

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Lent 5)**

**The Collect**

Almighty God, look mercifully upon your people so that by your great goodness we may be always governed and preserved both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**St John's Knutsford**  
**The Rainbow Over All the Earth**

**8.45am**

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

**10.15am**

Led by: Debbie Woods

Psalm 18: 1-15 (p545)

**6.30pm**

**The King's**

Leader: Mark Cawson

Luke 19: 11-27 (p1053)

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Genesis 9: 1-17(p6)

**Evening Service**

**Servants**

Preacher: John Lee

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**  
**The King's Servants**

**8.00am**

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

**10.15am**

Led by: Val Brooker

Jeremiah 17: 5-10 (p775)

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: John Lee

Luke 19: 11-27(p1053)

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** | 2pm | Young@Heart  
8<sup>th</sup>  
Apr

Pray for couples who have suffered a miscarriage, are unable to bear children or who are waiting to adopt or foster, that they will know God's comfort, love and peace.

**Tue** | 2.30pm | Toft Fellowship  
9<sup>th</sup>  
Apr

Praise for the gift of singleness, enabling some Christians to focus single-mindedly on living for and serving the Lord.

**Wed** |  
10<sup>th</sup>  
Apr

Pray for those affected by poverty in this country, whether it be due to unemployment, low pay, poor health or other problems, that they may receive the support they need.

**Thu** | 7.30pm | ACF  
11<sup>th</sup> | Bell-ringing  
Apr

Praise God for the Seashell Trust and the work they do with young people who have learning and hearing difficulties

**Fri** |  
12<sup>th</sup>  
Apr

Pray for Christians who are imprisoned in countries where Christians are seen as the enemy, that they may be strong in their faith and maintain their witness to those around them.

**Sat** |  
13<sup>th</sup>  
Apr

Praise God for the courage and conviction of charity workers in challenging countries like Afghanistan and North Korea.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)**

<b>Knutsford</b>	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Prayer
	4.00pm	APCM & Bring and Share Tea afterwards
<b>Toft</b>	10.15am	Holy Communion

Hosanna to the Son of David, glory to the King of Kings!

### 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@stjohnsknutford.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsknutford.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

**Tomorrow 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.

### LIVING CHRISTIANITY

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8pm SJK is hosting The Christian Institute, as they come to speak on a range of topics, including: the family and parental authority; gospel freedom; gender ideology. Fliers are available in the church centre. This is an open meeting, not just for SJK members, so do tell your friends!

### CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

This Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, our speaker will be Dominic Tinner – Head Fundraiser of The Seashell Trust, a charitable organisation dealing with children and young adults with profound learning and hearing difficulties. This illustrated presentation should be of interest to us all so we hope many will come along and support this valuable work.

### 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 SJK, 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.

### KNUTSFORD ROYAL MAY DAY

It's almost May Day again and as usual we will be running the café on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May for the celebrations. I'm in charge of the glamorous job of washing up and as usual I'm looking for help. This is one of those tasks where many hands do make light work so if you could spare an hour between 1pm and 5pm then please get in touch with me, Anne Rogers, 01565 633994 or let Chris in the office know.

### PRAYER & PASTRIES - SAT. 27 APRIL

"...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Are there ministries close to your heart in your local church that you would like to see flourish in the summer term...? Do come and join us on 27 April, 9.30-11am, as we pray for the work of God through St John's Knutsford and Toft. We begin with hot drinks and pastries. (Please note there is no Prayer Gathering in May.)

### 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
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Cornerstone
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Oasis restarts, Café re-opens, Toft Fellowship
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Oasis Life Explored, Home communions, Home group leaders meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Prayer & Pastries @SJK
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Toft APCM Moor Event meeting after 10.15 service