

## Welcome to St Johns Knutsford and Toft

A warm welcome to all our services. We're glad to see you. Please note crèche and children's activities are available at the 10.15 St Johns Knutsford service. Do join us before the service for refreshments; we'd be delighted to meet you. Audio/visual assistance and toilet facilities can be accessed at all our services.

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### The Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity

Father in heaven, keep your household the church firm in godliness, so that it may by your protection be free from all adversities and may devoutly serve you in good works to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### St Johns Knutsford

**8.30am** **Holy Communion**  
Led by: Nigel Atkinson Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Matthew 24: 1-25 Hebrews 9: 15-22

**10.15am** **Morning Prayer**  
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Matthew 24: 1-25 Hebrews 9: 15-22

**6.30pm** **God's Big Picture**  
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee

### St Johns Toft

**9.30am** **Morning Prayer**  
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Matthew 24: 1-25 Hebrews 9: 15-22

### 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.

Online giving is available through this link:

[tinyurl.com/donatetosjk](https://tinyurl.com/donatetosjk)  
and via this QR code



## Looking Ahead

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

#### St Johns Knutsford

**8.30am** **NO SERVICE**

**9.30am** **Remembrance Service**  
Led by: Debbie Woods Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**6.30pm** **No Service**

#### St Johns Toft

**9.30am** **Holy Communion**  
Led by: Dan Young Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee

Sermons from the St Johns Knutsford 10.15am are available on Youtube within a few days.

<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

**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).

**Days off:** Fridays: Helen & Tom; Saturdays: Nigel.

AT ST JOHNS KNUTSFORD		
TIMETABLE	WEEK BEGINNING	
	5 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>Monday</b>	9.30 am	Staff Meeting
	5.00 pm	English Classes
<b>Tuesday</b>	2.00pm	Toft Fellowship (Toft)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30 am	Ladies Group
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00am	Oasis
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringers
	7.45pm	Youth Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am to 3.30pm	Annual Gift sale at St. John's Toft

### Monthly Prayer meetings

Prayer meetings take place every first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm @Church Centre.

**Our next prayer meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. All are very welcome**

### Confirmation and Adult Baptism service

**The evening of 26<sup>th</sup> November at SJK.**

If you are interested in being Baptised and/or Confirmed as an adult, please speak with Nigel or Tom.

## Remembrance Sunday and Coffee

**Please note that there will only be one service at St Johns Knutsford on the morning of Remembrance Sunday, next week, 12<sup>th</sup> November – at 9.30am.**

Prior to the service, the Town Remembrance parade will assemble at the King Street Car Park from 8:45am and set off at 9am along King Street, Minshull Street and Princess Street to arrive at St John's Church for this 9:30am service. Immediately following the service, at approximately 10:30am, there will be a procession from St Johns to the Centennial War Memorial for the main wreath laying and service with a two-minute silence at 11am. **There will be no coffee at St Johns at the Remembrance Day service in the church.**

**Please note that, immediately after the 9.30am service, Toft Road will be closed for 15 minutes, to allow pedestrian access to the Memorial.**

## Christmas Choir

If you would like to sing in the **St Johns Knutsford Christmas Choir**, rehearsals are underway. **We meet Sunday afternoons, 5pm-6pm in church.** Ability to read music not essential.

We will be singing at the Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 4pm and, numbers permitting, at the Christmas Eve communion at 10pm. No commitment is required beyond these dates. Please contact the church office for more information, or please just turn up to the rehearsals:

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We are registered as a drop-off centre again for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We're beginning to gather boxes at the side of the Nave. Leaflets can be found in the racks in the Church Centre entrance area and give details of how to put together a shoebox. You'll need to provide and use a standard sized shoebox. There are a few Samaritans Purse shoe boxes available for use, at the back of church near the coffee table.

All the guidance about putting a shoebox together (including the required labels and donation information) can also be found on the website at:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

'Online' shoeboxes (ie where you can select products and Samaritans Purse put the boxes together for you) can also be created by following the link.

We will need shoeboxes returned to the church office by the morning of **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at the very latest.**

## Evening Services

We meet for the final 'God's Big Picture' this Sunday at SJK, 6.30pm. There will then be no evening services on the two following weeks. Evening services will resume on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November when we look forward to the Service of Baptism and Confirmation, led by the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Rob Munro.

## St John's Toft. Annual Gift Sale

**Saturday 11th November.** 10.30am - 3.30pm

Morning coffee. Lunch served from 12 noon

We have a very talented group of professional local craftsmen and women and a great variety of handmade crafts for sale.

### New addition this Year!

**A silent auction of paintings and other items which have been very generously donated** -Please invite friends, neighbours and family along. Free entry

## Toft Fellowship

Toft Fellowship takes place weekly at 2pm. The meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November will be led by Nigel.

## Mission Partnership

### Hope Central

Items of urgent need - please continue to donate tinned carrots, corned beef, tea and tinned custard. Many thanks for all your contributions.

## Prayer Diary:

Please submit any prayer requests to the church office.

### Prayers for this week:

**Monday:** Pray for Rob Munro the Bishop of Ebbsfleet. Pray for all Parishes under his care.

**Tuesday:** Pray for Helen Eccles. Give thanks for her ministry. Praise God that she will be able to minister with us.

**Wednesday:** Pray for Toft. Pray for the Church Wardens at Toft. Give thanks for the way the work tirelessly for the good of the parish and the glory of God.

**Thursday:** Pray for the Church Wardens of Knutsford.

**Friday:** Give thanks to God for our Treasurer of SJK. Give great thanks for all his dedication. Pray that he may enjoy a well-deserved rest from his role. Pray that a new Treasurer may be appointed.