

**Mon** | 9.30am Staff Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup>  
Dec

Pray for all struggling with sexual and gender identity, that they may be given wise Biblical counsel in a considerate and compassionate way.

**Tue** | 2.00pm Toft Fellowship  
7<sup>th</sup> | Funeral at Toft: Robert  
Dec | McHarry  
7.30m Toft Zoom  
8.00pm Tatton Singers

Pray for the family and friends of Robert McHarry, that they will know the Lord's comfort in their sad loss.

**Wed** | 9.30am Women's Community Group  
8<sup>th</sup>  
Dec

Pray for godly wisdom for all involved in Covid-related plans, and for increased stamina for all those on the front line.

**Thu** | 10.00am Oasis Nativity  
9th | 18-19.15 Youth Bible Study years 6-9  
Dec | 19.45- Youth Bible Study years 10-13  
21.00  
8.00pm Tatton Singers

Praise God for the increased awareness of mental health issues for children and young people, and pray that the necessary resources may be found to alleviate suffering.

**Fri** | 10.00- Adam Partridge Valuations  
10<sup>th</sup> | 4.00pm  
Dec

Pray for all those suffering oppression, that they may be set free.

**Sat** | 1.00- Tatton Singers Concert  
11<sup>th</sup> | 10.00  
Dec | pm

Praise God for all who work humbly behind the scenes to glorify God in our churches, at home and elsewhere.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 3)

**Knutsford** 8.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Toft** 10.15am Holy Communion

Blessed be the LORD, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God.

### Today's Services

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Advent 2)

Blessed Lord, who caused the holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that through patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

### St John's Knutsford Luke 2: Zechariah's Prophecy

#### 8.30am

Led by Nigel Atkinson

#### 10.15am

Led by John Lee

Isaiah 8: 19 – 9:2(p573)

#### Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

#### Morning Worship

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Luke 1: 67 - 80 (p856)

#### 6.30pm

Led by Tom Hollingsbee

#### Prayers

Speaker: Nigel Atkinson

YouTube link:

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

You can expect the sermons to last about 30 mins, and the service overall about 70-95 mins. Knutsford sermons are available on the web within a few days.

Join us for after-service coffee, on Zoom, at **11.45**. The link is available via email.

### St John's Toft Luke 1: Mary's Magnificat

#### 10.15am

Led by: Helen Eccles

1 Samuel 2: 1-10 (p272)

#### Holy Communion

Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee

Luke 1: 39-56 (p1026)

**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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Toft Twitter @StJohnsToft  
Knutsford Twitter @knutsfordstjohn

**Days off:** Fridays: Helen, Tom, Hannah; Saturdays: Nigel.

## ADVENT PRAYERS

All are warmly welcomed to a time of prayer, every Monday morning from 9-9.30am during Advent, in SJK church.

## RED, AMBER, GREEN WRISTBAND ARRANGEMENTS AT SJK

There is an extra zone: Amber plus: if you want to sing but prefer to wear a mask and be socially distanced, please sit upstairs, and ensure you sit apart by at least 2 metres.

Please could we all continue to respect each other's zones by:

Remaining masked while entering the building until seated;

Allowing those in the red zone to exit the building first;

Refraining from any extended conversations until outside.

## TATTON SINGERS CONCERT

Tickets are available in the church office for the Tatton Singers Christmas Concert on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm for £12 per person.

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

We are now 'up & running' again and following a successful Lunch last month we now invite you all to **A Christmas Coffee Morning** in SJK Church Centre at 10.30am on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Tea/Coffee and festive food will be served and there will be carols, a Christmas quiz, readings and a poem or two for a small charge of £1. SJK Fellowship is open to *everyone*, with a chance to meet together in Fellowship and friendship and to 'catch up' after all the restrictions of the past 18 months or so.

## HOPE CENTRAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The following donations would be much appreciated for the Christmas period: Fruit juice, crisps, Christmas biscuits, mince pies, Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, cordial, tinned potatoes, tinned sweetcorn, tinned pulses, sweets and chocolates, tinned ham, shampoo, bread sauce and cranberry sauce. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## TOFT FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be at Val Brooker's home, The Round House, Legh Rd, WA16 8LP. If you're unable to attend, there will be a repeat meeting at 7.30pm via Zoom, covering the same material, and the link is available from Helen or the church office.

## NORTHWEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE: DELIGHTING IN CHRIST

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 at a different venue this year: The Edge, Wigan. This year's speaker is Ray Ortlund, if you have read any of his books you know it will be good! Further details available and online booking on the NWGP website. Tickets £15 before 19<sup>th</sup> December, after that it's £18. Late bookings, after 18<sup>th</sup> January, are £20. Information leaflets are available in the church centre.

## WOOD STREET MISSION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to those who have donated new toys or contributed financially to the Wood Street Appeal. There are still a few days left to donate brand new toys by leaving them in the Wood Street cupboard in the Church Centre foyer before the final Christmas collection is made by Wood Street on Wednesday 8th December. These contributions help to brighten up Christmas for underprivileged families in Manchester. J McK & CB

## HOPE CENTRAL DEBT CENTRE BEFRIENDERS NEEDED

Increasing numbers of people of all ages and backgrounds are contacting Hope Central for help with debt. We urgently need people who are willing to visit clients with the debt coach Barney. No financial acumen is needed, only a willingness to be a listening ear to a person in need. The time commitment can be minimal, at the moment I visit my new friend Helen for an hour every 2 weeks. I have found CAP a very impressive organisation to work with and like being able to be a part of offering a long-term way out of debt and dependency. If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact me on [elaine.tamkin@me.com](mailto:elaine.tamkin@me.com) or 07768200983

## CONVERSION THERAPY

If you wish to respond to the Government's consultation document please go to [bit.ly/ctrespond21](https://bit.ly/ctrespond21). The document can be found on [bit.ly/ctconsult21](https://bit.ly/ctconsult21). Responses need to be received by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Further details available in the church office if required.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING PARKING IN KNUTSFORD

There will be free parking on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December at the car parks on Silk Mill Street, Princess Street and King Street.