

## Today's Services

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (Trinity 23)**

### The Collect

Lord God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your church and grant that what we ask for in faith we may surely obtain, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## St John's Knutsford

**David# 10: The cripple at the King's table**

**8.45 am**

Led by Nigel Atkinson

**MORNING WORSHIP**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**10.15am**

Led by: Debbie Woods

Romans 5: 6-8 (p942)

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

2 Samuel 9 (p260)

**4LIFE: 4pm**

**Who is the Redeemer?**

Leader: Julia Sanderson

Speaker: Nigel Atkinson

**EVENING SERVICE: 6.30pm**

**John #1: The witness of the Holy Spirit**

Led by Mark Cawson

Preacher: Dan Young

John 15: 26 - 16:15

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

**8.00am**

Leader: Dan Young

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Dan Young

**10.15am**

**The Witness of the Holy Spirit**

Led by: Val Brooker

Isaiah 61: 1-9 (p748)

Preacher: Dan Young

John 15: 26 - 16: 15(p1083)

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 Vicar: Nigel (K632834), Toft's associate minister Dan (K228216) or our Pastoral Team Leader: Anne Greaves (07436 112305).

**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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| <b>Mon</b>       | 10.00am | Oasis               |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> |         | Staff Meeting       |
| Nov              | 8pm     | Rock Choir          |
|                  |         | Men's Curry Evening |

Pray for the Staff Meeting, that all matters will be guided by the Lord. Pray for the Men's Curry Evening, that it will be enjoyed by all and the varied conversations help draw men towards Jesus.

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| <b>Tue</b>       | 10am   | Oasis          |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | 7.30pm | Tatton Singers |
| Nov              | 8.00pm | Home groups    |

Pray for the Home Groups and the Cell Groups meeting this week, that all may know the Lord's guidance and blessing as they study God's Word together.

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| <b>Wed</b> | 2.00pm  | Home Communion |
| 22nd       | Various | Home groups    |
| Nov        | times   | Cell groups    |

Pray for the Home Communion visits, that these may be a blessing from the Lord. Pray also for those known to us who are unwell or recovering from an operation, that they may know the Lord's comfort and support.

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| <b>Thu</b>       | 10am   | Oasis        |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 7.30pm | Bell-ringing |
| Nov              |        |              |

Pray for those who practice and ring our Bells each Sunday and on other occasions, that it may remind people of the call to worship and of the One who is Lord over all, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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| <b>Fri</b> | 4.00pm | Little Nutters |
| 24th       | 5.30pm | TGI            |
| Nov        | 7.30pm | Eureka         |

Pray for the various groups meeting in church this evening and for the Christian Union held in the Lower Academy, that all may enjoy their time together and also come to know more about Jesus.

**Sat**  
25<sup>th</sup>  
Nov

Pray for all who mourn, and those who suffer through illness, accident, murder, shootings, knife crime, earthquake, starvation, war, persecution, hurricanes, etc., that they may know the peace and comfort of the Lord.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 Sunday before Advent**

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

Pray for all who proclaim God's word today, that the message of Salvation in Christ may reach deep into the lives of all who as yet do not know Him, and that believers may know Christ more in their daily walk with Him.

## TASTE & SEE

Thank you to all those who participated in Taste and See on November 11<sup>th</sup>, particularly the people who demonstrated their skills and knowledge, and the people who set up and put away. Thank you too to the people who came to enjoy the evening. We raised £130 for the Royal British Legion.

## WEEKEND AWAY 2018

Join us at Whitemoor Lakes, Lichfield WS13 8QT ([www.acuk.net/whitemoor-lakes](http://www.acuk.net/whitemoor-lakes)) from 16-18 March 2018 for a great time of fellowship with our church family. The speaker will be Lee Gatiss, and Nathan Phillingham from Hartford Church will be leading the children. Do come and join the 80+ people who have already signed up! Forms available from the churchwardens or the office, £20 deposit per person secures your place. Please hand completed forms and your deposit in to the office.

## CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY

If you would like to offer hospitality to a foreign student over Christmas or New Year, or at any other time of year, for a day or longer, have a look at [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or ask in the office for more details.

## ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO - WOOD STREET MISSION CHRISTMAS 2017 APPEAL

Please help families struggling to make ends meet by donating new toys to the WSM Christmas Appeal. At Christmas WSM provide children with new toys and gifts. The presents are new to enable the child to feel no different from any other children opening their gifts on Christmas morning. Last Christmas WSM helped over 2,000 families and 4,500 children. This year the numbers referred are expected to be even higher. Please donate a new toy, gift, book, toiletries or new clothes suitable for a children and young people up to 18 years old or make a cash donation to either the Church office or directly online [www.woodstreetmission.org.uk](http://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk) The last Sunday for donations is 3rd December (NB earlier date), collection boxes are located at both entrances to St Johns and in Toft Church. Thank you for your continued support.

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## TOFT FELLOWSHIP

We will be meeting at 21 Beggarmans Lane on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm. More information can be found at the back of Toft Church.

## FUNERAL: GRACE SMITH

Grace died on 7th November aged 91 years, she was formerly of Willow Green, and the widow of Harold Smith. Her funeral will be at Knutsford Methodist Church on Tuesday 21st November at 12noon, followed by interment at Knutsford Cemetery. Donations are for the Alzheimer's Society, care of Barri Dodgson.

## CHURCH CLOCK

We expect work to start on St John's Church clock tomorrow, 20<sup>th</sup> November. This will restore the clock and its chime to full working order.

## MEN'S CURRY EVENING: MONDAY 20TH NOV

Come and enjoy some food with other men from St John's and bring friends along with you: 8pm at the Shamoli on Bottom Street, Knutsford. To book, collect an order form and menu from Richard / the SJK office. Complete and return in

an envelope with £13.50. For enquires email Richard at [rbreeve@macace.net](mailto:rbreeve@macace.net)

## BREAKFAST @ BETHLEHEM

On Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> do come and join us between 9.30 and 11.30am as we enjoy lots of creative Christmas activities for the children, and delicious breakfasts for all!

## PRISON PRAYER LETTERS

The Prison Prayer Letters for November are now available in the pigeon holes in the Church Centre for those who take a regular copy. There are spare copies in the holders in the entrance to the Centre so please take one if you are interested.

## CHURCH OFFICE

Occasionally there is a need for volunteer help in the office. If you could spare an hour or two on a very irregular basis, for simple tasks, please let Chris H know.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who made up a shoe box for Samaritan's Purse. 91 boxes were collected on Tuesday.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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| 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Burial of ashes: Toft: Eileen Wood                |
|                      | Men's Curry Evening                               |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov | Home Communion                                    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov | PCC   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec  | Wedding @ SJK: Georgina Crabtree & Brian Daintith |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec  | 4Life   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Oasis Nativity                                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Oasis Nativity                                    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Prayer Gathering                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Oasis Nativity                                    |
|                      | Toft Mothers' Union Christmas lunch & party       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Cornerstone                                       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Town Crib service                                 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Yorston Lodge Christmas rehearsal                 |
|                      | Young@Heart                                       |
|                      | Oasis Christmas Social                            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Yorston Lodge service: 6.30pm                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Tatton Singers rehearsal                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Tatton Singers rehearsal                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Breakfast@ Bethlehem                              |
|                      | Tatton Singers Concert                            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Town Carols                                       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Bexton rehearsal                                  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Bexton concert                                    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Bexton concert                                    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec | Charity musical evening                           |