

Sunday 26th February 2023
Lent 1

Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights, give us grace so to discipline ourselves that we may always obey your will in righteousness and true holiness to the honour and glory of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

St John's Knutsford

8.30 am Holy Communion
Led by: Nigel Atkinson Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Acts 4: 23-31(p912) 2 Cor 5:1-10 (p966)

10.15am Morning Worship
Led by Debbie Woods Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

6.30pm Evening Service
Led by Helen Eccles Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
Exodus 11:1-10, 12:24-30

St John's Toft

10.15am Holy Communion
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Helen Eccles
2 Cor 6:1-10 (p1161) Matt 4:1-11 (p967)

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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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 9.30am Staff meeting (centre)
27th 10.00am Café re-opens
Feb 5.00pm English lessons (centre)
8.00pm Rock Choir (church)

Pray for all affected by global food shortages due to the blockades in the Black Sea, that food security may be re-established.

Tue 2.00pm Toft Fellowship
28th 7.30pm Tatton Singers (church)
Feb 8.00pm Toft Fellowship (Zoom)

Praise God for beautiful spring flowers which symbolise fresh hope and remind us of His grace and mercy.

Wed 9.30am Women's Community Group
1st (centre)
Mar 10.00am Rock Choir
12.30pm Toft: Lent Holy Communion
and soup lunch
5.00pm Brownies

Pray for our leaders in all walks of life, that they may be people of integrity and honour. Pray particularly for leaders of the Church at this time.

Thu 10.00am Oasis (centre)
2nd
Mar

Praise God for opportunities for Christians to serve others and help to relieve suffering in its many forms.

Fri 11.00am Charles Hanson (centre)
3rd
Mar

Pray for those struggling with challenging relationships, that they may be able to resolve difficulties with love and grace.

Sat 12 noon May Day Character Choosing
4th (church)
Mar

Praise God for opportunities the church has to engage with the local community, and pray that they may lead to more people knowing Jesus.

Sunday 5th March Lent 2

Knutsford 8.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Morning Worship/
Thanksgiving service
6.30pm Evening Worship

Toft 10.15am Morning Worship

Praise the Lord for the LORD is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

HOPE CENTRAL

Hope Central has current need of Fray Bentos pies, rice, shampoo, sweets and chocolates. 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

The Church Choir is up and running! Rehearsals 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, 5pm-6pm in church. We will sing on Easter Sunday at 10:15 and thereafter on 3rd Sundays at 10:15. If you would like to know more, please contact Paul Morley 07866 551557 morley.p.e@talktalk.net

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
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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. If you can help, please email me

(tomhollingsbee@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk). Thanks!
Tom and Ann Hollingsbee

PENNY BUTTRICK

Penny would like to give sincere thanks to all the church family for their prayers, good wishes and offers of help which were much appreciated after her recent short stay in hospital. She is improving and will be back amongst us soon.

LENT LUNCHESES

Every Wednesday until 5th 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.

LOST HEARING AID?

In the office is a Signia hearing aid, please collect it if it's yours.

LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property box is getting very full. The contents will be in the Narthex on Sunday morning, please have a look and see if anything belongs to you, otherwise it will be disposed of.