

Sunday 19th March 2023
Lent 4/Mothering Sunday

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may by your grace and mercy be spared through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Mon 20 th Mar	9.30am	Staff meeting (centre)
	10.30am	Knutsford Together (Drop)
	2.00pm	SJK funeral: John Edwards
	5.00pm	English lessons (centre)
	8.00pm	Rock Choir (church)
	8.15pm	PCC (centre)

Praise God for the increased understanding of people with Downs Syndrome, and pray they may live valued lives of love and fulfillment.

Tue 21st Mar	2.00pm	Toft Fellowship (6, Glebelands)
	7.30pm	Tatton Singers (church)
		Toft PCC

Pray for Toft PCC, meeting tonight, that decisions will be made according to God's will.

Wed 22 nd Mar	9.30am	Women's Community Group (centre)
	10.00am	Rock Choir
	12.30pm	Toft: Lent Holy Communion and soup lunch
	5.00pm	Brownies

Praise God for people working for organisations and in the community who rescue vulnerable people being trafficked into the UK and sold into slavery.

Thu 23rd Mar	10.00am	Oasis (centre)
	7.45pm	Youth Bible Study
	8.00pm	Men's Book Group (The Angel) Tatton Singers (church)

Pray that God will raise up evangelists to bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted and give sight to the blind.

Fri 24 th Mar	11.00am	Charles Hanson (centre)
	7.00pm	Music practice (church)

Praise God that the Church is growing, and pray for our ministry team, that they do not become discouraged.

Sat 25 th Mar	10.00am	Women's Coffee, Cake and Chat (church)
	1.00pm	Tatton Singers (church)

Pray for mercy on our world, and for forgiveness in our many failings.

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Knutsford	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.15am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Cornerstone
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

Toft	10.15am	Holy Communion
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I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God. The Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

St John's Knutsford

8.30am
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee
Ephesians 2:13-22 (p977)

Morning Prayer (BCP)
Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
Mark 10:23-31 (p846)

10.15am
Led by Tom Hollingsbee

Morning Worship & Thanksgiving Service
Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee

6.30pm
Led by Helen Eccles

Evening Service
Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee

St John's Toft

10.15am
Led by: Helen Eccles
Galatians 4:21-31(p1171)

Morning Worship
Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
John 6: 1-14 (p1069)

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.

BEFRIENDERS NEEDED

The CAP debt centre in partnership with Hope Central, meets with people who are in debt and leads them on the journey to becoming debt free. Barney, as Debt Centre manager, has a team of people who come out to appointments to build friendships with the clients. He is looking to expand this team and is asking for people who are willing to be a friend and listen. If anyone is willing and available to help they can contact Barney's admin support; Simon Heal via email [simonheal@capuk.org]

LENT LUNCHESES

Every Wednesday until 5th April there is 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!

WOMEN'S COFFEE MORNING @SJK

All women in both churches are warmly invited to join us on Saturday 25th March from 10 -11.30 for coffee, cake and chat. See the flyers available in church.

BIANCA

If you would like to contribute to Bianca's leaving gift, please see Chris in the office. There will be a card to sign too.

EASTER LILIES SJK

We are once again appealing to the Church Family to make a donation to our Flower Fund, in order to purchase lilies in memory of a loved one - or someone who has meant a lot to you in your life. Please put name(s) on your envelope and place it in the Offertory Basket at any Sunday Service until Easter...thank you so much. Lis D

ROAD CLOSURE

Cheshire East will close the bottom half of Church Hill to traffic when snow and icy conditions are expected, or the road surface temperatures are due to drop below freezing for 18 hours or more. It will still be open to pedestrians.

CORNERSTONE: CHANGE OF DATE

Due to our next meeting falling on Mothering Sunday and many of our members not able to attend we have decided to meet instead on Sunday 26th March at our usual time of 3-5pm in the church centre. If any members of the church family would like to join in and encourage us to 'belong' you would be most welcome.

JOSEPH AND HANNAH ADAMS

If you were at the 10.15 service at Knutsford last week you heard Joseph and Hannah telling us about their new opportunity to serve the Lord in Tanzania. If you would like to support them, either in prayer or financially (or both!) please go to www.tinyurl.com/adamsnewsletter.

CHARITY BRIDGE LUNCH AT TOFT

On Thursday 30th March, 12.30 for 1pm, there will be a Bridge Lunch at Toft in aid of the Children's Society. Tables are £60. To book one, please phone Val Brooker on either 01565 650374 or 07973 290756.

GOOD NEWS!

The church wardens have appointed Mr Owen Hui to replace the almost irreplaceable Bianca as manager of the Church Hill Cafe. Bianca has done a marvellous job in creating and developing a cafe that has met our aims of welcoming people into the church building and signposting them not only to church activities but also to Jesus himself. These are aims that Owen is very keen to continue and we are delighted that he has accepted the position. Although he does not officially start until April 17th, he is volunteering in the cafe for most of the rest of March, shadowing Bianca. Do come and meet him.

HOPE CENTRAL

Urgent needs this week are for tinned peas, tinned pasta and UHT skimmed milk.

DIARY DATES

23 rd Mar	Men's Book Club @The Angel
25 th Mar	Ladies' Coffee, Cake and Chat
26 th Mar	Cornerstone
28 th Mar	May Day Court rehearsal
30 th Mar	Toft Charity Bridge Lunch
31 st Mar	Café closes for Easter: Bianca's last day Jazz concert (church)
6 th Apr	Maundy Thursday service 7.30pm
7 th Apr	Good Friday services: 10.15@ Toft 2.00pm @SJK
9 th Apr	EASTER SUNDAY
17 th Apr	Café reopens, under new management!
19 th Apr	Christian Institute talk SJK
23 rd Apr	APCMs: Toft after church SJK @ 4pm (no evening service)