

Sunday 26th March 2023
Lent 5

Almighty God, look mercifully upon your people so that by your great goodness we may be always governed and preserved both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St John's Knutsford

8.30am Led by: Nigel Atkinson Acts 6:1-7 (p914)	Morning Prayer (BCP) Preacher: Nigel Atkinson 1 John 2:1-6 (p1021) & 5:1-4 (p1023)
10.15am Led by Sally Orwin Lee	Holy Communion Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
3.00pm	Cornerstone
6.30pm Led by Nigel Atkinson Hebrews 9:11-15	Evening Service Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee John 8:46-59

St John's Toft

10.15am Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Hebrews 9: 11-15(p1207)	Holy Communion Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee John 8: 46-59 (p1074)
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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 27 th Mar	9.30am Staff meeting (centre) 5.00pm English lessons (centre)
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Pray for people who heard the gospel as children and have now fallen away, that God will draw them back into a church family.

Tue 28 th Mar	11.00am Toft funeral: Derek Steadman 6.00pm May Day Court Rehearsal
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Praise God for unpaid carers and those paid to look after the frail and elderly, and pray they may be given daily strength, love and grace.

Wed 29 th Mar	9.30am Women's Community Group (centre) 12.30pm Toft: Lent Holy Communion and soup lunch 5.00pm Brownies
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Pray for those we know who are ill in mind or body, that they will get the help they need and know the love of the Lord and of those around them.

Thu 30 th Mar	10.00am Oasis (centre) 12.30pm Bridge lunch (Toft) 7.45pm Youth Bible Study
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Praise God for every person engaged in peace-making, whether on a personal, national or international level, and pray they may have hope.

Fri 31 st Mar	2.00pm Café closes for Easter 7.30pm Jazz concert (SJK)
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Pray for Bianca as she retires from managing the café, that she and her family will continue to be richly blessed by the Lord in Handforth.

Sat 1 st Apr	
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Praise God for the gift of new life, and pray for wisdom and strength for new parents.

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

Knutsford	8.30am Holy Communion 10.15am Morning Worship 6.30pm Prayer Meeting
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Toft	10.15am Morning Worship
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Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you: righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

The clocks for forward one hour on Saturday night (25th March) so church services will feel like they are starting an hour earlier! Don't forget!

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!

BIANCA

If you would like to contribute to Bianca's leaving gift, please see Chris in the office, before Wednesday lunchtime. There is 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.

JOSEPH AND HANNAH ADAMS

If you were at the 10.15 service at Knutsford the other 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 the rest of March, shadowing Bianca. Do come and meet him.

HOPE CENTRAL

Urgent needs this week are for cordial, tinned custard, tinned pulses, tinned rice pudding, tinned sweetcorn, tinned peas, tinned pasta and UHT skimmed milk.

DIARY DATES

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: An hour at the cross
	10.15@ Toft
	2.00pm @SJK (for children)
9 th Apr	EASTER SUNDAY: No evening service
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)