

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**Septuagesima**

Lord, hear with favour the prayers of your people so that we, who deserve to be punished for our offences, may mercifully be delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**

**8.30 am** **Holy Communion**  
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee  
Isaiah 35:1-10(p595) Acts 3:1-10(p911) 5:12-16 (p913)

**10.15am** **Morning Worship**  
Led by Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee

**6.30pm** **Prayer Meeting**

**St John's Toft**

**10.15am** **Morning Worship**  
Led by: Helen Eccles Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Exodus 9:1-7(p66) Romans 1:18-23 (p1128)

**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)  
**6<sup>th</sup>** 5.00pm Asylum Seekers (centre)  
**Feb** 8.00pm Rock Choir (church)

Praise God for the gift of marriage and pray for godly wisdom for General Synod as they debate this week.

**Tue** 2.00pm Toft Fellowship (Glebelands)  
**7<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Toft Fellowship (Zoom)  
**Feb** 8.00pm Tatton Singers (church)

Pray for people whose main means of communication is online, that they may be supported and encouraged in their relationships.

**Wed** 9.30am Women's Community Group  
**8<sup>th</sup>** (centre)  
**Feb** 10.00am Rock Choir (church)  
6.00pm Brownies (centre)

Praise God for His Word, and pray it may be used to transform and heal with faith and boldness.

**Thu** 10.00am Oasis (centre)  
**9<sup>th</sup>** 7.45pm Youth cells (centre)  
**Feb**

Pray for the adults who accompany children to Oasis, that they may experience Christian love each week and be encouraged to know more about Jesus.

**Fri** 10.00am Tatton Singers (centre)  
**10<sup>th</sup>** - 2pm  
**Feb**

Praise God for Christians working to help others in distress, and pray they may consistently show Jesus' love to the disadvantaged.

**Sat** 9.30am Quarter Peal- bell ringers  
**11<sup>th</sup>** (church tower)  
**Feb**

Pray for refugees and asylum seekers in this country, that they may be welcomed and receive the help they need to recover from trauma.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Sexagesima**

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

**Toft** 10.15am Holy Communion

What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

### **AILEEN DAWSON**

Aileen went to be with the Lord on her 95<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto:morley.p.e@talktalk.net) or speak to him after the morning service on 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The time is approaching! Sometime this week Geoff Chad needs to give a final number to the pub. Quite a lot of people have said they want to come, but not yet paid. To be sure of your place you need to confirm it by handing over the £8. Please see Geoff today if possible and 'avoid disappointment!'

### **BELL-RINGING PRACTICE**

We have a weekly bell-ringing practice on Thursdays at SJK from 7.45-9.00pm, and would love to have more volunteers. If you'd like to know more, please phone Jane Cartmel on 01565 652887.

### **CHURCH FAMILY WALK**

If you'd like to join a family walk round Tatton Park this afternoon (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February), please contact Michelle Crookes for further details (07867 857608).

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> February. CH

### **LOST PROPERTY**

In the office: a large blue and green tartan umbrella; a Lymm RFC scarf; a beige H&M woollen hat with pompom; green binoculars; a purple water bottle; a ladies' Accessorize silk scarf; sunglasses; earpods in a case; a small toy tiger and a Sam Smith CD. They will be disposed of if not claimed by next week.

### **BELONGING TO GOD'S FAMILY**

You are invited to our special combined afternoon service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

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 current hours are 6 hours/day, 3 days/week, term-time only, but there is great scope for development including extending the 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.

Elaine Tamkin, Churchwarden  
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!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

6 Feb	General Synod (London)
18 Feb	Men's Breakfast
19 Feb	Cornerstone Tea (no evening service)