

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

**(Lent 1)**

**The Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights, give us grace so to discipline ourselves that we may always obey your will in righteousness and true holiness to the honour and glory of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**

**Fighting the Fight: The Whole Armour**

**8.45am**

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

**10.15am**

Led by: Debbie Woods  
Ephesians 6: 10-18 (p979, 920))

**6.30pm**

**Meaningful**

Led by: Mel Lacy

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Revelation 13: 1-8(p1035, 972)

**Evening Worship**

**Miracles**

Preacher: Dan Young  
Mark 7: 24-37 (p 843, 791)

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**

**Meaningful Miracles**

**8.00am**

Led by: Nigel Atkinson

**10.15am**

Led by: Helen Eccles  
Mark 7: 24-30 (p1010)

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Dan Young  
Mark 7: 31- 37(p1011)

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  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mar

Pray for everyone dealing with conflict in relationships, that the love of Jesus may be the foundation of how we love each other.

**Tue** | 9.30am Staff Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> | 10.00am Oasis  
Mar | 2.30pm Toft Fellowship

Praise God for every answered prayer, and for the way he turns away evil, for healing, for provision and for all expressions of mercy and grace.

**Wed** | 10.00am Rock Choir (in centre)  
4<sup>th</sup> | 11.00am Holy Communion  
Mar | 8.00pm Prayer Gathering

Pray for those diagnosed with dementia, and their families, that help will be provided with care and difficult decisions, so that the best treatment and support may be given.

**Thu** | 10.00am Oasis  
5<sup>th</sup> | 2.00pm Toft Mothers' Union  
Mar | 3.55pm Lil Beatz  
7.30pm Bell-ringing

Praise God that his love reaches everywhere, and pray for all who experience intimidation, harassment and threats from extremists because of their faith.

**Fri** | 9.30am Lil Beatz  
6<sup>th</sup> | 4.00pm Little Nutters  
Mar | 5.30pm TGI  
7.30pm Eureka

Pray for all children at risk or in need, that God will help us to ensure all children are safe and valued.

**Sat** | 9.30am Toft Prayer Meeting  
7<sup>th</sup>  
Mar

Praise God for the 6.5 million unpaid carers in the UK, and pray for they will be strengthened and encouraged as they care for their loved ones.

**Sunday 8th March (Lent 2)**

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

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

### **WOOD STREET MISSION EASTER APPEAL**

The Wood Street Mission is very grateful to St. John's and Toft Churches for their generous donations of cash, children's clothing, bedding, toiletries and baby food. This year the charity is looking to increase the work of its Literacy Campaigns and are requesting that **NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS** are donated rather than Easter Eggs. This is an opportunity to give Christian books as they are pleased to receive these. Thank you for your continued support.  
JMck and CB

### **KNUTSFORD & TOFT YOUNG @ HEART**

Monday 9th March at 2 p.m. in TOFT CHURCH HALL. Our speaker, Mavis Britnell is unable to come this month so Bob Loveridge has kindly stepped in and will show one of his Natural History DVDs. Mavis will come along on May 11th to speak on the East Cheshire Eye Society. Please note that there will be NO Young @ Heart in April as it is Easter Monday on the date we would have met. We look forward to seeing you on 9th March. If anyone requires transport please let us know.  
Chris & Diana Jones tel. 01565 651889

### **CORNERSTONE COFFEE MORNING**

If anyone would still like to make a donation please put your contribution in an envelope marked Cornerstone Coffee Morning and place on the collection plate or drop it into the office when convenient. There will be a box in the Narthex for those of you who are joining in our Daily Indulgence Drop. Please place your donations in the box by March 7th.

### **COURSE TASTER EVENINGS - N. WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

Thursdays 19 March + 2 April, 7-9.30pm.  
Sessions: 1.) "Bible handling tools" - How to read and explain the Bible faithfully; 2.) An overview of the Bible. These will be provided to us free by Mark Pickles of the North West Gospel Partnership and be ideal for anyone who leads others in looking at the Bible. Participation is limited to 15 people. To book your place see Richard (rbreeve@macace.net).

### **HOPE CENTRAL**

Hope Central urgent needs this week: tinned meat, tinned fish and jars of Bolognese sauce please.

### **LIFE MATTERS: ABORTION**

There will be a meeting on Friday 13th March from 7.30pm at Christ Church, Willaston CH64 2DL, with a presentation by Dave Brennan of the Brepheos project, for the Centre of Bio-Ethical Reform UK, followed by questions. More information available from 07734 322991.

### **MUMS' LIFE EXPLORED COURSE**

We will be running the introduction to Christianity course, "Life Explored", on the following dates. Any woman is very welcome to join the group though note, please, there will be childcare provided that is aimed at preschool children who move freely between their play area and the study room. For more information, or to enroll, see Richard Reeve, Jane McKinley or speak to Chris Hogg in the office (Tel: 01565 755160 / email: office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk ) Session 1: Wed. 29 April

/ Session 2: Wed. 6 May / Session 3: Wed. 13 May / Session 4: Wed 20 May / [no meet at half term 27 May] / Session 5: Wed. 3 June / Session 6: Wed. 10 June / Session 7: Wed. 17 June.

### **THE WISDOM HOUSE**

An evening with best-selling Christian author Rob Parsons, 7.30- 10.00pm on Thursday 19th March at the Message Enterprise Centre, M22 4RG. Tickets £7, concessions £5, groups of 4 or more £5. Booking: cff.org.uk/wisdom, or phone 029 2081 0800.

### **NORTHWEST PARTNERSHIP YOUTH CONFERENCE**

For the last time, we are pleased to be able to host this conference on 14th March from 10-4. Ed Shaw is the guest speaker, and well worth hearing. The conference is open to parents and all who work with children. It's a superb opportunity to hear how to share the gospel with the young. Bookings can be made via Chris J or Chris H by today. More information can be found on the flyers in the church centre, or on the NWP website.

### **TOFT FELLOWSHIP**

Starting on Shrove Tuesday, 25th February, for 6 weeks, at Christine Squirrell's home, 7, The Hill, Parkfield Rd WA16 8NP, from 2 -3.30, a Lenten series looking at Contentment.

### **NEW BIBLES**

SJK have some new Bibles, but the page numbers are different. If you have a Bible with a red spot on the cover, please refer to the 2nd page number on the notice sheet/screen.

### **ST PETER'S ROCK FERRY**

Chris Slater says thank you so much for all the people who have given items to help the asylum seeker he is looking after. They are both very grateful.

### **TOFT MOTHERS' UNION**

We will be meeting on Thursday 5th March at 2.00pm in Toft Church Hall. Our speaker is Mrs Diana Bancroft who will be giving a talk entitled "Adopting a baby in the seventies".

### **UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

4th Mar	Holy Communion Prayer Gathering
5th Mar	Lil Beatz Men's Book Club Toft Mothers' Union
6th Mar	Lil Beatz
7th Mar	Toft Prayer Meeting
9th Mar	Young@Heart, Toft
14th Mar	NWP youth conference, SJK
19th Mar	NWP training session
20th Mar	Cornerstone
22nd Mar	Thanksgiving & Baptism
25th Mar	Home Communion
1st Apr	Holy Communion Prayer Gathering