

**Today's Services**

**Sunday 24th November 2019 (Sunday before Advent)**

**The Collect**

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord, so that we may produce abundantly the fruit of good works and receive your abundant reward, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St John's Knutsford**

**1 Peter #10**

**8.45am**

Led by: Nigel Atkinson  
Psalm 22 (p457)

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: John Lee  
1 Peter 4: 1-6(p1016)

**10.15am**

Led by: Andy Keeble

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: John Lee

**2 Chronicles #6**

**6.30pm**

Leader: Mark Cawson  
2 Chronicles 21: 1-20  
(p373)

**Evening Worship**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

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**

**2 Chronicles #6**

**10.15am**

Led by: Dan Young  
2 Chron 21: 1-11 (p454)

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
2 Chron 21: 12-20 (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  
25<sup>th</sup>  
Nov

Pray for godly wisdom, unity and vision for all those preparing for the general election.

**Tue** | OFFICE CLOSED  
26<sup>th</sup> | 9.30am Staff Meeting  
Nov | 10.00am Oasis  
| 8.00pm Home groups

Praise for the godly people that God raises up to make a positive difference in society.

**Wed** | 11.30- Cafe closed  
27<sup>th</sup> | 12.30  
Nov | 2.00pm Home Communion  
| 7.30pm Cell groups  
| 8.00pm Home groups

Pray that the hearts of those who persecute Christians may be transformed and they may be convicted of their errors.

**Thu** | 10.00am Oasis  
28<sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm Bell ringing  
Nov | 8.00pm S&F

Praise God for all who work to produce our food, and pray that the need for food banks may be removed from our society.

**Fri** | 4.00pm Little Nutters  
29<sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm Rock climbing: TGI & Eureka  
Nov

Pray that the Holy Spirit will speak into the hearts and lives of those who have not understood or believed the message of the gospel.

**Sat** | 12noon Bethlehem Experience  
30<sup>th</sup> | -4pm  
Nov

Praise God for all who come to the Bethlehem Experience today and pray it may encourage and challenge them.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December (Advent 1)**

**Knutsford** | 8.45am Holy Communion  
| 10.15am Morning Worship  
| 6.30pm Confirmation Service &  
Holy Communion  
**Toft** | 8.00am Holy Communion  
| 10.15am Morning Worship

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble state of his servant.

### CHURCH HILL CAFÉ

Please note the café will be closed for a private function this Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, from 11.30am – 12.30pm.

### BIBLICAL COUNSELLING CONFERENCE

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

### 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](mailto:bill.tamkin@gmail.com) / Richard Reeve: [rbreeve@macace.net](mailto:rbreeve@macace.net)

### THE BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE: STABLE TRAIL

Could all those who have volunteered for acting parts make sure you speak to either Emily Pegg or Julia Sanderson about your costumes during this week. We will be setting up the rooms on Friday evening (5-7pm) and Saturday morning (from 10am) and if you would like to lend a hand, please join us. Can all volunteers (guides, welcomers, actors etc.) be at church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November by noon. Please join us in praying that this is a bridge-building event with the community and we are faithful to the real meaning of Christmas.

### WOOD STREET MISSION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

At Christmas time we support this Appeal to ensure all children can join in the fun and festivities, by helping struggling families in Manchester and Salford with the expense of the season. Here's how you can help: Donate a **new** toy, book or gift suitable for a child aged 0-14. Please leave unwrapped donations in the collection boxes positioned at the Church entrances.

Due to space constraints we are unable to accept donations of clothes over the Christmas period.

Wood Street Mission has been helping families for 150 years and there is special celebration service in Manchester Cathedral today at 2pm - everyone is welcome.

CB & JMCK

### CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

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

### SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who donated money or filled a shoe box for needy children. We were able to give 108 boxes to Samaritan's Purse on Tuesday, thanks to your generosity.

### YOUNG@HEART: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://keswickministries.org/convention)

### COMMUNITY CRIB SERVICE

Outside The Lost and Found on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

### FUNERAL

Mike Tolchard's funeral is at KMC tomorrow, Monday, at 11am.

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Oasis last week: Nativity
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Toft Mothers' Union
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Toft Prayer Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Young@Heart Oasis social
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SJK PCC
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Church Fellowship meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parties for Little Nutters, TGI & Eureka Cornerstone
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tatton Singers Concert: The Messiah
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rock Choir Christmas Sing-a-long
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Café closed Bexton Carols 1pm Yorston Lodge Carols 6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Home Communion Bexton carols 6pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Café closes for Christmas
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	SJK wedding: Katy and Boaz
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Family Carol service