

Mon 23 rd Jan	10.00am	Staff Meeting Oasis
	1.15pm	Thanksgiving for Pat Moody, Toft

Pray for the Staff Meeting, that they may know the presence of the Lord in their midst. Pray for the bereaved family and friends of Pat Moody, that as they give thanks for her life they may know the comfort of the Lord.

Tue 24 th Jan	10.00am	Oasis
	7.30pm	Tatton Singers Rehearsal
	8.00pm	Home groups

Pray for Homegroups meeting this week, that they may know the leading of the Lord as they study His Word and come to a fuller understanding of the truth contained in the words of the Creed.

Wed 25 th Jan	2.00pm	Home Communion
	7.30pm	Youth Cells
		Home groups

Pray for the Home Communion, that as visits are made to the house-bound there may be a real sense of the Lord's presence with them as they share in Communion together.

Thu 26 th Jan	10.00am	Oasis
	7.30-9pm	Bell ringing practice

Pray for the Bell Ringers as they practice tonight, that they may enjoy their fellowship together, and as the bells ring out each Sunday they may remind many people of the time for worship.

Fri 27 th Jan	9.30-	NWP conference, Leyland
	4.30pm	
	4.00pm	Little Nutters
	5.30pm	TGI
	7.00pm	Cornerstone
	7.30pm	Eureka

Pray for the North West Partnership Conference over these two days, that it may draw many to attend from our own church and across the region, and help to strengthen the fellowships represented.

Sat 28 th Jan	9.30-	NWP conference, Leyland
	4.30pm	

Pray for the new President of the United States and all world leaders that they may, under God, use their position for the good of all peoples and to help bring about peace and understanding between nations.

Sunday 29th January 2017 (Epiphany 4)

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

Pray for this morning's service at HMP Thorn Cross, and Peter Duncalfe who will be preaching. Pray for all prison services taking place throughout the UK today.

Today's Services Sunday 22 January 2017 (Epiphany 3)

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, in mercy look upon our weakness and in all our dangers and necessities stretch out your right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St John's Knutsford

The Apostles' Creed: He will come to judge

8.45am

Led by: Nigel Atkinson
2 Peter 3: 1-13 (p1019)

Morning Worship (BCP)

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Matthew 25: 31-46 (p831)

10.15am

Led by: Mark Cawson
2 Peter 3: 1-13 (p1019)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Matthew 25: 31-46 (p831)

HABAKKUK#3

6.30pm

Led by: Debbie Woods
Habakkuk 2: 2-20(p785)

Evening Service

Preacher: Richard Reeve

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

HABAKKUK#3

10.15am

Led by: Dan Young
Habakkuk 2 : 2-11(p941)

Morning Worship

Preacher: Richard Reeve
Habakkuk 2: 12-20(p941)

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.

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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.

CORNERSTONE ANNUAL MISSION COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 4th February 2017. Proceeds from the morning will go to support the work of The Kralovi Family in the Czech Republic, St John's Mission Visit to Kenya, St Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Ian & Jodi Chidlow at Oak Hill and the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child. Hot bacon rolls will be served from 10.15-1.30pm along with our usual cakes and drinks. Cards, gifts and bric-a-brac will also be available. Offers of cakes for the stall would be most welcome on the day. If you are available to help please speak to Sue Fenton, Isobel Shaw or Beki Parratt.

WOOD STREET MISSION

Wood Street Mission is extremely grateful to St John's and Toft for all their support at Christmas time. The following words are from their thank you letter (displayed on the noticeboard):

'We have been very moved by the huge response to our appeal 'Christmas Should Be About More Than Survival'. Thank you so much to everyone who donated toys, food, money or volunteering time. The scale of the project puts a lot of pressure on our small team. But the feedback from families has been wonderful and made it all worthwhile.'

However, the need for donations continues and children's clothes, children's bedding, books, baby equipment and baby items (e.g. disposable nappies, bottles and formula milk) and toiletries suitable for both adults and children will all be very welcome. Please leave any donations in the Wood Street cupboard in the entrance to the Church Centre. Larger pieces of baby equipment etc can be collected by arrangement. JMCK & CB

THE APOSTLES' CREED

This term our Church focus is on the Apostles' Creed: we return to complete it in the morning sermon series, Junior Church is starting its own 12- week study of the Creed, Home Groups are looking at the Creed and we would like to encourage families to study the Creed together by looking at the following guide: Laying the Foundation: A Family Study of the Apostles' Creed by Luke Gilkerson. (Available from Amazon for £10.89.)

HOME GROUPS

If you don't belong to one, why not? They are an ideal way to get to know a small number of people better, at the same time as studying God's word together. Richard Reeve or Chris Hogg would love to help you if you want to know more.

NORTH WEST PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference is at the end of this week, 27-28 January, 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.

PIGEON-HOLES

There are several uncollected Christmas cards, and other post, in the pigeon-holes in the Church Centre. Please remember to check if there is anything for you!

TOFT SPECIAL MEETING 4th FEBRUARY

Two years ago, the Church of England provisionally decided to consecrate women as bishops; but it also decided to make provision for parishes that prefer to remain under male episcopal oversight. This preference is to be expressed through a letter of request from the PCC to our Diocesan Bishop. Further explanation of this procedure can be found at <http://www.bishopofmaidstone.org/passing-a-resolution/> On Saturday Feb. 4th, there will be a meeting in Toft church hall for information and discussion on this issue and how it may affect Toft church. The meeting will run from 10.00 to 12.00 noon, with refreshments in the middle; and it is open to anyone on the electoral roll of St John's, Toft. There will also be a box at the back of Toft church on Sundays Feb. 5th & 12th for written and signed submissions. Your attendance and views will assist members of the PCC in deciding whether to send a letter of request.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP LETTERS FOR JANUARY

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

CPAS DONATIONS

I'm delighted to have posted a cheque from St John's for £203.75 - the 2016 total you raised for CPAS. We always ask for this to be for Falcon Camps: 'exciting, transformational holidays, hearing about Jesus, and in a beautiful setting', which without CPAS might not be possible for them. Sincere thanks for your ongoing commitment and loyalty. Barbara Livesley

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

23 rd Jan	Thanksgiving for Pat Moody, Toft
27 th Jan	NWP Conference 10-4.30pm
28 th Jan	NWP Conference 10-4.30pm
1 st Feb	Prayer Gathering 8pm
2 nd Feb	Ladies Book Group 8pm
4 th Feb	Cornerstone Coffee Morning 10-2pm
9 th Feb	ACF
13 th Feb	Young@Heart 2pm
17 th Feb	Cornerstone 7pm