

Mon 5th Dec

Pray that the decisions made at tonight's S&F meeting will be effective at promoting the gospel in a variety of ways.

Tue 6th Dec

Praise God that local schools can use our buildings to celebrate Christmas, and pray they will both enjoy and be challenged in their carol services.

Weds 7th Dec

Pray for those struggling with finances or poor health, that they will receive the help and care that they need.

Thu 8th Dec

Praise God for Christians who minister to the weak and hurting, and pray they may be beacons of light and love to those who need mercy and forgiveness.

Fri 9th Dec

Pray for people facing difficult life-changing decisions, that they may be encouraged and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Sat 10th Dec

Praise God for the Knutsford Beatz concert tonight, raising funds for Hope Central, and for all those who support it.

Sun 11th Dec

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Mon 12th Dec

Pray for Knutsford PCC meeting tonight, that God's will prevails in actions taken.

Tue 13th Dec

Praise God for the many gifts and talents that he Has given us, and pray we use them effectively and lovingly for His glory.

Wed 14th Dec

Pray for all experiencing discrimination or persecution in their workplace or homes, that they will know how to respond and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Thu 15th Dec

Praise God for the young people who attend our churches, and pray they will grow in love and knowledge of the Lord.

Fri 16th Dec

Pray for our ministry team as they prepare for our Christmas services.

Sat 17th Dec

Praise God for positive advances in technologies that harness energy that enhance our lives, and pray that our nations will share these benefits generously.

Sun 18th Dec

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

11th December 2022

Advent 3

Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger John the Baptist to prepare the way for you, grant that the ministers and stewards of your truth may so make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

St John's Knutsford

8.30am

Led by: Nigel Atkinson
Galatians 6:11-18(p975)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
(tba)

10.15am

Led by: Tom Hollingsbee

Morning Worship

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

4pm

Leader: Tom Hollingsbee

Christingle Service

Preacher: Helen Eccles

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.

St Johns' Toft

10.15am

Led by: Helen Eccles
Luke 20: 9-19 (p1055)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Dan Young
(tba)

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.

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES

Starting this week, 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 15th 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, Chinese cook-in sauces, curry cook-in sauces, instant mash, pasta and sauce packs and tinned custard. 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.

MESSAGE FROM ISOBEL SHAW

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the gifts that I have received with your love on my retirement from housekeeper at St. John's.

I thank you, my church family, for your sentiments, kind thoughts and encouragement that I have received. It has been my absolute privilege to serve you all and of course Our Lord. I hope and pray that I will continue to serve you in other ways in the future.

My gracious thanks again to you all and God's blessings on you.

Isobel xxx

CHURCH OFFICE

Please note, the office is closed 5th-10th December.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please put your Christmas card to the SJK church family on the board at the back of church.

Christmas at St John's

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

4th December 2022
Advent 2

The Collect

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

8.30am **Holy Communion)**
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: John Lee

10.15am **Morning Worship**
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: John Lee
Matthew 23:1-12 (p828) Galatians 6:1-10(p975)

2.30pm **St Johns Ambulance Carol Service**

3.00pm **Cornerstone**

6.30pm **Prayer Meeting**

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St John's Toft

10.15am **Morning Worship**
Led by: Helen Eccles Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Luke 17:1-10 (p1051) Ephesians 6:1-8 (p1177)

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GIVING TO OUR CHURCHES

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