

Mon 2nd | **Bank Holiday**

Pray...for this Bank Holiday that it may be a God given day of relaxation in our busy day to day lives and for time with our families and friends before the daily round starts again

Tue 3rd | 10.00am Oasis

Pray...for the Oasis Christianity Explored Course tomorrow that it may be a good time together, and as they study the Bible and look at the DVD it may be informative and challenging

Wed 4th | 9.30am Christianity Explored Course #2
11.00am Holy Communion in Knutsford Church
8.00pm Knutsford Prayer Gathering

Pray...for the Prayer Gathering that a good number of the fellowship may be prompted to meet together and come before the Lord in believing prayer for the Church of Christ, the world and our nation

Thu 5th | 10.00am Oasis
2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting

Pray...for the meeting of the Mother's Union that their fellowship together may be a help and blessing to each one and they may experience comfort and strength from the Lord

Fri 6th | 4.00pm Little Nutters
5.30pm TGI
7.30pm Eureka

Pray...for the Toft Annual Plant Sale tomorrow that it may be a good time of gathering together with friends and visitors. Pray also for the final preparations for the Knutsford May Day, Church and Cafe Open Day

Sat 7th | 12noon Knutsford May Day Church and Café Open
2.00pm Toft Annual Plant Sale

Pray...for the May Day Parade that all will go well and for our Church and Cafe Open Day Pray that a good number of friends and visitors will join us to see the church and take refreshments. Pray for opportunities to speak about the Lord Jesus

Sunday 8th May (After Ascension)

Knutsford 8.45am Holy Communion
10.15am May Day Service
6.30pm Evening Service
Toft 10.15am Holy Communion

Pray...for the Knutsford May Day Service that friends and relatives of participants in the May Day Procession, and visitors, may join with us for worship and hear the message of a Saviour's love for all people

Today's Services
1st May 2016 (Easter 5)

The Collect

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

'The Lord's Prayer: give us today'

8.45am Led by: Nigel Atkinson 1 Kings 17:7-16 (p299)
Holy Communion Preacher: Nigel Atkinson John 6:22-34 (p891)

10.15am Led by: Richard Reeve 1 Kings 17:7-16 (p299)
Morning Worship Preacher: Nigel Atkinson John 6:22-34 (p891)

6.30pm Led by: John Lee Joshua 5 (p180)
Evening Service Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

You can expect the sermons to last about 30 mins, and the service overall about 70-95 mins. Knutsford Sermons are available on the web within a few days

St John's Toft

'The Lord's Prayer: forgive us our sins'

8.00am Led by: Dan Young
Holy Communion Preacher: Dan Young

10.15am Led by: Thain Flowers Matthew 18:21-35 (p985)
Morning Worship Preacher: Dan Young Luke 23:26-43 (p1060)

Do join us for refreshments after the service

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); or our Pastoral Worker, Malyn (07415 325873).

After Service Prayer: After the 10.15 service at Knutsford there will be people in the Memorial Chapel who will pray with you if you would like.

MAY DAY OPENING – SAT MAY 7th

As usual Knutsford church is going to be open for visitors on Saturday May 7th, before, during and after the parade. This year, our Café is going to be catering for the event, and Bianca is looking for volunteers to assist her. In addition to this, we also need church family members to act as Welcomers for the visitors. Please contact Bianca or Helen for further details. This is an ideal way to continue our witness to the town and beyond, so please make every effort to put some time aside for this.

LADIES BOOK CLUB THURSDAY 12th MAY 8pm

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th May. If you are not on the mailing list and would like more information, please contact Judy Pearce K754614.

CHURCH BIBLES

To help the stewards with putting out and clearing away Bibles: 8:45 service: please leave your Bibles on the chairs after the service (and return any other books to the Narthex); 10:15 service: please either return your Bible to the cupboard in the Narthex or leave it on your chair (rather than the floor) at the end of the service. Many thanks.

NORTHERN MEN'S CONVENTION 14th MAY

Venue: St John's Knutsford; Theme: Men be confident; Speaker: David Robertson: pastor, author and director of The Centre for Public Christianity. Tickets £15. It is a help to the organisers if you book in advance online at <http://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/bookings/details?id=313> or 0333 123 0880. You can also buy tickets on the door.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Tatton Garden Society are holding their Annual Plant Sale at Toft Church on Saturday 7th May 2-3.30pm. Both congregations are very welcome please come along. Tea and Cakes will be served entrance free. Colin Hurrell K633300.

DOOR LOCKS

Please could the Knutsford Church Family note that the doors into the Café area, and the main door should not be bolted from the inside for the duration of the works to the path. Many thanks

DAYTIME CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED COURSE

From May 17th we will be running a home-based Christianity Explored course for seven weeks, on Tuesday mornings, from 11am to 12 noon (due to finish on July 5th). Who was Jesus? Why did he come...and what is involved in following him? Looking at these questions the course will be an opportunity to explore the faith for the first time, or for those who are already Christians to consolidate what they know. If you are interested for yourself or someone else you know please speak to Richard Reeve or Roy and June Evans (K634533).

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP (ACF)

In a change to the scheduled Programme we welcome Sue Young to our meeting on Thurs 12th May at 7.30pm. Sue's talk is entitled 'Two Special Boys' which relates to her teaching experiences in London and Cheltenham. We are most grateful to Sue for stepping in at short notice and we also send very best wishes to Dom Taylor for a good recovery after his recent operation.

TOFT MOTHERS' UNION

We will be meeting on Thursday 5th May at 2-00pm in the Church Hall. We will be having a social afternoon followed by tea and cakes. Please remember to bring your contribution for the hamper that we are providing for the Summer Fair.

TGI WEEKEND AWAY - JUNE 17-19TH

We are teaming up with Yorkshire Camps for our weekend away. This is going to be a great time of learning more about Jesus, strengthening relationships and having lots of fun. Get your letters and deposits into Chris asap.

KESWICK - WEEK 2 - JULY 23RD-30TH

It's getting close to our annual trip to Keswick. For many people, this is the highlight of their year. We are expecting more people this year so please get your forms and deposits in asap. Chris

TEDDIES FOR TRAGEDIES

117 teddies have packed their bags and are off to Romania to spread happiness to young and old in orphanages, hospitals and old peoples' homes. Very many thanks to all you knitters. Please keep up the good work – they always get a good welcome.

ALEC HAM UPDATE

Some church family members may recall one of our Youth Assistants, Alec Ham, who was very ill with Guillain-Barré syndrome which laid him low for several months. Time, God's grace and prayer has proved a mighty healer as he is now very much improved. He has sent us a letter giving us an update on his condition and how his newly expanded family are coping; if anyone would like to get a copy of this, then please let Helen / Judy Pearce know and they can send it to you.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

4 th May	Midweek Holy Communion Prayer Gathering
7 th May	Knutsford Church May Day opening
8 th May	May Day Service
10 th May	Homegroup Leaders' Meeting
12 th May	Ladies' Book Group
14 th May	Northern Men's Convention at Knutsford Wedding of Aidan Brooker and Eleanor McLaughlin at Toft Church
16 th May	Staff Planning Meeting