

Sunday 12th February 2023
Sexagesima

Lord God, you know that we do not put our trust in anything that we do: mercifully defend us by your power against all adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St John's Knutsford

8.30 am
Led by: Nigel Atkinson
John 17: 20-25(p903)

Holy Communion
Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Acts 3:11-25(p911)

10.15am
Led by John Lee

Morning Worship
Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

6.30pm

Evening Worship
Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Exodus 9: 18-23

St John's Toft

10.15am
Led by: Helen Eccles
Exodus 11:1-10(p68)
12:24-30(p69)

Morning Worship
Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
Luke 22: 14-23 (p1058)

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.

Mon 9.30am Staff Meeting (centre)
13th 5.00pm Asylum Seekers (centre)
Feb 8.00pm Rock Choir (church)

Praise God for those who help strangers in our country, and pray they may enable refugees and asylum seekers to feel welcome.

Tue 2.00pm Toft Fellowship (Glebelands)
14th 7.30pm Toft Fellowship (Zoom)
Feb 8.00pm Tatton Singers (church)

Pray for people with complex needs, that they will be supported well and their lives may be fulfilling.

Wed 9.30am Women's Community Group
15th (centre)
Feb 10.00am Rock Choir (church)
6.00pm Brownies (centre)

Praise God for Christian agencies who are involved in supporting international disasters, particularly the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Thu 10.00am Oasis (centre)
16th 7.45pm Youth cells (centre)
Feb

Pray for married people, and those contemplating marriage, that God will strengthen them in love and commitment to each other throughout the trials of life.

Fri
17th
Feb

Praise God for the gift of new life, and pray for new parents as they learn how to care for their new babies.

Sat 9.00am Men's Breakfast @ Legh
18th Arms
Feb

Pray for all those attending the Men's breakfast this morning, that they will develop lasting godly relationships with each other.

Sunday 19th Feb Quinquagesima

Knutsford 8.30am Morning Worship
10.15am Holy Communion
3.00pm Cornerstone service
& tea

Toft 10.15am Morning Worship

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever. It is good to give thanks to the LORD!

AILEEN DAWSON

Aileen went to be with the Lord on her 95th birthday, 2nd February, surrounded by her family, after a short illness. She was a member of our church for many years, and although we shall miss her we rejoice that she has gone to a far better place. Her funeral will be at Vale Royal at 2pm on Monday 20th February, and there will be a service at St Johns Knutsford at 3pm, followed by refreshments in the church centre.

HOPE CENTRAL

Hope Central has current need of corned beef, cup-a-soups, instant mash packets, spam, tinned carrots, tinned fruit 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.

CHURCH CHOIR - SJK

Following the success of the Christmas Choir, Paul Morley is looking into the possibility of reinstating a regular church choir. It is hoped that the choir will sing for the first time at the Easter Sunday 10.15 service, April 9th, 2023. After this date, we will sing at the third Sunday Communion Service, (and at other times at the request of the clergy/service leaders, subject to sufficient singers being available). The choir's role will be to lead the congregational singing and present suitable music during the communion (or at some other appropriate period of reflection during the service). These pieces will be in a variety of styles, not exclusively classical. We will be singing in parts. However, ability to read music is not essential. Although we will generally be leading services once a month, as we will be building up repertoire, there will be a weekly rehearsal. These will commence wk/com 5th March. Day/time TBC, but probably Sunday 5pm-6pm, with a 30 min run through at 9:30 on the third Sunday. If you would like to consider joining, or have any questions, please contact Paul on 07866 551557 morley.p.e@talktalk.net or speak to him after the morning service on 19th February.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

As you may know, I am getting married in July, and as part of the change in my life I will be leaving the post of Church Administrator at the end of April. If you would like to apply, please send your CV to one of the churchwardens or me by Tuesday 14th February. CH

BELONGING TO GOD'S FAMILY

You are invited to our special combined afternoon service on Sunday 19th February at 3pm for St Johns Knutsford and Cornerstone, which will be followed by tea and cakes. This will replace the usual 6.30pm evening service.

JOB OPPORTUNITY 2 (UPDATED HOURS)

St Johns Knutsford is looking for someone to build on the marvellous work Bianca has done over the last 8 years to develop and manage our thriving church cafe. The role includes ordering and some preparation of food, management of staff and volunteers. Also, creating a warm and welcoming environment that is both greatly appreciated by the church family and very attractive to many who do not normally come to church.

The required hours are 6 hours a day, 5 days a week, term-time only, but there is great scope for development including extending opening hours and the food that is offered. The start date is 17/04/2023. If you are interested please email me, or speak to Chris in the church office. The closing date for applications is 3rd March.

Elaine Tamkin, Churchwarden
elaine.tamkin@me.com
07768 200983

LADIES: SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 11th March: Women's coffee morning 10.30-12 noon. Details to follow, please make a note in your diaries!

WOOD STREET MISSION

Although we're not officially supporting Wood Street any more, if you would like to donate children's books or clothes to them, Rachel Sampson is happy to receive them at her house. Please contact the church office for her address and/or phone number.

MARRIAGE COURSE

We are hoping to run 'The Marriage Course' in the summer term. It's seven sessions designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. As part of our mission to serve Knutsford, the course will be open and accessible to any couple, whether Christian or not. We aim to run it on a weekday evening and provide a meal and relaxing comfortable environment. To enable this to happen we need your help! We will need help with setting up/catering/serving food/creating a welcoming space etc. Please consider whether you might be able to help with this, you don't need to commit to every week. There will be a very short meeting for anyone interested in serving in this way, after the 10.15am service today (12th Feb). Alternatively, please email me (tomhollingsbee@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk). Thanks!
Tom and Ann Hollingsbee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 Feb	Men's Breakfast
19 Feb	Cornerstone Tea (no evening service)
20 Feb	SJK Funeral: Aileen Dawson
21 st Feb	Toft Funeral: Henry Foster Jones