

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Advent Sunday**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when he will come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**

**8.45 am** **Holy Communion**  
Led by: Nigel Atkinson Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Galatians 5:13-26(p974) Romans 6:1-11 (p942)

**10.15am** **Morning Worship**  
Led by Mark Cawson Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**6.30pm** **Evening Service**  
Leader: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Helen Eccles  
Luke 16:19-31

**St John's Toft**

**10.15am** **Holy Communion**  
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Helen Eccles  
Numbers 21:4-9 (p158) Luke 16:19-31(p1050)

**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.

**SERMONS**

Knutsford morning sermons can now be found on YouTube on the day after recording on our URL:  
<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

**Mon** 9.30am Staff Meeting (centre)  
28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Rock Choir (church)  
Nov 5.30pm Asylum seekers (centre)

Pray for all those under severe financial pressure, that they may receive the help they need.

**Tue** 7.30pm Toft PCC  
29<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Tatton Singers (church)  
Nov

Praise God that he is a God of second chances and pray that we may be compassionate and loving to those who have made mistakes.

**Wed** 9.30am Women's Community Group  
30<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Rock Choir (church)  
Nov 5.45pm Brownies

Pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith, that they may know mercy, strength and courage.

**Thu** 10.00am Oasis (Centre)  
1<sup>st</sup> 7.45pm Youth cells  
Dec

Praise God for the energy and witness of our young people, and pray that as they mature they will continue to grow in faith.

**Fri** 7.30pm Jazz concert (SJK)  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dec

Pray against all modern forms of slavery, that real progress will be made towards justice and freedom for all.

**Sat**  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
Dec

Praise God for the gift of common grace, expressing His goodness in so many ways to our fallen world.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2**

**Knutsford** 8.45am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Worship  
2.30pm St Johns Ambulance  
Carol Service  
6.30pm Evening Worship

**Toft** 10.15am Morning Worship

I will sing of the LORD's great love for ever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

## GIVING TO OUR CHURCHES

**SJK** account name: St Johns Knutsford Parochial Church Council; sort code: 20-53-77; account number: 5027 8548

**SJT** account name: Parochial Church Council of St John Toft; sort code: 16-22-27; account number 1213 7544.

## CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES

Starting next week, 4<sup>th</sup> December, the early services will begin at 8.30 and not at 8.45am. This is to enable the music group to practice before the main services at 10.15. We are grateful to all who have agreed to this change.

## CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

There are tables at the side of SJK church with piles of Christmas flyers, sorted into street names. We have put some names on, for people who have been willing to deliver these in the past, and we hope you are happy to continue. There are also some unallocated streets, if you would like to deliver to these please write your name on the sheet on the table.

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Our Christmas get together for 'Tea, Cake & Natter' (and maybe a few carols), will take place at SJK Church Centre at 3.00pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This is an invitation to members of both our churches and everyone is welcome. As usual, offers of baking would be greatly appreciated. Lis D.

## HOPE CENTRAL

Hope Central has current need of UHT skimmed milk, tinned sweetcorn, spam, Chinese cook-in sauces, chocolates and sweets, cup-a-soups, tinned fish (sardines, salmon, mackerel) and tinned ham. Financial contributions are particularly welcome. You can also have up to date information on what is needed if you put their app on your phone: bankthefood.

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Nigel is arranging a Confirmation Service in 2023 hopefully before Easter or on Easter Day itself. This is for all those in the two churches who would like publicly to confirm their faith in Jesus Christ, and who love the Lord Jesus Christ and want to commit to following Him. It is usually for those who have reached the "years of discretion". Normally it follows baptism but if you have not been baptised you can be baptised and confirmed in the same service. Do contact Nigel, who is hoping to run a Confirmation Course in the New Year. Others may wish to know more about the Christian Faith. If so, do speak to him or Tom.

## MINIBUS

St Johns Knutsford and Toft now have an arrangement with the Knutsford Community Transport Association to have use of a 12-seater

mini-bus, if we provide our own drivers. A short training session for drivers is available, and the only cost is for the petrol used. If you would like to use the mini bus please contact John Mills at the Association on [johnandronnie@hotmail.com](mailto:johnandronnie@hotmail.com).

## NORTHWEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

The annual Conference, entitled Rejoicing in the Spirit, is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at the Edge, Wigan, with Jeremy McQuoid as the speaker. This is for everyone who attends church, and there is childcare provided. Leaflets are available in the church centre with more information or look at their webpage. Early bird prices are £15 until 1pm 19<sup>th</sup> December, then full price £18 up to 1pm 16<sup>th</sup> January. Late registration after that is £20. If there are group bookings, for every 10 tickets one person can go free.

## TOFT CHURCH HALL

The Church Hall at Toft is available for hire for activity groups. We have unlimited off-road parking. Please contact Val Brooker for more details..... 01565 650374 - 07973 290756

### Christmas at St John's

<b>SJK:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm	Christingle
	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.15am	All-Age Carol Service
	7.00pm	Town Carols
	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm	Nativity Service
	10pm	Late Night Communion
	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.15	All Age Service
		<i>followed by Holy Communion</i>
<b>SJT:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.15	Carol Service
	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm	Crib Service
	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.15	Holy Communion



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PCC (Toft)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Jazz concert (SJK)
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St Johns Ambulance Carol Service
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	S&F
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bexton School (SJK)
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bexton School
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Knutsford Beatz Concert (SJK)
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PCC (SJK)
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yorston Lodge Carols (SJK)
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tea, Cake and Natter (SJK)
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tatton Singers Concert