

<b>Mon</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Oasis Staff Meeting
	7.00pm	Rock Choir

Pray for the Staff Team, that as they meet together to consider and pray for the week ahead and the Christmas programmes, they may know the leading of the Lord in every way.

<b>Tue</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Oasis
	7.30pm	Tatton Singers Rehearsal Home groups

Pray for the homegroups as the Autumn series of Bible studies draws to a close, that the Scriptures may have become a vital Living Word in the hearts of all.

<b>Wed</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Afternoon	Home groups
	3.30pm	Toft Fellowship
	Evening	Home groups Youth cells

Pray for the Wood Street Mission and Hampers of Hope Christmas Appeals (see inside page), that many donations may be forthcoming to meet the needs of children and adults in areas of hardship.

<b>Thu</b> 1st Dec	10.00am	Oasis
	7.30pm	Bell ringing

Pray...for families worldwide, that they may know the guiding love and peace of the Lord.

<b>Fri</b> 2nd Dec	4.00pm	Little Nutters
	5.30pm	TGI
	7.30pm	Eureka

Pray for the lonely, housebound and hospitalised at this season of the year, that they may know the comfort and support of friends and loved ones and of the Lord in their need

<b>Sat</b> 3rd Dec
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Pray for Chris Johnson and all the leaders and helpers working among boys and girls and young people in our church and in the wider community to make Christ known.

### Sunday 4 December 2016 (ADVENT 2)

<b>Knutsford</b>	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
<b>Toft</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Worship

Pray for the new Sunday morning sermon series in the Book of Ruth, that as we listen to God's Word we may receive some wonderful truth that will speak to us of His guidance and great love.

## Today's Services Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Advent Sunday)

### The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when he will come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## St John's Knutsford

### HOPE IN SUFFERING: RUTH#1

#### 8.45am

Led by: Nigel Atkinson  
Deuteronomy 30: 10-20  
(p172)

#### Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Ruth 1: 1-22 (p222)

#### 10.15am

Led by: John Lee  
Deuteronomy 30: 10-20  
(p172)

#### Morning Worship

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Ruth 1:1-22 (p222)

### A CHURCH LOVING RIGHTLY: 1 THESS 4: 1-12

#### 6.30pm

Led by: Debbie Woods  
1 Thess 4: 1-12(p987)

#### Evening Service

Preacher: Dan Young

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

### A CHURCH LOVING RIGHTLY: 1 THESS 4:1-12

#### 10.15am

Led by: Hazel Raw  
Lev. 20:10-16, 22-26 (p123)

#### Morning Worship

Preacher: Dan Young  
1 Thess 4:1-12 (p1187)

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).

**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.

## NOTICES

### HAMPERS OF HOPE

If you would like to donate food for those less fortunate over the Christmas season, please would you contribute the following: tinned ham; luxury biscuits; Christmas/tinned puddings and coffee. These will go into the 400 hampers that are being given for Christmas. Thank you for your support.

### BOOKSTALL

At the back of SJK there is a variety of Christian charity Christmas cards, and other greeting cards, along with gifts and books appropriate for the Christmas season. Do have a look!

### APOLOGETICS COURSE

Which questions about the Christian faith would you like to have good answers for? What makes your friends and family sceptical about what you believe? John is writing an apologetics course for us to use next year, and he would like to address specific issues from our experience as a church family. Send your questions/comments to [sjohnlee@mac.com](mailto:sjohnlee@mac.com).

### TOYS, TEARS AND TINSEL

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm.

A festive look through the archives of Wood Street Mission. PLUS a tour of the historic building and community Christmas shop. Mulled wine and light refreshments included. FREE but please make a donation to the Christmas Appeal.

Please contact Jane (650419) or Charlotte(633731) for more details.

### TOFT FELLOWSHIP

This autumn we are looking together at the little book of the prophet Jonah in the Old Testament. It's a story we all know well; or do we? We may find some surprises as we read through it together, and also some very relevant themes indeed. We meet at 7, The Hill, Parkfield Road, from 3.30 to 5 pm. Please take an outline of the whole series of meetings from the table at the back of Toft church. All are very welcome.

### SAVE THE DATE #1!

Exciting news alert! We are having a church weekend away on 16-18th March, **2018!** It will take place at Whitemoor Lakes Activity Centre in Lichfield, Staffordshire. At the moment it's just Nigel and Stephen who are going, so please will others sign up! The weekend is also open to those who have attended St John's in the past but who have moved away, so spread the word. It's not too early to secure your place - you can do this by giving a £20 deposit to Stephen Watson or Julija Broomhead, or leave it in a named envelope with Chris Hogg in the office.

### WSM CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We would be grateful for donations of unwrapped children's gifts, food and money for the WSM Christmas

Appeal. Boxes will be available at Toft and St John's Churches from now until 7th December.

Please note we do not have storage room for non-Christmas items until the New Year.

With thanks from CB and JMCK

### SAVE THE DATE#2!

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2017, here at St John's, North West Partnership Annual Youth Conference: Engaging with the Worlds of Youth and Children. Open to volunteer youth and children's leaders, parents, full-time workers and church ministers. More details will follow.

### LADIES' BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd February when we discuss The Journey of Desire by John Eldredge. For more information about this group or the current book please speak with Debbie Woods or Judy Pearce. New members welcome.

### NORTH WEST PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

27-28 January 2017 at St Andrew's Church, Leyland. This year's theme: Growing the church and keeping it growing. Speakers: Richard Coekin and Graham Beynon. Register online at [www.northwestpartnership.com](http://www.northwestpartnership.com) on the Events page, or by post. £15 per person per day, take your own lunch. Leaflets available in the office.

### PRINTER

There is a printer in the church office which is surplus to requirements. Free to a good home!

### BIBLICAL COUNSELLING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

2 residential conferences: 1) Foundations: 27 & 28 March and 2) Topics & Skills: 28-30 March 2017 at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Please ask in the office for more information.

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Oasis Nativity
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Oasis Nativity
	Tatton Singers Rehearsal
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Prayer Gathering
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Oasis Nativity
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Cornerstone party
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Town Crib Service
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yorston Lodge Carol Service
	Young@Heart
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yorston Lodge Carol Service