

Today's Services
Sunday 3rd February 2019 Epiphany 4

The Collect

Lord God, you know that we are in the midst of such dangers and that we cannot always stand upright because of the frailty of our nature: grant us strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St John's Knutsford

Jesus and a Rich Man

8.45am

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

10.15am

Led by: Mark Cawson

Luke 18: 18-30 (p877)

4.00pm

Leader: John Kayes

6.30pm

**Nehemiah
Persistence**

Leader: Chloe Page

Nehemiah 6: (p489)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Morning Worship

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Deuteronomy 12: 1-4 (p156)

4Life

Speaker: Nigel Atkinson

Evening Service

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and Completion

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

Nehemiah #5: Persistence & God's People

8.00am

Leader: Nigel Atkinson

10.15am

Led by: Thain Flowers

Nehemiah 6: 1-9 (p489)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Morning Worship

Preacher: Richard Reeve

Nehemiah 6: 10-19 (p490)

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 Nigel (K632834), 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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Days off: Thursdays: Richard; Fridays: Dan; Saturdays: Nigel, Chris J, Chloe, Helen.

Mon 10.00am Oasis
4th
Feb

Pray for Christians to have opportunities to bring hope and practical help to those struggling with self-harm or addiction.

Tue 9.30am Staff Meeting
5th 10.00am Oasis
Feb

Praise God that we are never alone, and even at times when we are not aware of his presence he is protecting us in his abiding love.

Wed 11.00am Holy Communion
6th 8.00pm Prayer Gathering
Feb

Praise God for the wonders of creation which we so often take for granted.

Thu 10.00am Oasis
7th
Feb

Pray that all our ministers will be protected spiritually from the world, the flesh and the devil.

Fri 1.30pm Toft Funeral: Joyce Radley
8th 4.00pm Little Nutters
Feb 5.30pm TGI
7.30pm Eureka

Pray for the family and friends of Joyce Radley, that they will be comforted in their loss.

Sat 10.00am Cornerstone Coffee Morning
9th 11.00am Chester Guild Bell Ringers
Feb

Praise God for Cornerstone and the gospel that is taught in their times together. Pray that many will come to today's Coffee Morning, raising much money for the chosen charities.

Sunday 10th February (Epiphany 5)

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

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

MARY BECKINGHAM

If you wish to give a donation in memory of Mary Beckingham, her family has suggested the following charities:- The British Heart Foundation, the Salvation Army or Kidney Research UK, to be sent to Dodgson's Funeral Service, 25 Manchester Road Knutsford (K634251).

CORNERSTONE MISSIONARY COFFEE MORNING

Cornerstone's annual missionary coffee morning is **this Saturday from 10-2pm**. We need plenty of St Johns' famous home-baked cakes and tray-bakes, please! Our **Silent Auction** takes place at the Cornerstone Coffee Morning too. We are delighted to have curtain/blind making, a 'forging' session, 3hr cleaning session, a gym session plus many more ideas. Bids are welcome from today. All information, including the bidding slips, can be found at the back of church, near the bookstall. The causes we are supporting this year are: the Kravoli family in the Czech Republic; St Peter's Church Rock Ferry; Mel Lacey, Growing Young Disciples; St Anna's School in Kenya.

TOFT MOTHERS' UNION

We will be meeting at 2.00pm on Thursday 7th February in the church hall. Our speaker is Mrs. Susan Hawkes and the title of her talk is "Finding Faith in France." Following light refreshments we will have our AGM which unfortunately had to be cancelled in January.

ICHTHUS CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP

After 32 years of service to the Christian community, the resident owners, Peter and Sue, are retiring at Easter, and most of their remaining stock is reduced by 50%, including cards and study Bibles. Ring 01606 47767 to find current opening hours. 58, Station Rd, Northwich CW9 5RB.

PRISON PRAYER LETTERS

These are now available in your pigeon holes.

TOFT PRAYER MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 9th February at 9.30am in the church hall.

THE WONDER OF EASTER: Recommended book

Ed Drew has written a highly readable, brilliantly accessible resource for families. The questions are on point and the activities are fun and engaging, illuminating the meaning of the text. If you're looking for a Bible study to help you do devotions with your family, look no further! To benefit our church finances, consider buying via the church website - going first to "information", then "bookstore". Drop down then to "Browse and purchase from our online selection". Using the ISBN 978-1-78498-335-2 will bring the book up on the 10ofthose website.

THE NORTHERN MEN'S CONVENTION

Saturday 18th May, 9.30am-4.45pm, at Holy Trinity Platt. Theme: "The Gospel - Jesus' plan to pass it on". Speaker: Graham Daniels. Tickets £10. See Richard for more details (rbreeve@macace.net)

AN EVENING WITH ROB PARSONS OBE

Tuesday 12th March, 7.30-10pm at the Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool L3 5UL Come and hear Rob Parsons, from Care for the Family, speak on The Wisdom House, including the courage to pursue your dreams, the confidence to be who you were made to be, dealing with difficult people, the secret to genuine friendships, and ideas on how to discover and play to your personal strengths. £7 or £4 for concessions. Booking: cff.org.uk/wisdom, or 029 2081 0800.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 14 February** when the speaker is **Revd. George Lane, Chaplain to Manchester Airport**. This should be an interesting and entertaining evening for all, as we hear about his team's work at one of the UK's busiest airports. EVERYONE is welcome – do come – 7.30pm in the Centre.

YOUNG @ HEART

Monday 11th February at 2 p.m. in the Church Centre. This month our own Sue Young will be telling us about 'My Stately Homes': places she has lived in and helped at as a volunteer with the National Trust. We are sure this will be another interesting talk. We look forward to welcoming all retired people to our meetings, we aim to finish between 3.30 – 3.45 p.m. Chris & Diana Jones.

MESSAGE FROM VERA & KEN WEBSTER

Vera and Ken Webster and family would like to express sincere thanks to the church family for the prayers and cards which were of great comfort at this sad and difficult time.

GIFT DAY

St Johns Knutsford will be having a Gift Day on Sunday 3rd March, in an attempt to address the financial shortfall. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to give more to the church, either as a one-off donation or as a regular planned increase.

NWP YOUTH CONFERENCE: FOLLOWING THE KING

Everyone working with children (or living with them!) is invited to the Youth Conference here on Saturday 16th March, 10.00am -4.30pm. Please see Chris Johnson if you want to book. More details available on the NWP website.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

6 th Feb	Holy Communion 11am Prayer Gathering 8pm
7 th Feb	Toft MU Bell-ringers AGM
8 th Feb	Toft Funeral: Joyce Radley Dads and Lads w/e away
9 th Feb	Cornerstone Coffee Morning
11 th Feb	Young@Heart
14 th Feb	Church Fellowship S&F
15 th Feb	Cornerstone
18 th Feb	Half term
20 th Feb	Home communions
28 th Feb	PCC