive

11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre

12.30pm Lunch Club

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 30th April

10-11.30am Toddler and Baby Group

Sunday 3rd May 2026

10.30am All Age Service

2-5pm Board Games Cafe

6.30pm Holy Communion