

**Mon** 9.30am Staff meeting (centre)  
3<sup>rd</sup> 5.00pm English lessons (centre)  
April

Pray for the estimated 360 million Christians suffering high levels of persecution, that they may be strong in the Lord.

**Tue** 6.00pm May Day Court Rehearsal  
4<sup>th</sup>  
April

Praise God for Christian politicians who stand up for the truth, and pray they may have strategic opportunities to uphold justice.

**Wed** 7.00pm Choir Rehearsal  
5<sup>th</sup>  
April

Pray for our ministers preparing for the Easter services, and all those involved in service preparation and delivery.

**Thu** 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Holy  
6<sup>th</sup> Communion SJK  
April

Praise God for Easter, and the wonderful truth of Jesus' sacrificial love.

**Fri** OFFICE CLOSED  
7<sup>th</sup> 10.15am An hour round the Cross: Toft  
April 2.00pm An hour round the Cross for  
children SJK

Pray for people struggling with difficult situations or difficulties, that they may be guided and encouraged to make the best decision.

**Sat**  
8<sup>th</sup>  
April

Praise God for our church families, and the love shown to each other in our huge variety of circumstances.

## Sunday 9th April Easter Sunday

**Knutsford** 8.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Worship  
NO EVENING SERVICE

**Toft** 10.15am Holy Communion

Hallelujah! Jesus is risen! Let us sing and praise the Lord!

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who, in your tender love towards mankind, sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, so that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility, grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also have our part in his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## St John's Knutsford

**8.30am**  
Led by: Nigel Atkinson  
Luke 19:28-43 (p878)

**Holy Communion**  
Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Genesis 6:1-8(p5)

**10.15am**  
Led by John Lee

**Morning Worship**  
Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**6.30pm**  
Led by Nigel Atkinson

**Prayer Meeting**  
Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee

## St John's Toft

**10.15am**  
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee  
John 12:12-16 (p1079)

**Morning Prayer**  
Preacher: Dan Young  
Philippians 2:1-11(p1179)

**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.

## **CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE**

The Christian Institute are having a meeting, here at St John Knutsford on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, from 7.45-9.00pm, where they will be discussing various topics including the Online Safety Bill, Assisted Suicide and Conversion Therapy. All are welcome to come and hear this non-denominational Christian charity upholding Biblical truths. There are leaflets available in the church centre, so come along and bring your friends!

## **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](mailto:simonheal@capuk.org)]

## **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

## **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](http://www.tinyurl.com/adamsnewsletter).

## **HOPE CENTRAL**

Please donate carrier bags for life, curry sauces, pot noodles, shampoo, tinned custard, tinned pasta, tinned pulses and tinned rice pudding this week. Carrier bags can be left in

the Hope Central collection bins or dropped off at the office any weekday morning.

## **COLLECTION FOR BIANCA**

Thank you to all who contributed to Bianca's gift from the Church Family. We were able to give her a John Lewis gift token for £320, which Nigel presented to her in the café on Friday.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.00am at the Legh Arms, Brook Street. To book your place, please see Geoff Chad as soon as possible, with your £8.

## **MESSAGE FROM BIANCA**

Thank you so much to our ministers, each serving warden in my time at the cafe these last 7+ years, my colleagues past and present, each wonderful volunteer - be that serving in the cafe itself or supporting in other ways. Thanks too to my Christian brothers and sisters of the St John's church family who understood and supported the missionary ethos of the cafe, not only supporting the cafe by using it, but also getting alongside non-church members who were visiting. Above all, thanks be to our Heavenly Father who gave me a job/ministry that truly made me glad. And now, as I leave, thank you too for so many generous gifts, cards and flowers. With me, please now pray for Owen as he succeeds me, and for his team as they look to develop the work for God's glory.

## **CHARITY BRIDGE LUNCH AT TOFT**

Toft Church Wardens are very grateful to all who attended the bridge lunch on Thursday and raised over £900 for the Children's Society.

## **DIARY DATES**

16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Cornerstone
18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Café reopens, under new management!
19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Christian Institute talk SJK
20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Oasis restarts
23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	APCMs: Toft after church SJK @ 4pm (no evening service)
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Rock Choir restarts
29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Toft wedding: Luke Atkinson & Lauren Ward