

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 15)**

**The Collect**

Guard your church, Lord God, with your continual mercy, and because in our frailty we cannot stand without you, keep us from all that may harm, and lead us to all that makes for our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St John's Knutsford**  
**Losing My Religion**

**8.45am**

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**10.15am**

Led by: Mel Lacy  
Daniel 1: 1-7 (p737)

**Morning Service**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
1 Peter 2: 4-10 (p1014)

**6.30pm**

**Apostles and**

Led by: Debbie Woods  
Mark 3: 7-35 (p838)

**Evening Service**

**Accusations**

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**

**Apostles and Accusations**

**10.15am**

Led by: Val Brooker  
Mark 3: 7-19(p1004)

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Dan Young  
Mark 3: 20-35 (p1005)

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; Helen  
Saturdays: Nigel, Chris J

**Mon** 10.00am Oasis  
**30<sup>th</sup>** 8.00pm Rock Choir  
**Sept**

Praise God that our hope lives because we are sinners for whom Christ died, and he is our righteousness.

**Tue** 9.30am Staff Meeting  
**1<sup>st</sup>** 10.00am Oasis  
**Oct** 8.00pm Tatton Singers

Pray that our politicians may have the wisdom to do what is right.

**Wed** 11.00am Holy Communion  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** 8.00pm Prayer Gathering  
**Oct**

Pray for restored vision of who Jesus is, to renew our faith and revive our faint hearts so we may press on with courage and faith.

**Thu** 10.00am Oasis  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** 12 noon SJK Funeral: Neil Pollitt  
**Oct** 2.00pm Toft MU annual Communion service

Praise God for ongoing faithful witness in the growing Church in Africa, despite ethnic tensions. Pray for Christians there to be peacemakers, salt and light in their countries.

**Fri** 4.00pm Little Nutters  
**4<sup>th</sup>** 5.30pm TGI  
**Oct** 7.30pm Eureka

Pray that so-called hate crimes will not be used to target Christians

**Sat** 2.00pm Toft Wedding: Emma Cox & Daniel Morris  
**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Oct** 7.00pm Mission Supper

Pray for a successful Mission Supper tonight, as we hear how God uses people all over the world to develop his kingdom.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October (Trinity 16)**

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

Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power!

## **NORTHERN WOMEN'S CONVENTION**

2<sup>nd</sup> November at King's House Conference Centre, Manchester. The topic is Ephesians and focusses on rediscovering our identity in Christ, with seminars on singleness, gender identity, coping with stress and reading the Bible 1-1 with other women. Leaflets available in the office. A group will be going from SJK, so let Chris H or Sue Broadbent know if you're interested. There is a booking sheet if you want to sign up.

## **MISSION SUPPER: LAST ORDERS**

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October we are having a Mission Supper at St Johns Knutsford at 7pm. Food will be provided by the Shamoli restaurant. Tickets are £10 per adult, £5 for under 16s and £25 for a family. At the time of booking you also need to order your food, and the choice is: chicken korma, chicken rogan josh, vegetable curry or steak pie. Today is the last day to order tickets through Beki, or you have until Tuesday 12.30 to order from the office. Numbers have to be at Shamoli on Tuesday, so no late bookings!

## **TOFT MOTHERS' UNION**

We will be meeting in Toft Church at 2.00pm on Thursday 3rd October for our annual Membership / Holy Communion service which will be conducted by Nigel Atkinson. During the service three new members will be enrolled. Light refreshments will be served in the Church Hall afterwards.

## **CHRISTIAN ILLUSIONIST- SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER at 7 pm.**

Tickets are now available from the office for the visit of illusionist Steve Price. Steve will bring us an amazing and hilarious show that integrates a Christian message along the way. Great to invite family and friends to. See offer - Tickets are £10 adults / £5 children under 16 / family ticket £25. When also buying for non-church guests - buy one get one half price.

## **GUEST SERVICE - WHO WILL YOU INVITE?**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, the day after Steve Price's visit, our 10.15 service is one to which we can invite family, friends and other contacts. A simple message will be preached that day as an invitation to know Jesus for ourselves.

## **BRING AND SHARE LUNCH**

SJK have been pleased to welcome several new people recently, and would love to get to know them better. We plan to have a Bring and Share lunch after the 10.15 Guest service on 20<sup>th</sup> October, so please make a note in your diaries, and bring enough savoury food for your family plus some extra. If you would prefer to provide a dessert, please let Chris H in the office know.

## **SAMARITAN'S PURSE**

Start looking out now for things that you could put in a Christmas shoe box for traumatised children in other lands. We are distributing leaflets today for the box collection (on Tuesday 12th November). Please, no toothpaste or sweets (including chocolate) but do add hand-knitted toys or small things such as makeup,

deodorants etc, stationery and small items of clothing. Everything needs to be new, or as good as new. More details available online at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

## **EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**

10th October, 10am - 4.15pm, Holy Trinity Platt, speakers Randy Newman and Rico Tice. Theme - "Evangelism Reimagined" looking at conversational and relational evangelism that works for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Entry £20 / £10 concessions. For more info. visit: <https://www.evangelism-conference.org.uk/> **To be part of a group booking from St John's, contact Richard by 6th October.**

## **THE BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE: STABLE TRAIL**

This Christmas we will be holding an interactive walk through the Christmas story for families and friends on the afternoon of 30th November, the same weekend as the Knutsford lights switch-on and Christmas market. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Cathy Johnson (07984 620012). More details to follow, or check the St John's Family Facebook page.

## **SEWING SKILLS NEEDED!**

Some of our altar cloths are looking the worse for wear, and need some mending. If you are able to patch holes or reattach lace, please let the office know.

## **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

Next meeting is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October in the Church Centre at 7.30pm. After a short period of worship, SHARON MAYER will be telling us about her work with the AGRICULTURAL CHAPLAINCY among the Farming Community in Cheshire. New members are always very welcome – or – just come along to hear an informative talk which should be of interest to us all. LD

## **THE CHARITY OF MARJORIE HURST**

The Charity owns 10 alms-houses in Silk Mill St, in the centre of Knutsford. There is one alms-house that has just become available. It is a one- bedroom ground floor flat suitable for an older person, or a couple in need who are living in Knutsford. Please let the office know if you are interested.

## **UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Holy Communion Prayer Gathering
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Toft Mothers' Union
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Toft wedding: Emma & Daniel Mission Supper
10th Oct	Church Fellowship
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Eureka Weekend Away
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Young@Heart
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Cornerstone
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Illusionist Evening
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Guest Service SJK
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Home Communion