

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Advent 4**

Lord, come among us, we pray, with your power and help us with your great might so that, although we are hindered by our sins and wickedness from running the race set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us through the work of your Son our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory now and for ever.

Amen

**St John's Knutsford**

<b>8.30 am</b> Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Luke 2:1-7 (p857)	<b>Holy Communion</b> Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee Luke 2:8-20 (p857)
<b>10.15am</b> Led by Debbie Woods	<b>All Age Carol Service</b> Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
<b>7.00pm</b> Leader: Tom Hollingsbee	<b>Town Carols</b> Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**St John's Toft**

<b>10.15am</b> Led by: Helen Eccles	<b>Carol Service</b> Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
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**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>

**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.

<b>Mon</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Staff Meeting (centre)
	6.30pm	Asylum seekers Christmas meal (centre)

Pray for successful solutions to staff shortages, heavy workloads, and low pay, so that all working people may do their best and feel valued.

<b>Tue</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm	Burial of ashes: Edna Knowles (Toft)
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Praise God for the life of Edna Knowles, and pray that her family and friends may know the Lord's comfort.

<b>Wed</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec
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Pray for all those who grieve at this time, that they will be able to turn to the Lord and know His peace.

<b>Thu</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec
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Praise God for our ministry team and all who support them, and pray they may continue faithfully in their commitment and service to Him.

<b>Fri</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	1.00pm	Office closes for Christmas
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Pray for all who are ill, that they will search for God's truth, love and light in the midst of the darkness.

<b>Sat</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service (Toft)
		Nativity Service (SJK)
	10.00pm	Late Night Communion (SJK)

Praise God for all our Christmas services, and pray that those who attend them may be encouraged and challenged by the message they hear.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

**Knutsford** 10.15am All Age service followed by Holy Communion (SJK)

**Toft** 10.15am Holy Communion

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

## CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

There are still a few waiting to be delivered, please take some if you possibly can.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

As well as the board being available at the back of St Johns Knutsford to display your card to the whole church family, there are also individual cards in the pigeon holes waiting to be collected. Do have a look and see if any have your name on! The pigeon holes are in the church centre, just past the kitchen.

## HOPE CENTRAL

Hope Central has current need of UHT skimmed milk, instant mash, spam, tinned custard, tinned ham, and tinned peas. 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.

## 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

### SJK:

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>

### SJT:

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



Nigel, Tom, Helen and all the staff at both churches wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The church office will be closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 1pm until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.