

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**Lent 2**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of our own to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls so that we may be defended from all ills that may befall the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**

**8.30 am** **Holy Communion**  
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: John Lee  
Acts 4:32-5:11 (p912) Micah 6:6-13(p779)

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

**6.30pm** **Prayer Meeting**  
Led by Helen Eccles Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee

**St John's Toft**

**10.15am** **Morning Worship**  
Led by: Helen Eccles Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Ephesians 2:11-12 (p1174) Matt 15:21-28(p982)

**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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office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk  
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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.

<b>Mon</b>	9.30am	Staff meeting (centre)
6 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	English lessons (centre)
Mar	8.00pm	Rock Choir (church)
	8.15pm	S&F (centre)

Praise God that we are all one in Christ, and pray that we may demonstrate this in all our relationships.

<b>Tue</b>	2.00pm	Toft Fellowship (6, Glebelands)
7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Tatton Singers (church)
Mar		Toft Fellowship (Zoom)

Pray that the disadvantaged and disabled may be encouraged and strengthened through the Holy Spirit and the faith of Christians around them.

<b>Wed</b>	9.30am	Women's Community Group (centre)
8 <sup>th</sup>		
Mar	10.00am	Rock Choir
	12.30pm	Toft: Lent Holy Communion and soup lunch
	5.00pm	Brownies

On International Women's Day, pray that women and girls in oppressive regimes may be given freedom and opportunities to flourish.

<b>Thu</b>	10.00am	Oasis (centre)
9 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Youth Bible Study
Mar		

Praise God for Christian churches that stand up for Biblical truth, and pray they may continue to show loving compassion, in the name of Jesus.

<b>Fri</b>		
10 <sup>th</sup>		
Mar		

Pray for those needing specialist care yet are stuck on waiting lists, that problems in our NHS and social care may be overcome.

<b>Sat</b>		
11 <sup>th</sup>		
Mar		

Praise God for organisations that operate on ethical principles, particularly in developing countries.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March Lent 3**

<b>Knutsford</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

<b>Toft</b>	10.15am	Holy Communion
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Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

## **HOPE CENTRAL**

Hope Central has current need of Fray Bentos pies, small tins of ham, small bags of rice, pot noodles, and UHT semi-skimmed milk. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 5pm-6pm in church. We will sing on Easter Sunday at 10:15 and thereafter on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 10:15. If you would like to know more, please contact Paul Morley 07866 551557 [morley.p.e@talktalk.net](mailto:morley.p.e@talktalk.net)

## **WOOD STREET MISSION**

Although we're not officially supporting Wood Street anymore, 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](mailto:tomhollingsbee@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk)). Thanks! Tom and Ann Hollingsbee

## **LENT LUNCHESES**

Every Wednesday until 5<sup>th</sup> 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, or in the church centre the rest of the time. Please have a look and see if anything belongs to you, otherwise it will be disposed of.

## **WOMEN'S COFFEE MORNING @SJK**

All women in both churches are warmly invited to join us on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 10 -12 for coffee, cake and chat. More details to follow.

## **ROY EVANS**

Roy is now in Tabley House. The family and I send grateful thanks for all the prayers, love and support given during this difficult time of change. With much love and God bless, from June.

## **SCOFFERS**

There will be a forum to promote the scientific understanding of Creation and Evolution theory, at Christ Church, 169 Crook Lane, Wharton, Winsford, CW7 3DR on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. The speaker is Simon Turpin. Flyers are available in the church centre or you can contact Chris Watkin on 07940 877465. The event is free. There will be a bookstall and light refreshments available.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM**

Please sign yours if you haven't done so already!