

Mon 5 th Dec	10.00am	Oasis Nativity Staff Meeting
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Pray for the Oasis Nativity Plays this week as the toddlers and their mums come together in their groups to see and hear the message of Christmas for all people.

Tue 6 th Dec	10.00am	Oasis Nativity
	12.00noon	Phil Willocks funeral: Toft
	7.30pm	Tatton Singers Rehearsal

Pray for the family and friends gathered for the funeral of Phil Willocks today, that they and all who are mourning at this time may know the comfort and support of the Lord.

Wed 7 th Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion
	8.00pm	Prayer Gathering

Pray for those who meet for Communion, that they may receive a blessing from the Lord. Pray for the prayer gathering, that the fellowship may join together to pray that the Christmas message may ring out clear to all.

Thu 8 th Dec	10.00am	Oasis Nativity
	7.30pm	ACF Bell ringing

Pray for the ACF Christmas Miscellany meeting, that this may be a good time of fellowship with thoughts of Christmas. carols and mince pies and remembering the true meaning of a Saviour's birth.

Fri 9 th Dec	4.00pm	Little Nutters
	5.30pm	TGI
	6.00pm	Cornerstone party
	7.30pm	Eureka

Pray for the Cornerstone Party tonight, that they may enjoy their celebration as they think about the birth of Jesus, and the helpers may be encouraged by their work among the group.

Sat 10 th Dec	5.45 pm	Town Crib Service
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Pray for the Crib Service in town, that as children and adults gather around the crib they may be brought face to face with the true meaning of Christmas and of a Saviour's birth.

Sunday 11th December 2016 (ADVENT 3)

Knutsford	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Toft	10.15am	Morning Worship

Pray that in this season of Advent we and the whole world may come to a greater appreciation of what the coming into the world of our Saviour means to us, and what His second coming will mean for us all.

Today's Services Sunday 4th December 2016 (Advent 2)

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused the holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that through patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

St John's Knutsford

Ruth#2: Hope in Providence

8.45am	Led by: Nigel Atkinson Romans 5: 1-11 (p942)	Holy Communion	Preacher: Nigel Atkinson Ruth 2: 1-23(p222)
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10.15am	Led by: Richard Reeve Romans 5: 1-11(p942)	Preacher: Nigel Atkinson Ruth 2: 1-23(p222)
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1 Thess#6: A church waiting expectantly

6.30pm	Led by: Nigel Atkinson 1 Thess 4:13 – 5: 11 (p987)	Evening Service	Preacher: Stephen Watson
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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

1 Thess #6: A church waiting expectantly

8.00am	Led by Nigel Atkinson:	Holy Communion	Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
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10.15am	Led by: Dan Young 1 Thess 4:13-18(p1188)	Morning Worship	Preacher: Stephen Watson 1 Thess 5: 1-11 (p1188)
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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.

NEXT MEN'S EVENT

The men will again be meeting for a breakfast at the Cross Keys on Saturday 21st January. The speaker will be Peter Budd, Professor at the School of Chemistry at the University of Manchester. He will talk about the relationship between his own Christian faith and his science background. This is not long after Christmas - please be thinking now who you might invite to this event. Ticket information will follow soon. To be included on the men's events mailing list please contact Richard at rbreeve@macace.net

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.

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.

WOOD STREET MISSION - LAST APPEAL FOR TOYS

Wood Street Mission bring joy to many underprivileged families at Christmas time by distributing gifts. PLEASE HELP by donating new toys, non-perishable food or cash donations before this Wednesday 7th December. Collection boxes are available at the entrances to St John's Church and Toft Church. Jane McKinlay & Charlotte Blakemore

TOYS, TEARS & TINSEL

If you would like to find out more about Wood Street Mission, past and present, you are welcome to come along on Wednesday 14th December 6-8pm for a talk and tour and also enjoy some light refreshments. Please let Jane McKinlay (K650419) or Charlotte Blakemore (K633731) know if you would like to join us.

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 on the Events page, or by post. £15 per person per day, take your own lunch. Leaflets available at the Church Centre entrance.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP (ACF)

Our Advent/Christmas meeting will take place this Thursday, 8th December. There will be carols, mince pies and mulled wine and the entertainment will be provided by our own members. Looking at the programme for the evening, it looks as if we are in for a jolly time, so everyone is invited to come along and join in the fun!. This is a great opportunity for sharing our Christian fellowship and reaching out to others with the message of the Good News so do bring friends along too! Lis D

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!

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.

OASIS

Oasis groups are run by church family volunteers. We urgently need more help from January 2017, especially in the kitchen serving drinks and snacks. We have a rota, so helpers only come about once a month, and there are usually 2 people on together. It is a valuable way of serving the young mums of Knutsford, and training will be given. Please pray that this could be something you could do, and come along and see us in action. For more information ask one of our Coffee Coordinators: Di Keeble, Janet Whalley or Janet Comline, or any Oasis helper.

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

It is our Carol Service at 6.30pm on December 18th, with the Tatton Singers. On Monday 19th Bexton School are having their dress rehearsal at 9.30am. It would be very much appreciated if a few able-bodied people could help Terrence to move the chairs as necessary after our Carol Service. It will have been a busy week for chair moving as there are several Christmas events happening, and I am sure Terrence would appreciate the help. Please let him know if you can assist.

SAVE THE DATE!

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. 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.

CPAS BOXES

If you have a CPAS box, please let Barbara Livesley have it as soon as possible. This can be here at St John's, to her home (19 Hollingford Place), or can be collected (tel 653276). If anyone prefers to write a cheque, this can be directly to CPAS. We are most grateful for your ongoing support for this worthwhile cause, which allows young people to enjoy a Falcon Camp holiday.

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. All ladies welcome.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP LETTERS FOR DECEMBER

These are available in your pigeon holes in the Church Centre, and spares are in the Centre entrance. Please pick one up!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

12 th Dec	Yorston Lodge Carol Service Young@Heart
13 th Dec	Yorston Lodge Carol Service
17 th Dec	Bexton preschool Christmas service Toft Tatton Singers Concert
18 th Dec	Carol Services at Toft & SJK
20 th Dec	Bexton Carol Service Charity Vocal Concert SJK
21 st Dec	Bexton Carol Service
22 nd Dec	Bell ringing
24 th Dec	Crib service Toft Children's service SJK Midnight Carols