

**Mon** 10.00am Oasis  
4<sup>th</sup>  
Mar

Pray for godly wisdom and discernment as we direct our financial giving, personally and collectively.

**Tue** 10.00am Oasis  
5<sup>th</sup> Staff meeting  
Mar

Praise for inspirational people who work for the Lord with courage, wisdom, tenacity and integrity in so many ways, all over the world.

**Wed** ASH WEDNESDAY  
6<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion  
Mar 8.00pm Prayer Gathering

Pray for the congregations of churches that have been shut down in countries where Christians are persecuted.

**Thu** 10.00am Oasis  
7<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Toft MU  
Mar

Praise God for the dignity and value he gives to all people, born and unborn, in all circumstances.

**Fri** 4pm Little Nutters  
8<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm TGI  
Mar 7.30pm Eureka

Pray for Christian parents, that they will be able to model godly behaviour in their home lives and lead their children to personal relationships with Jesus.

**Sat** 9.30am Toft Prayer Meeting, Church  
9<sup>th</sup> Hall  
Mar

Praise God that he is in control of this world, despite the uncertainties we experience every day.

### Sunday 10th March (Lent 1)

<b>Knutsford</b>	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	4Life
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
<b>Toft</b>	10.15am	Holy Communion

Let us praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above heaven and earth.

## Today's Services Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 (Sunday before Lent)

### The Collect

Lord, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing, send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues; for without love whoever lives is reckoned dead by you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## St John's Knutsford

### Jesus and a Politician

#### 8.45am

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

#### 10.15am

Led by: Richard Reeve  
John 18: 33-40(p904)

#### 6.30pm

Leader: John Lee

John 8: 31-47(p1074)

#### Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

#### Morning Worship

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Colossians 1: 15-20 (p983)

#### Evening Service

#### Are you a Child of God?

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 a Child of God?

#### 8.00am

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

#### 10.15am

Led by: Thain Flowers  
John 8: 31-47 (p1074)

#### Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

#### Morning Worship

Preacher: Dan Young  
1 John 3: 1-10 (p1226)

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).

**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.

## NEW ELECTORAL ROLLS

By law Anglican churches have to create a new electoral roll every 6 years. This means that everyone has to fill in a new form in order to be included. Forms are being sent out to everyone currently on either church roll. Where possible this will be done via email, with paper copies to those who don't have an email address. The forms can be printed out and returned by hand, or scanned and returned electronically, but they must be returned to the church office by 17<sup>th</sup> March in order to be added to the new roll. Being on the electoral roll means that you can vote at the Annual Meeting, and you can receive up to date information about church matters on a regular basis. Forms are available at the back of church if you need one.

## 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) )

## MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday 30th March 8.30am

Speaker: Steve Cowles, crazy American chaplain to the Lancashire Police, outdoor and bushcraft enthusiast.  
Theme: "Challenges Facing Men" .Venue: the Builders Arms - 63 Mobberley Road, WA16 8EQ Advance ticket purchase necessary, Mon. - Fri. mornings from the church office and on Sundays from Richard - £6 cash.

## SJK GIFT DAY

Today is our Gift Day! It's an opportunity to make a one-off gift and it would be great to make up last year's £21,000 shortfall in our normal income (£255,000). However, a church ideally needs a strong financial base without relying on one-off gestures. Solid, sustainable Christian work is built on regular, committed and sacrificial giving. The Gift Day is also an opportunity to review our regular giving in the light of the Bible's teaching on money that we heard in January's mini sermon series. It's early days in 2019, but unless we also increase our regular giving by this amount we'll face a similar deficit this year. Thank you for helping to support God's work here at St John's. An update on the Gift Day and the first quarter of this year will be given at the APCM on 14<sup>th</sup> April when we'll have a better picture of how 2019 is looking.

## NWP YOUTH CONFERENCE: FOLLOWING THE KING

Everyone working with children (or living with them!) is invited to the Youth Conference here on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am - 4.30pm. The guest speaker is Ed Drew. Please see Chris Johnson or Chloe if you want to book. More details available on the NWP website.

## OASIS/LIFE EXPLORED COURSE: CAN YOU HELP?

The course this year starts on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April and runs for 7 weeks. We'd be grateful to hear from anyone willing to help with the children for perhaps 1 Wednesday morning, from 9-11am. For further details please see June Evans (01565 634533, email: [evans9be@btinternet.com](mailto:evans9be@btinternet.com))

## TOFT MOTHER'S UNION

We will be holding our meeting on Thursday 7th March at 2.00pm in Toft Church Hall. We look forward to welcoming

Derek Buckthorpe who will be talking to us about "Drama in Church".

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Our own **Stephen Watson** is the speaker at our next meeting which will be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** in the Centre – 7.30pm. Stephen will be telling us about The Keswick Convention and how it attracts thousands of Christians of all ages every year for three weeks of worship, teaching and praise together. Do join us – we're always pleased to welcome visitors and both we and Stephen would be very happy to see you there!

## 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. For more about One To One visit: <https://www.theword121.com/> More details about the event to follow.

## MANCHESTER BIBLE SCHOOL

**"God's Masterpiece. How your everyday work finds ultimate purpose and joy in Jesus Christ."**

M2B's Pete Horlock will be teaching a 5-week course looking at the Bible's perspective on work. Monday 4th March, 11th, 18th, 25th & 1st April; from 7:30pm-9:30pm at Emmanuel Centre at the Nazarene Theological College. Dene Road, Didsbury, M20 2GU **Cost:** £30 (£20 unwaged). This helps cover the MBS administration cost. If cost is an issue please contact [pete@ministry2business.co.uk](mailto:pete@ministry2business.co.uk) Online registration: <https://bit.ly/2ImToes>

## SJK BRING & SHARE LUNCH

Come along to our next Bring and Share lunch on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, after the morning service, where we enjoy food and fellowship together, and all new people are warmly invited. Bring enough food to share with others, savoury for preference, please!

## SJK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a small band of people to come together on Saturday morning, 30<sup>th</sup> March, to make up bunches of daffodils to give to the ladies of the church on Mothering Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> March). It only takes a couple of hours and it's fun. Please let the church office know if you'd like to be involved.

## YOUNG@HEART Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2 p.m. in SJK

**Church Centre.** Many, if not all of us have visited **Arighi Bianchi** at some time. This month Mr. Paul and Mr. Nick Bianchi are coming along to speak to our group about how their business came into being. This will be an **Open** meeting to which all are invited. We have a short devotion and homemade refreshments at the end of the meeting. We aim to finish for about 3.45 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. Chris & Diana Jones.

## MOOR EVENT – SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

On 12.30pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a joint meeting at KMC, where all volunteers and parents are invited to hear the latest developments. Please come along!

## PRISON PRAYER LETTERS

March's prayer letters are available today in your pigeon holes, or ask Roy Evans if you'd like one.