

Today's Services
Sunday 1st December 2019 (Advent Sunday)

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when he will come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

St John's Knutsford

Be Sober

8.45am

Led by: Nigel Atkinson
1 Thess 5: 1-11 (p987)

10.15am

Led by: Mel Lacy

6.30pm

Leader: Nigel Atkinson

Psalms 110 (p373)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
1 Peter 4: 7-11 (p1016)

Morning Worship

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Service of Confirmation & Holy Communion

Preacher: Bishop Rod Thomas

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1 (p1001)

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

8.00am

Led by Dan Young

10.15am

Led by: Val Brooker

Colossians 3: 1-11 (p1184)

Holy Communion

Preacher: Dan Young

The challenge of Christ's return

Morning Worship

Preacher: Thain Flowers

Matthew 24: 36-44 (p454)

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
2nd
Dec

Pray that the issues raised during the election campaign are those on God's heart.

Tue | 9.30am Staff Meeting
3rd | 10.00am Oasis
Dec

Praise God that his steadfast love never ceases and his mercies never come to an end.

Wed | 11.00am Holy Communion
4th | 8.00pm Prayer Gathering
Dec

Pray for wisdom and guidance as we decide who to vote for.

Thu | 10.00am Oasis
5th | 2.00pm Toft Mothers' Union
Dec | 7.30pm Bell ringing

Praise God for his family of believers, locally, nationally and internationally, and pray that we will serve him faithfully in all we do.

Fri | 10-3.30 Adam Partridge valuations
6th | 12 noon Toft funeral: Tony Billingham
Dec | 4.00pm Little Nutters
5.30pm TGI
7.30pm Eureka

Pray for Sylvia and the family and friends of Tony Billingham, that they will know the comfort of the Lord today and in the days ahead.

Sat | 9.30am Toft Prayer Meeting
7th
Dec

Praise God that when we come to the end of our own strength, he enables us to keep going in his, and for his glory.

Sunday 8th December (Advent 2)

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

You have been my help and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy!

BIBLICAL COUNSELLING CONFERENCE

Feeling Well: Glorifying God with our emotions.
Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th February 2020 at the
Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Leaflets available in the
Church Centre.

TOFT FELLOWSHIP

Please note: this week's meeting will be at 35 Beggarman's
Lane, starting at 3.30pm on Tuesday.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

We are currently exploring the scope for a men's book
club, the aim of which will be to help us understand the
Gospel better and help us in our walk with Jesus. Writers
such as Lewis, Keller, and Tom Wright might be worth a
look. For those interested in the relation between science
and faith, Polkinghorne and Plantinga make for interesting
reading. To express your interest, or for more information,
please contact Bill Tamkin bill.tamkin@gmail.com /
Richard Reeve: rbreeve@macace.net

WOOD STREET MISSION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Christmas Appeal for new toys for children aged 0-14
closes this week. Please leave any further donations by
Tuesday 3rd December. Thank you very much for all your
support for these families at Christmas time.

CB & JMCK

CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

Thank you to everyone who has delivered our Christmas
flyers. Please make sure you return the white slips to the
office, so that we can make sure our numbers are accurate
for next year.

YOUNG@HEART: Monday 9th December 2pm

December is our Christmas Celebration – Bible
readings, Carols, Quizzes, Mince pies, cake and
tea. Richard will be leading our Devotion this
month. We look forward to seeing any retired
people. This will be our last meeting at St. John's,
Knutsford. **As from 13th January we are meeting at
Toft Church Hall at 2 p.m.** where it will be much easier
to park. Transport will be provided for those who need
it, just let us know – tel. 01565 651889. Thank you to
Toft for allowing us to use their facilities.

Chris & Diana Jones

KESWICK 2020: THEME: GRATEFUL

For advanced planners, next year's dates for Keswick are:
week 1 : 11-17 July, speaker: Paul Mallard; Week 2: 18-24
July, speaker: Tim Chester; Week 3: 25-31 July, speaker
Mike Cain. More details in the church centre or at
keswickministries.org/convention

COMMUNITY CRIB SERVICE

Outside The Lost and Found on Saturday 7th December at
4pm: a service led by local churches with Christmas carols.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

At this time of year we like to empty the boxes and
forward the monies to the Children's Society in time for
Christmas. If you have a box, please could you bring it to

Church with you in the next week or two or arrange for
Val Brooker to collect it. You can bring your box to either
Toft Church or SJK. Chris Hogg will keep the box in the
office at SJK for me to pick up. Thank you to all who
support the valuable work of the Children's Society either
by box collection or by donation. Your support really does
make a difference to the lives of many children.

Val Brooker

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS MEETING

Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Centre.
Festive refreshments and musical entertainment by
members of Canute Male Voice Choir. LD

PRISON PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

December's letters are in your pigeonholes. If you would
like to receive one regularly, please speak to Roy Evans.
Spares are available in the church centre.

TONY BILLINGHAM

Tony's funeral is at Toft church this Friday, 6th November,
at 12 noon. Refreshments will be served afterwards at
Crosstown Bowls Club.

NORTHWEST PARTNERSHIP

Annual conference at St Andrew, Leyland: Friday 24th &
Saturday 25th Jan 2020; Theme: Plugged in, Switched on;
Speaker: Dan Strange, from Oak Hill; Early Bird prices until
19th Dec: £15 1 day, £30 for 2 days. More details available
on their website.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

2 nd Dec	Oasis last week: Nativity
4 th Dec	11am Holy Communion Prayer Gathering
5 th Dec	Toft Mothers' Union
7 th Dec	Toft Prayer Meeting
9 th Dec	Young@Heart Oasis social
10 th Dec	SJK PCC
12 th Dec	Church Fellowship meeting
13 th Dec	Parties for Little Nutters, TGI & Eureka Cornerstone
14 th Dec	Tatton Singers Concert: The Messiah
16 th Dec	Rock Choir Christmas Sing-a-long
17 th Dec	Café closed Bexton Carols 1pm Yorston Lodge Carols 6pm
18 th Dec	Home Communions Bexton carols 6pm
20 th Dec	Café closes for Christmas
21 st Dec	SJK wedding: Katy and Boaz
22 nd Dec	Family Carol service
24 th Dec	4pm Children's Service 10pm Holy Communion
25 th Dec	8.45am Holy Communion 10.15 All age service, followed by short Holy Communion
29 th Dec	8am Toft Holy Communion 10.15 Joint service at SJK