

NORTH WEST PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference is over two days, 27-28 January 2017, and features some great speakers – Mark Simpson, Richard Coekin and Graham Beynon. The theme is vital to St John's - 'How to grow your church and keep it growing...'. Does God Himself, in His Word, have anything to say that will answer this question? And if a church does grow then what about another question....'How does a church keep growing?'. As ever it promises to be encouraging and stimulating. (Note: It is possible to just attend on the Saturday, if you can't make a weekday.) Booking forms available online or by the door into the Church Centre.

AN EVENING OF VOCAL MUSIC

A Christmas Charity Concert, in aid of Cardiac Risk in the Young, is being held at St John's Knutsford on Tuesday 20th December at 7.00 pm. More information and tickets are available from Jo Dally, at church or in the café.

CHRISTMAS WALK DECEMBER 27TH

There will be a Church Family Walk on 27th December at 1pm, meeting at Knutsford gates, Tatton Park. This is a great chance to burn off some of those Christmas calories, and to have fellowship together. All welcome, please see Jane Murphy for any further information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST TICKETS - NOW SELLING

When: Sat. 21 January 8.30-9.30am

Where: The Cross Keys, 52 King Street, WA16 6DT

Speaker: Peter Budd - Professor at the School of Chemistry, the University of Manchester. Theme: "The Giant Molecule Story: science and faith" Tickets bought in advance, please, from church office or from Richard Reeve: £6.00.

Diary dates for 2017

3 rd Jan	Office reopens Staff Meeting
4 th Jan	Prayer Gathering
5 th Jan	Oasis Toy Cleaning Mothers' Union AGM
9 th Jan	Oasis Young@Heart Oasis Leaders' Meeting
10 th Jan	Oasis Homegroup Leaders' Meeting
12 th Jan	Oasis ACF Epiphany Supper
15 th Jan	Thanksgiving for Skye Lily Cameron
17 th /18th Jan	Homegroups Start
19th Jan	IT meeting
20th Jan	Cornerstone
21 st Jan	Men's Breakfast
27/28 Jan	NWP conference, Leyland
1st Feb	Prayer Gathering
2nd Feb	Ladies' Book Group
4th Feb	Cornerstone Mission/Coffee Morning
24 th Feb	Dads and Lads weekend away
27 th Feb	Knutsford PCC
10 th /11 th Mar	Ladies' Conference
18 th Mar	NWP Youth Conference, SJK

Today's Services

18 December 2016 (Advent 4)

The Collect

Lord, come among us, we pray, with your power and help us with your great might so that, although we are hindered by our sins and wickedness from running the race set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us through the work of your Son our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory now and forever. Amen.

St John's Knutsford

8.45am

Ruth#4: Hope in Redemption

Leader: Nigel Atkinson
Ruth 4: 1-22 (p224)

Morning Prayer (BCP)

Preacher: Richard Reeve
Luke 10: 25-37 (p869)

10.15am

Leader: Nigel Atkinson
Ruth 4: 1-22 (p224)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Richard Reeve
Luke 10: 25-37 (p869)

6.30pm

Leader: John Lee

Town Carols

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

St John's Toft

8.00am

Leader: Nigel Atkinson

Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

10.15am

Leader: Dan Young

Carol Service

Preacher: Thain Flowers

Do join us for refreshments after the services

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 Ministers: Nigel (K632834) or Dan (K228216).

NOTICES

PIGEON-HOLES

Please empty your pigeon-holes: some post has been nesting for a long time! There is a board at the back of church for people to put their church family Christmas cards on if so desired.

FINAL ACCOUNTS

Please would the treasurers of Church Groups submit their end of year accounts to Paul Broomhead. Many thanks.

CHURCH OFFICE

The office closes at 12.30pm on Thursday 22nd December until Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Huge thanks to all who have helped during the year. Happy Christmas!

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Prayer Pointers--- Week 18th December

Pray for the Children's Service at Knutsford and the Crib Service at Toft on Christmas Eve, together with the Midnight Carol Service at Knutsford, that there may be rejoicing as we remember Christ's coming into the world.

Prayer Pointers - Week 25th December

Pray for the services on Christmas Day at Knutsford and Toft and around the world that as Christ came as the Prince of Peace, many may know peace in their lives and in the world there may be peace and reconciliation.

Pray that as we approach the New Year we will give thanks to God for the way He has led and been with us during this past year as individuals and as church families.

Pray that the Lord will guide and direct us, as His church, into the New Year that lies ahead, that we may know His presence with us as we face the unknown, and we may each grow nearer to the Lord in our daily walk with Him.

Prayer Points - Week 1st January

Pray that as we begin the New Year we will give thanks to God for the way He has led and been with us during this past year, as individuals and as church families.

Pray for the Services held around the world, that as people meet for worship they may be drawn closer to the Lord Jesus as the Word of God is proclaimed to all.

Pray for the Staff Meeting on Tuesday, that the team may be guided in all their deliberations and may know the leading of the Holy Spirit in all matters as we enter this New Year.

Pray for the Prayer Gathering on Wednesday that a good number will be prompted to join together for this first prayer time of the New Year, to seek the Lord's guidance and blessing on all that is undertaken in the year ahead.

Pray for the Mothers' Union AGM on Thursday that this may be a time of reflection on the past year and looking to the Lord for His guidance through the New Year.

Christmas Services

24 December (Christmas Eve)

St John's Knutsford

4.00pm

Leader: Jon Mayer

Children's Service

Preacher: Chris Johnson

11.00pm

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

Midnight Carols

Preacher: Stephen Watson

St John's Toft

4.00pm

Leader: Nigel Atkinson

Luke 2: 1-7 (p1027)

Crib Service

Preacher: Dan Young

25 December (Christmas Day)

The Collect

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

St John's Knutsford

8.45am

Leader: Nigel Atkinson

John 1:1-14 (p886)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

10.15am

Leader: Nigel Atkinson

Matthew 1: 18-25 (p807)

All Age Service

Preacher: Chris Johnson

St John's Toft

8.00am

Leader: Dan Young

Luke 2: 9-20 (p1027)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Dan Young

10.15am

Leader: Dan Young

Luke 2: 9-20 (p1027)

Family Service

Preacher: Dan Young

1 January 2017 (Christmas 1) NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Collect

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

JOINT SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S TOFT

10.15am

Leader: Dan Young

Psalm 124 (p623)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson