

FINAL ACCOUNTS/REPORTS

Please would the leaders of Church Groups submit their end of year accounts and reports to Steve Kitcher or the Church Office by January 7th. Many thanks.

PRAYING TOGETHER IN 2019

Please note in your new diary the 13 opportunities we will have next year to meet specifically for prayer. "PG" means the Prayer Gathering that meets on Wednesdays at 8pm in the Church Centre. "P&P" means Prayer and Pastries which are held on Saturday mornings at 9.30am in the main church building:

P&P 5 Jan; **PG** 7 Feb; **PG** 7 March; **PG** 3 April 2018; **P&P** 27 April; **PG** 5 June; **PG** 3 July; **PG** 7 August; **PG** 4 September; **P&P** 14 September; **PG** 2 October; **PG** 6 November; **PG** 4 December. Along with thanks and praise, at these meetings we will bring before God global and international issues. We will pray for our link missionaries and for the ministries of St John's in this parish.

CHURCH OFFICE

The office closes at 12.30pm on Friday 21st December until Tuesday 2nd January 2019. Huge thanks to all who have helped during the year. Happy Christmas!

NORTH WEST PARTNERSHIP

The annual conference is 25-26 January, with guest speakers Tim Lane and Mark Pickles. The theme is 'Words That Matter: saying things that really help'. It's always a very worthwhile experience, and booking forms are available in the Church Centre or you can book online on the NWP events page. If you book before 1pm on 21st January at 1pm it's £18 per day, and after that it's £20 a day. If you book both days the fee is £30. If you'd like to go as part of a group, please let the office know.

VIRTUAL BOOKSHOP: In collaboration with 10ofthose we have now incorporated an online facility to the books we make available. It can be found on the SJK homepage under "information" and then "bookstore". At the bottom of that page, click "[Browse and purchase books from our online selection.](#)"

EPIPHANY SUPPER

SJK Fellowship Supper will be held in the Centre on **Thursday 10th January – 7pm for 7.30pm**. Members will have had a letter but if anyone from either SJK or Toft Fellowship would like to join us, please do come along. The cost will be £15 for a two-course meal & includes coffee/tea & mints; you will find further details on the notice-board in the Centre, or, if you prefer, please contact Lis D (651956) or Jessie B (651139). Payment on or before Sunday 6th January please.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Nigel, Dan and all the staff at both churches wish you all a very happy Christmas as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Today's Services

Sunday 23rd December 2018 (Advent 4)

The Collect

Lord, come among us, we pray, with your power and help us with your great might so that, although we are hindered by our sins and wickedness from running the race set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us through the work of your Son our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory now and forever. Amen.

St John's Knutsford

8.45am

Leader: Nigel Atkinson

Holy Communion

Preacher: Richard Reeve

10.15am

Leader: Chloe Page

Morning Worship

Preacher: Richard Reeve

Matthew 1: 18-25 (p808)

Revelation 21: 1-5 (p1041)

6.30pm

Leader: Debbie Woods

Town Carols

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Please join us for drinks and mince pies after the service.

St John's Toft

10.15am

Leader: Dan Young

Carol Service

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Christmas Eve 24th December 2018

4.00pm

**Children's Christmas Service SJK
Crib Service Toft**

11pm

Christmas Eve Carols SJK

Christmas Day 25th December 2018

The Collect

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

St John's Knutsford

8.45am

Leader: Nigel Atkinson

Holy Communion

Preacher: Chris Johnson

10.15am

All Age Service

An Unexpected Joy

Led by: Jonathan Mayer

Preacher: Chris Johnson

Luke 2: 8-20 (p857)

St John's Toft

10.15am

Leader: Val Brooker

Family Service

Preacher: Dan Young

Isaiah 40: 1-5 (p723)

Matthew 1:18-25 (p965)

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) or our Pastoral Team Leader: Anne Greaves (07436 112305)

Prayer Pointers - Week beg. 23rd December

*Pray for the Christmas services at Knutsford and Toft, and throughout the country, that many will hear the message of salvation and be changed forever by it.

*Pray that, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the wonder of His coming into the world, each day of our lives may be more pleasing to Him than the one before.

* Pray for those who can't fully enjoy Christmas because of their personal circumstances, that they will be strengthened and comforted by God's grace.

*Pray that, as we approach the New Year, we will look back over this past year and give thanks to God for the way He has led and been with us during the year as individuals and as a church family.

Prayer Pointers – Week beg. 30th December

*Pray for the Sunday Morning Joint Service at Toft with Knutsford Church, that this time of fellowship together may be a blessing to all. Pray as we start the New Year, that God will guide us as individuals and as a church family.

*Pray for the Prayer & Pastries morning on Saturday 5th January, that as we enter the New Year we may come together as God's people to seek the Lord's guidance for the Church, our nation and for the world.

*Pray for this last Sunday Service of the old year, that as people gather for worship around the world they may realise the truth of His Word and come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

* Pray for the Church of England, that ministers will speak with authority, understanding and spiritual integrity, and that all church leaders will remain true to God's unchanging Word.

*Pray for the new term starting and for people returning to work-places after the Christmas break, that as the working rhythm starts again they will be blessed in their studying, their work, their family and their relationships.

30th December 2018

(Sunday after Christmas)

The Collect

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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8.45am

Holy Communion

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St John's Toft

10.15am

Morning Worship with SJK

A Choice to be Made

Leader: Dan Young Preacher: Thain Flowers
John 1: 1-14 (p1063) Galatians 3: 23-4:7 (p1170)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th Jan: Prayer & Pastries
7th Jan: Oasis back, Café reopens
9th Jan: Home group Leaders Meeting
10th Jan: CH Epiphany Supper
11th Jan: E&P meeting
13th Jan: 4 Life
14th Jan: Young @ Heart
15th Jan: Home groups restart
Toft PCC
18th Jan: Cornerstone
25th/26th Jan: NWP conference