



# ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

## SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



10.30pm

## PARISH COMMUNION

*Adult Choir*

|                 |                                                                            |
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| Organ Prelude   | Lumen Christe - Noël Rawsthorne (1929-2019)                                |
| Readings        | Deuteronomy 8.7-18<br>2 Corinthians 9.6-end<br>Luke 12.16-30               |
| Introit         | HON 101 Come ye thankful                                                   |
| Gradual         | HON 137 For the beauty of the earth                                        |
| Offertory       | HON 534 We plough the fields                                               |
| Recessional     | HON 524 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise                               |
| Setting         | Gloria from Mass of Creation Martyr Haugen<br>Missa Brevis Lennox Berkeley |
| Anthem          | Benedicite omnia opera Herbert Sumsion                                     |
| Organ Voluntary | Sortie on Nun Danket - Noël Rawsthorne                                     |

**12.30pm Harvest**

**Bring and Share Lunch & Sunday social in Church**

## 6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

*Choristers and Adult Choir*

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| Organ Prelude   | Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)                                                           |
| Psalms          | 120, 123, 124                                                                                                      |
| Readings        | Ezekiel 37.15-end<br>1 John 2.22-end                                                                               |
| Hymns           | NEH 486 We have a gospel to proclaim<br>NEH 456 Teach me, my God and King<br>NEH 333 All my hope on God is founded |
| Responses       | Clucas                                                                                                             |
| Setting         | The Gloucester Service Herbert Howells                                                                             |
| Anthem          | Evening Hymn - Henry Balfour Gardiner                                                                              |
| Organ Voluntary | Theme and Variations Hendrik Andriessen (1892-1981)                                                                |

# PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Debbie, Pete

Please remember those whose anniversaries are around this time:

Harry Jones, Shirley Mary Todd, Marjorie Dorey, Nigel Saunders



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



**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](https://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

**SUNDAY SOCIAL** – The dates for the Sunday social are **27 September, 25<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> December**. All welcome, please have a word with Janet Anker or Wendy Weeks.

**THEATRE TRIP - SINGIN' IN THE RAIN** – Gillian has booked a festive theatre trip to see Singin' in the Rain, the Crucible's 2026 Christmas musical – an irresistibly charming take on one of the world's best-loved films.



 Wednesday 16 December 2026

 2.00pm  Crucible Theatre  £45 per ticket. Payment is required by 30 October – cash to Gillian, please.

**DEMENTIA MATTERS** - Grace Stead from Enrichment for the Elderly will be running another of her (free) Dementia Stars courses in the parish centre on Fridays September 18<sup>th</sup> (bronze) 25<sup>th</sup> (silver) and October 2<sup>nd</sup> (gold) from 1-3pm. This interactive course is specifically for people who want to understand more about how those with dementia experience the world and thereby help us in our caring relationships with them. To book a place please contact Grace at [gracestead@enrichmentfortheelderly.org](mailto:gracestead@enrichmentfortheelderly.org) or speak to Claire in the office. Wendy Weeks.

**DEREK GROVER 40 YEARS-** There will be a special Evensong on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September** to celebrate Derek Grover's contribution to the musical life of St John's over the last 40 years. The service will be followed by a drinks reception.

**BIBLE STUDY** – The next Bible Study will be at Ranmoor Vicarage, 389a Fulwood Road at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The readings will be Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end and Philippians 2.1-13 and Matthew 21.23-32

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** Our Wednesday Lunch Club has spaces available for new members. We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Centre, following the Holy Communion service. For just £5.50, enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal and good company in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Transport can also be arranged for a small additional charge. Could you help us cook? We are also looking for volunteer cooks to join our friendly team. Please don't worry if you don't already have food safety training – we can provide and pay for the necessary training, and there are various ways you can get involved. If you would like to come along to Lunch Club, or could help with cooking, please speak to Claire in the Parish Office.



**THE NEXT FOODBANK DATES ARE: 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 14<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER. 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

- **11<sup>th</sup> October – Weston Park Coffee Morning** – after the morning service. Bring and buy cake and help support the charity.
  - **17<sup>th</sup> October 5pm – Choral Jukebox**
- For tickets to any of our events visit [www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-church](http://www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-church)

## NEXT WEEK

**Monday to Friday**

**9am Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.30pm Bible Study at the Vicarage**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive**

**11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre**

**12.30pm Wednesday Lunch Club**

**5.30pm Evening Prayer**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**10am Toddler and baby group**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am All Age Service**

**6.30pm BCP Communion**

**CONTACT US**

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**ST JOHN'S CHURCH,  
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**Animal Service**

**Sunday 4th October  
10.30am**

Join us for a very special family-friendly  
All Age Service celebrating all  
God's creatures – great and small!

**Bring your pet along for a blessing**  
Please keep them safely on a lead or in a suitable carrier.

**No pet?**  
Bring a photo of a much-loved pet or even a favourite cuddly animal instead!

**Dress up!**  
Children are very welcome to dress as an animal or come along in their favourite animal onesie!

**Everyone is welcome –**  
with two legs, four legs, feathers or fur!

**Together, we celebrate  
God's wonderful creation.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Pop-up Choir**  
Come along at 9.15am to practice!

**The choir of St John's Ranmoor presents**

**CHORAL JUKEBOX**

**WURLITZER**

**Your donations control what the choir sings!**

Browse the jukebox for classics and crowd-pleasers and buy your favourite pieces on the spot.

Want something off-menu? Bid to get it performed!

Feeling creative? Pay a little extra to dedicate a song, request a solo, join in yourself, or even step up and conduct the choir!

**Saturday October 17th at 5pm | Free admission**  
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