

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 (Lent 4)**

**The Collect**

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may by your grace and mercy be spared through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**  
**Mothering Sunday**

**8.45am**

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

**10.15am**

Led by: Helen Eccles

John 10: 7-18 (p896)

**6.30pm**

**Are you walking**

Leader: Richard Reeve

2 John (p1229)

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Chris Johnson

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Chris Johnson

Isaiah 40: 1- 11(p599)

**Evening Service**

**in truth? 2**

Preacher: Dan Young

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**

**Are you walking in truth? 2**

**10.15am**

Led by: Thain Flowers

John 15: 9-17 (p1083)

**Morning Worship (BCP)**

Preacher: Dan Young

2 John (p1229)

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) or 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.

Please take Easter cards to invite others to our services, and to remind yourself!

**Mon** | 10.00am Oasis  
1<sup>st</sup>  
Apr

Praise that however hard our circumstances, we know they will come to an end, and God is with us throughout.

**Tue** | 9.30am Staff meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> | 10.00am Oasis  
Apr | 2.30pm Toft Fellowship  
7.30pm Toft Fellowship

Pray that the voice of Christians in the various gender debates will be heard with respect, and the understanding of diversity will include religious beliefs.

**Wed** | 8.00pm Prayer Gathering  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
Apr

Praise that we live in a free country, and can meet openly to pray and worship our Lord, and for our ministry team, delivering the word of God faithfully every week.

**Thu** | 10.00am Oasis  
4<sup>th</sup> | 2.00pm Toft MU  
Apr | 2.30pm Toft funeral: Alice Burns

Pray for defenders of human rights in Pakistan who risk their lives daily to improve life for minorities, that they may be protected and given wisdom, courage and resources.

**Fri** | 4.00pm Little Nutters  
5<sup>th</sup> | 5.30pm TGI  
Apr | 7.30pm Eureka

Praise for all the people who work quietly and humbly behind the scenes at our churches to support the ministry in so many ways.

**Sat** | 9.30am Toft Prayer Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup>  
Apr

Pray for children growing up in areas of deprivation, without positive adult role models, that they won't be attracted to a life of crime.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (Lent 5)**

**Knutsford** 8.45am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Toft** 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Worship

Worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness.

### 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](mailto:rbreeve@macace.net) )

### LIFE EXPLORED COURSE FOR WOMEN: CHILD CARE PROVIDED

Life Explored is a 7-week course providing an opportunity to consider what it is we are really living for, and see how, in Christ, God meets our deepest desires for happiness.

9.30am, downstairs in the Centre on the following Wednesdays: April 24 / May 1 / 8 / 15 / 22 / Half term break / June 5 / 12 For more information or to book - Tel: 01565 755160 /

email: [office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk)

### SJK: USING THE BIBLE TO SHARE JESUS WITH OTHERS:

Please note in your diaries the forthcoming evening event with The Word One To One: Thursday 6th June, 8pm. To learn more about One To One visit:

<https://www.theword121.com/>

### YOUNG @ HEART

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2 p.m. in the Church Centre.** This month we welcome our own Mark Cawson Q.C. as our speaker on being a Queen's Counsellor and his Christian faith. This will be followed by refreshments. We aim to finish by 3.45p.m We look forward to seeing any retired people at the meeting. Chris & Diana Jones

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: SJK

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm, followed by a Bring and Share afternoon tea. All church members are invited to come and hear about how God has blessed us in 2018 and the plans to move forward in 2019. Please note, there will be no evening service that day.

### TOFT EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the lilies for Easter Sunday, please see Julie Norbury or either of the churchwardens.

### TOFT MOTHERS' UNION

Our April meeting will take place on Thursday 4th at 2.00pm in the church hall when Helen Eccles will be speaking to us.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - ILLUSIONIST STEVE PRICE

Please note, on the evening of Saturday 19th October, St John's Knutsford will play host to comedy-illusionist Steve Price. Along with a lot of fun, Steve will bring a simple accessible Christian message. Who could you invite? Look out for ticketing information nearer the time.

### PRISON PRAYER LETTERS

April's prayer letters are now available in your pigeon holes. If you would like to receive your won regular copy, please see Roy. Spares are available in the church centre.

### WOOD STREET MISSION - EASTER APPEAL

This year Wood Street are going to refocus their work, to best meet the needs of the families they support. The first big change is that this year they will **NOT** be appealing for donations of Easter Eggs. Whilst support in previous years has been greatly appreciated, this Easter, donations of brand new books for children aged 0-16 years old have been requested. The focus is on improving children's life chances, and the books will be distributed to the children at Wood Street community Book Clubs and Book Road-shows, with the aim of encouraging an enjoyment of reading and helping to improve literacy. It's a great opportunity to give a child a good quality Christian book! Please help by leaving your donation of a new book in the Wood Street cupboard at the entrance to the church Centre by **Sunday 7th April**. Families on a low income can struggle to afford to buy books for their children, and not all live near a local library so access to books can be limited outside school, yet reading can transform lives. Thank you for your continuing support.

JMcK & CB

### EASTER LILIES & FLOWERS: SJK

We are again planning to have a wonderful display for the Easter Festival. A large part of the display will be the lilies donated by church family members in memory of loved ones. If you would like to donate this year, please take an envelope from the box in the porch at S.JK, enclose your donation & name of person to be remembered then place either in the Offerings Basket before services or in the wall safe in the porch.

### EASTER SERVICES at SJK

18<sup>th</sup> Apr: Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 7.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> Apr: Good Friday Children's service 10am  
Service of Meditation 2pm

21<sup>st</sup> Apr: Easter Day All Age Service

### EASTER SERVICES at TOFT

19<sup>th</sup> Apr: Good Friday Service of Meditation 10.15am

21<sup>st</sup> Apr: Easter Day service with Holy Communion  
10.15am

### BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who contributed food and helped in any way to make last week's lunch such a good occasion. If you brought a dish, please collect it from the church centre. Any still there next Sunday will be disposed of.

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

3<sup>rd</sup> April 11am Holy Communion  
Prayer Gathering

4<sup>th</sup> April Toft MU

5<sup>th</sup> April Schools break up  
Café closes

8<sup>th</sup> April Young@Heart

11<sup>th</sup> April ACF

14<sup>th</sup> April APCM at SJK

23<sup>rd</sup> April Oasis restarts, Café re-opens

24<sup>th</sup> April Home communions

27<sup>th</sup> April Prayer & Pastries @SJK