

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**Sunday before Lent**

Lord, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues; for without love whoever lives is reckoned dead by you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**

<b>8.30 am</b> Led by: Nigel Atkinson Luke 12:1-12(p871)	<b>Morning Prayer (BCP)</b> Preacher: Nigel Atkinson Acts 4:1-12 (p912)
<b>10.15am</b> Led by Nigel Atkinson	<b>Holy Communion</b> Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
<b>3.00pm</b> Led by Sue Fenton & Helen Eccles	<b>Cornerstone service</b> Preacher: Nigel Atkinson 1 Cor 12:14-22 (p959)

**NO EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT**

**St John's Toft**

<b>10.15am</b> Led by: Helen Eccles Exodus 13: 17-14:12 (p71)	<b>Morning Worship</b> Preacher: Dan Young Exodus 14: 13-31 (p71)
---	---

**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)

01565 755160  
office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk  
www.stjohnsknutsford.org  
Toft Twitter @StJohnsToft  
Knutsford Twitter @knutsfordstjohn

**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** 3.00pm Aileen Dawson: Thanksgiving  
20<sup>th</sup> Feb @SJK, followed by refreshments in centre.

Praise God for Aileen Dawson's life, and pray that her family and friends will know the Lord's comfort in their loss.

**Tue** 3.45pm Toft Funeral: Henry Foster  
21<sup>st</sup> Feb Jones, followed by refreshments in church hall  
7.30pm Toft Fellowship (Zoom)  
8.00pm Tatton Singers (church)

Pray for those suffering the after-effects of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, that they may receive the relief and support they need.

**Wed** ASH WEDNESDAY  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 12.30pm Toft: Lent Holy Communion followed by a soup lunch

Praise God for Lent, and the time to prepare ourselves in order to love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

**Thu**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Pray for the mothers and children who have left Ukraine, yet have had to leave their husbands behind, that they may be well treated in their host countries and their husbands will be kept safe.

**Fri**  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Praise God for all those working to improve social justice throughout the world, tackling poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment, human rights and social protections.

**Sat**  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Pray for the leaders of the Church of England, that they will be led by the Word of God and resist being drawn into worldly standards.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February Lent 1**

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

**Toft** 10.15am Holy Communion

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; I am the LORD your God.

### **HOPE CENTRAL**

Hope Central has current need of chocolate biscuit bars, spam, tinned fruit, tinned ham and tinned sweetcorn. 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](mailto:morley.p.e@talktalk.net) or speak to him after the morning service on 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Elaine Tamkin, Churchwarden  
[elaine.tamkin@me.com](mailto:elaine.tamkin@me.com)  
07768 200983

### **LADIES: SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tomhollingsbee@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk)). Thanks!  
Tom and Ann Hollingsbee

### **LENT LUNCHES**

Every Wednesday from Ash Wednesday until 5<sup>th</sup> April there will be a service of Holy Communion at Toft church at 12.30pm, followed by a simple lunch of soup and a roll. All are welcome, but please let the office or Toft church wardens know if you want soup, so there is enough for everyone!

### **SUMMER ROTAS**

If you would like to serve the church in the Sunday services, please contact Chris in the office as we'll be working on the summer rotas soon. We especially need coffee helpers and stewards at Knutsford for the 10.15 service.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

19 Feb	Cornerstone Tea (no evening service)
20 Feb	SJK Funeral: Aileen Dawson
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Toft Funeral: Henry Foster Jones