

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**  
**Ascension Sunday**

O Lord, from whom all good things come, grant to us your servants that by your holy inspiration we may think good thoughts and by your merciful guidance put them into practice through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**St John's Knutsford**

<b>8.30am</b> Led by: Nigel Atkinson Genesis 2:1-10 (p 4)	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Preacher: Nigel Atkinson Genesis 2:11-15 (p 4)
<b>10.15am</b> Led by: John Lee Genesis 2:1 – 10 (p 4)	<b>Holy Communion</b> Preacher: Nigel Atkinson Genesis 2:11-15 (p 4)
<b>6.30pm</b> Led by: Nigel Atkinson	<b>Evening service</b> Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee Jonah 4 (p 928)

**St John's Toft**

<b>10.15am</b> Led by: Tom Hollingsbee John 14:15-27 (p 1082)	<b>Morning Worship</b> Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee Hebrews 4:14-16 (p1023)
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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.

<b>Mon</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.30 am Staff Meeting (centre) 5.30pm English classes
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Pray those Christians working in the arts world, please pray for continued inspiration and creativity in this generation.

<b>Tue</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2.30pm Toft Fellowship Glebelands Rd 7.30pm Toft Fellowship (Zoom) 8.00pm Tatton Singers (Church)
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Pray that Christians working in music and other creative media that they may inspire and reach many who are seeking you.

<b>Wed</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am Women's Community Group (centre) 10.00am Rock Choir (church) 5.45pm Brownies (centre)
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Pray for children and young people in our churches, may they understand and acknowledge their need for you.

<b>Thu</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am Oasis (centre) 7.30pm Marriage Course (café) 7.45pm Bell ringing practise
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Pray for young Christians at school, that they may be strengthened and inspired in their faith.

<b>Fri</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> May	
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Pray for the many groups working with young people in our churches through-out the land, that they may find leaders who are faithful to you.

<b>Sat</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> May	
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Pray for those Christians who faithfully witness in hostile environments.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

<b>Knutsford</b>	8.30am Morning Prayers 10.15am Holy Communion  6.30pm Evening Service
<b>Toft</b>	10.15am Ascension Service

## **TATTON GARDEN SOCIETY PLANT SALE**

Just a reminder that the Tatton Garden Society Plant sale will be taking place next **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at Toft Church** from 2pm to 3.30pm. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is very welcome.

## **DIGITAL GIVING IS HERE!**

Donating via digital giving is now available at St John's Knutsford. We have two contactless/chip&PIN card readers: one in the porch and one in the entrance to the church centre.

Online giving is available through this link:  
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a458857c-9bcf-42a5-8de0-55b07528432f>

and via this QR code



These facilities are in addition to current ways of giving to St John's, including standing orders, direct bank transfers, envelopes and the offering box. If you would like to set up regular giving to St John's then we encourage you to use these existing arrangements.

## **HOPE CENTRAL**

Please donate carrier bags for life, Chinese sauces, crisps, tinned fish, tinned ham and tinned spam. Carrier bags can be left in the Hope Central collection bins or dropped off at the office any weekday morning.

## **RICHARD REEVE'S ORDINATION AS PRIEST**

Saturday 10th June 2023.

Doors open 3:15pm. Service begins 4pm  
Chester Cathedral, St Werburgh St, Chester.  
Parking: Delamere Street (CH1 3EQ), off the Inner Ring Road.

Seating is unallocated. However, the cathedral request that guests make a (free) booking by following this link:

<https://chestercathedral.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173623398/events>

You will be asked for an email address to which a ticket will be sent and need to use the promotional code: priests2023  
Nearer the time, further details and a link to download the Order of Service will be sent to the email address you give.

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**

Would you be interested in taking on a small, regular task? Linen napkins and, occasionally, a larger table cloth, used in communion, need washing every week or two. If you are interested in helping with the task we'd be very grateful. Please contact the church office if you can help.  
Many thanks

## **DIARY DATES**

20 <sup>th</sup> May	Tatton Singers Singing Day (church)
	Tatton Plant Sale (Toft)
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Cornerstone
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Marriage Course (Café)
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term: Café closed