

Sunday 16th April 2023
Easter 1

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, grant that we may put away the old leaven of malice and wickedness and always serve you in purity and truth through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St John's Knutsford

8.30am Led by: Nigel Atkinson 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (p961)	Morning Prayer Preacher: Nigel Atkinson Luke 24:13-33(p885)
10.15am Led by Nigel Atkinson	Holy Communion Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
3.00pm	Cornerstone
6.30pm Leader: Nigel Atkinson	Evening Worship Preacher: Helen Eccles

St John's Toft

10.15am Led by: Helen Eccles Jonah 1(p927)	Morning Worship Preacher: Helen Eccles Matthew 12: 38-45(p978)
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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 17 th April	9.30am Staff Meeting (centre) 5.30pm English class (centre)
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Pray for people living in the UK who are learning to speak English, that it will help them settle into our society.

Tue 18 th April	10.00am Cafe re-opens 2.00pm Toft Fellowship (Fir Tree Ave) 6.00pm May Day Court Rehearsal 7.30pm Toft Fellowship (Zoom)
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Praise God for Church Hill Café and the many people who use it, and pray for Owen as he takes over as Manager.

Wed 19 th April	5.00pm Brownies 7.45pm Christian Institute SJK
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Pray for all who attend the Christian Institute meeting tonight, that they will learn much about current issues.

Thu 20 th April	10.00am Oasis
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Praise God for Oasis and all those who attend, and pray that they will be challenged and encouraged by hearing the Word of God.

Fri 21 st April	11.00am Charles Hanson valuations
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Pray for true repentance and revival in the UK, and praise God that we are free to proclaim the Gospel.

Sat 22 nd April	9.00am Men's Breakfast : the Legh Arms
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Praise God for all the men attending the Breakfast today, and pray they may develop lasting relationships with each other.

Sunday 23rd April (Easter 2)

Knutsford	8.30am Holy Communion 10.15am Morning Worship 4.00pm APCM
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Toft	10.15am Holy Communion followed by APCM
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Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob! Begin the music, strike the tambourine, play the melodious harp and lyre.

CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

The Christian Institute are having a meeting, here at St John Knutsford on Wednesday 19th 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!

KNUTSFORD ROYAL MAY DAY: 13TH MAY

As you may know, we have a long tradition of providing refreshments during Royal May Day, and we want to continue that this year. If you are able to offer to help for one hour, please come to a meeting after the 10.15 service at SJK, in the church centre today, 16th April. If you're unable to attend but want to help, please let the church office know.

ADELE TOULMAN

Adele went to be with her Lord on 28th March. There is to be a service on Thursday 27th April at 12 noon at The Birches, Birches Lane, Lostock Green at 12 noon, followed by a service of Thanksgiving for her life at SJK at 1pm. All church family are welcome to both services. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Tearfund or Crisis. Please pray for Kathie, Anne and the family in their loss.

CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone would like to invite the church family to join them for a Coronation Celebration Event on Sunday May 7th from 3-6pm in the main church. Short informal service followed by fun & games and a bring your own picnic tea. Come dressed for the occasion in red, white and blue. Everyone welcome. More details to follow.

HOPE CENTRAL

Hope Central have a regular prayer meeting to pray for their work, staff, volunteers, clients and supporters. This month it will be in Knutsford. It would lovely if members of the Church family were able to join them in the Church Centre on Monday 24th April from 12:30 to 13:30 in the Church Centre.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next men's breakfast will be next Saturday 22nd April at 9.00am at the Legh Arms, Brook Street. To book your place, please see Geoff Chad before Saturday 15th April, 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.

STAFFING NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the advertised role of Church Administrator has now been filled. Mrs Ruth Foster and Mrs Penny Langham will commence work at the start of May covering all five weekdays as a job share.

Mrs Andrea Preston has also begun working two days a week to assist our Treasurer Steve Kitcher. Elaine Tamkin & Andy Worth, Church Wardens

URGENT HELP NEEDED

Giles is going to be away for a month from 22nd April, so we need some willing volunteers to arrange the chairs for various bookings in the church between then and 20th May. Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you are able to help with this important and valued service to the church. Remuneration is available.

HOPE CENTRAL

Please donate carrier bags for life, curry sauces, shampoo, tinned custard, tinned meat, tinned pasta, tinned pulses, tinned rice pudding and UHT skimmed milk this week. Carrier bags can be left in the Hope Central collection bins or dropped off at the office any weekday morning.

DIARY DATES

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