

Mon
2nd
April

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Praise God for opportunities to rest and recuperate from our daily routines. Pray that all those able to have a break this week will be refreshed.

Tue
3rd
April

Pray for Open Doors and other Christian charities working in Iraq, that the projects they are involved in will bring great benefits to the people there, and bring glory to God.

Wed 8.00pm Prayer Gathering
4th
April

Pray that many of our congregations are able to come to this evening's Prayer Gathering, and intercede on behalf of our Christian brothers and sisters.

Thu
5th
April

Pray for countries where Christianity is illegal, that the Lord will strengthen the faith of believers there, and give wisdom to their church leaders shepherding God's people through difficult times.

Fri
6th
April

Praise God for our Christian family, and the many opportunities we have to love and support each other.

Sat
7th
April

Pray for all living in Yemen, in their anguished suffering from hunger, disease and war, that our merciful heavenly Father will intervene and help them.

Sunday 8th April (Easter 1)

Knutsford	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Worship
Toft	10.15am	Holy Communion

Praise God for the dreadful, loving, willing sacrifice Jesus made for us and the wonderful truth of the resurrection, which frees us from the effect of our sins.

Today's Services Sunday 1st April Easter Day

The Collect

Almighty God, through your only Son Jesus Christ you have conquered death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: by your grace put good desires into our minds and, in your mercy, help us to bring them to their fulfilment, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

St John's Knutsford

8.45am Leader: Nigel Atkinson	Holy Communion Preacher: Chris Johnson
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10.15am Leader: Nigel Atkinson 1 Corinthians 15: 50-58 (p962)	Morning Worship Preacher: Chris Johnson Revelation 21: 1-8 (p1041)
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St John's Toft

Celebrating the Resurrection

10.15am Led by: Thain Flowers John 20: 1-9(p1089)	Morning Worship Preacher: Dan Young John 20: 10-18(p1089)
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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 Vicar: Nigel (K632834), Toft's associate minister Dan (K228216) or our Pastoral team leader: Anne (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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TOFT PRAYER MEETING

Saturday 7th April, 10-10.30am. All are welcome to come and pray with us, and do bring a favourite prayer if you wish to share it.

ADVANCE NOTICE - MEN'S EVENTS 2018

Please note the following in your diaries...

* Saturday 12 May - The Northern Men's Convention.

* Saturday 9 June - Beer Tasting with talk by Revd George Crowder. (men's + women's event).

* Saturday 23 June - St John's Men's Breakfast

* Friday 7 – Sunday 9 September - Men's Weekend Away
For more information (times, venues, speakers, themes + booking) and to learn about other men's events please email Richard at: rbreeve@macace.net and ask to go on the St John's men's mailing list.

THEATRE NIGHT

A visit to The Garrick in Altrincham is planned for **Tuesday 10th April 7.30pm** to see 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. Please sign up on the list in the Centre which indicates you intend going - we have to order them in advance - cost is £13 (concessions). Cheques, payable to *St. John's Knutsford ACF*, should be given to Jessie Bunyan please, asap.

PRAYING TOGETHER - FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note, during April we will hold our usual Prayer Gathering at 8pm in the Church Centre on Wednesday 4th April, and also then a special Saturday morning Prayer and Pastries event (P&P), 14 April, at which we will focus on ministries of the church for the coming term. The P&P event will run from 9.30am until 11am and drinks and pastries will be supplied at the beginning of the meeting.

LOST BIBLE?

A large, well-used, brown leather ESV Bible was left behind at the NWP youth conference the other week. If this is yours, please let Chris know in the office.

NORTHERN MEN'S CONVENTION

When: Saturday 12th May, 2018, doors open 9:00am.

Theme: "Men Standing Alone, Holding the Word of God in the worst of times" Venue: Holy Trinity Platt, Manchester
Speaker – Rupert Bentley-Taylor. More info and booking at: <https://christianconventions.org.uk/nmc/convention>

To be part of a group booking (and save on booking fee) get £10 cash to Richard by Sunday 29 April. (Late booking may result in being seated in an overspill with video relay.)

ELECTORAL ROLL

It is necessary for each parish to revise its electoral roll this year, and report on any changes at the APCM, which for SJK is Sunday 22nd April at 4pm, and for Toft is Wednesday 25th April at 7.30pm. In accordance with the law, we give notice of the revision, which has to be completed at least 15 days before the APCM. Please ask in the office to check your information is accurate. The revised list will be on display for 2 weeks prior to the APCM. Forms are available and if you are not on the roll already, do please fill one in as we'd love you to join us.

ENVELOPE GIVING

If you support SJK through the envelope scheme, please collect your new envelopes from the table in the narthex.

UPDATE ON DAVID LEUENBERGER

If you were at the Church Weekend Away you will remember Josephine asking for prayer for a missionary doctor friend David, serving in Guinea, Africa. The latest news is that he underwent emergency surgery in the Ivory Coast for an intestinal obstruction, and since then he has been flown to Switzerland on board a special plane. He is thought to be doing well, but his family is still in Guinea, and prayers for all of them will be very welcome.

TOFT MOTHERS' UNION

We will be welcoming Mrs Audrey Sharman to our next meeting on Thursday 5th April. Her talk is entitled "There's more to it than cards." As usual we will be meeting in Toft Church Hall at 2.00pm.

LIFE EXPLORED COURSE WITH CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Daytime course open to all women but with childcare provided for those with toddlers/babies, 9.30am - 10.45am, downstairs in the Centre on the following Wednesdays: April 18 / 25 / May 2 / 9 / 16 / two-week break / June 6 / 13. For more information or to book - Tel: 01565 755165 / email: office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk

PRISON PRAYER LETTERS

The prison prayer letters for April are now available in pigeon holes, with spares available in the church centre.

YOUNG@HEART MONDAY 9th APRIL at 2 p.m. in the Church Centre

We welcome Sally Lee who will be telling us of her role as a Biblical Counsellor through the North West Partnership. We are sure Sally will have much to tell us and maybe tips that we could use in our daily lives when speaking to people who have problems. The talk will be followed by refreshments and a short time of devotion.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

8 th April	Short SJK PCC Meeting to approve accounts
9 th April	Young@Heart
12 th April	ACF
14 th April	Prayer & Pastries
16 th April	Café reopens, Oasis restarts
18 th April	Life Explored 1 (morning group) Home Group Leaders Meeting
19 th April	Life Explored 4
20 th April	Cornerstone
22 nd April	SJK APCM 4pm
24 th April	Home groups restart
25 th April	Life Explored 2 (morning group) Home communions Toft APCM 7.30pm
26 th April	Life Explored 5
28 th April	Buzz Training Day SJK