

Mon | 12.45pm Funeral: Una Holt at
15th | Altrincham
Feb

Praise God for the life of Una Holt, and pray for her family and friends to be comforted in their loss.

Tue | 2.00pm Toft Fellowship via Zoom
16th | 7.45pm Service Station via Zoom
Feb

Pray that Christians may demonstrate God's passion for all people to be dealt with fairly, and work to bring justice throughout the world.

Wed | ASH WEDNESDAY
17th
Feb

Praise God for all who are working on Covid vaccines, and pray for the integrity of those who decide how to use them.

Thu | Youth Group Bible Studies via
18th | Zoom
Feb | 6pm Years 6-9
7.45pm Years 10-13

Pray for parents and carers to be encouraged as they try to support their children during lockdown.

Fri
19th
Feb

Praise God for the beauty of the world, and how we can see the wonders of creation in so many different ways.

Sat
20th
Feb

Pray for the victims of exploitation in all parts of the world, especially those who resort to people-smuggling.

Sunday 21st February (Lent 1)

Knutsford 10.15am: Joint YouTube service
and Toft 7.30pm: Youth Zoom meeting
for Years 6-13

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Sunday 14th February 2021 (Sunday before Lent)

The Collect

Lord, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing, send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues; for without love whoever lives is reckoned dead by you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St Johns Knutsford

and

St Johns Toft

Conquerors

Leader: Mel Lacy Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
Psalm 33: 13-22 Hebrews 11: 32-12:3

Our live-streamed service is broadcast at 10.15am on YouTube.

Our URL is

<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

Everyone is invited to the Zoom after-service coffee-time at **11.30**. We also have a family Zoom at **11.15** for families with primary-aged-children. Email the office for the log-in details if you haven't received them.

In the middle of a crisis? Sick? In need? Not sure what to do next? We have friends in Knutsford & Toft you can talk to. Call our Vicar Nigel (01565 632834) or our Associate Vicar Tom (01565 755160 or 01565 631606)

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Days off: Fridays: Helen & Tom; Saturdays: Nigel.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Christianity Explored will start on **Thursday 25th February** at 8pm. It is officially a seven-week course, but we will run up to Easter and work out details for any remaining material nearer the time. It will be online via Zoom, so please email the office for the link. Christianity Explored is an introduction to the Christian faith - open to anyone who is interested, with a short video, a Bible passage, and followed by discussion. No prior knowledge of anything is required! Regular church attenders are very welcome and it's fine to join if you have already completed the course any number of times. No pressure to speak, sing or pray but a perfect opportunity to ask any burning questions.

CHURCH SERVICES

Due to the current situation, it is in everyone's best interests to stop meeting together in church for a temporary period. We are grateful that our services can continue to be live streamed on YouTube. As soon as the situation changes, we will let you know, via this notice sheet, email and the church website.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH SERMONS

Are you a member of SJK or Toft but don't have access to YouTube? We have a facility to offer if you would like to listen to sermons on your phone. You can ring 01565 743743, at any time, for the cost of a local phone call, and listen to the sermons that have been preached since lockdown began. They are added to each week. There are clear instructions at the beginning to tell you what to do. If you would prefer a DVD of the whole service, please contact the office, as we produce them too. They are being distributed to church family and local care homes on request. Thank you to the people who are involved in enabling these initiatives. Sermons are, of course, still available on the church website and as podcasts.

HOPE CENTRAL

At the moment, Hope Central have lower stocks of crisps, tinned veg (but not peas) tinned ham, Spam and toilet rolls. Sweets and chocolate for half term treats would be very welcome too. Food is still the priority, but if you want to add shower gel, shampoo or household/laundry cleaning items these are also much appreciated. Financial contributions are also gratefully received, to enable the development of other support services we plan to offer in the near future. Thank you for your continued generosity.

LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

We regret that Church Hill Café will remain closed until further notice. The church office is open from 9 until 12.30 weekdays, but is operating remotely. Phone calls are being diverted and emails answered normally, so please keep in touch during office hours.

CHURCH FAMILY

Although we are limited in our ability to see each other, please be aware of those people known to you who may be unwell or living alone. A phone call can make all the difference to someone's day.

NORTHWEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

The annual conference can't happen as normal this year, due to Covid. It is being held online during February, and is based on Philippians. Booking is necessary, so look at <https://northwestpartnership.com/events/nwgp-events/app/event/224/title/Annual-Conference> for more details. The conference is for any church member and it is hoped that it will be a great encouragement to many.

UNA HOLT

We are sad to report the death of Una Holt at Tabley House. Her funeral will be at Altrincham Crematorium tomorrow, Monday 15th February, at 12.45pm. As usual, it will be by invitation only, due to Covid restrictions.

WOOD STREET MISSION

Wood Street Mission is currently running a Crisis Service for families in need in Manchester and Salford. They are grateful for any financial donations to help with this vital work. Details can be found on www.woodstreetmission.org.uk We are able to accept donations of Children's clothing suitable for 2 years up to 16 years of age together with baby equipment, and Rachel Sampson has kindly offered to be a collection point for small items, please call the office for arrangement details.

CPAS BOXES

If you have a CPAS box, now is the time for it to be emptied and the money sent to the Church Pastoral Aid Society. Please phone Barbara Livesley (07719 298980 or 01565 653276) to arrange collection. To ensure mutual safety, the plan is for the boxes to be left on Barbara's doorstep when she is in. She will take it inside and leave it for 72 hours before emptying it and forwarding the contents. If you need the box to be collected from your home, Barbara will arrange this with you when you phone her. Thank you!

ABBEYFIELD

Abbeyfield Knutsford provides sheltered accommodation for elderly people at Abbeyfield House, Bexton Road. There is a vacant room there at the moment. If you would like more information please contact Jane Cartmel 01565 652778