

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 23rd February 2020**  
**(Sunday before Lent)**

**The Collect**

Lord, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing, send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues; for without love whoever lives is reckoned dead by you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St John's Knutsford**  
**Salvation Belongs to Our God #7**

**8.45am** **Holy Communion**  
Led by: Nigel Atkinson Preacher: Stephen Watson

**10.15am** **Morning Worship**  
Led by: Nigel Atkinson Preacher: Stephen Watson  
Jonah 4 (p775, 727)

**Clean and Unclean**  
**6.30pm** **Evening Worship**  
Led by: Helen Eccles Preacher: Chris Johnson  
Mark 7: 1-23 (p 842, 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**  
**Clean and Unclean**

**10.15am** **Morning Worship**  
Led by: Dan Young Preacher: Chris Johnson  
Mark 7: 1-13 (p1010) Mark 7: 14-23 (p1010)

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** 9.30am Church Hill café re-opens  
**24<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Oasis  
**Feb** 10.40am Sheila Iveson's funeral,  
Macclesfield Crematorium

Pray for the family and friends of Sheila Iveson, that they will be comforted in their loss.

**Tue** 9.30am Staff Meeting  
**25<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Oasis  
**Feb** 8.00pm Home groups

Praise God for the opportunities we have to advocate for freedom of religion or belief, and for those who speak out for what is right, often in very difficult circumstances.

**Wed** 10.00am Rock Choir  
**26<sup>th</sup>** 2.00pm Home Communion  
**Feb** 7.30pm Youth cells  
8.00pm Home groups

Pray for all those affected by floods, that they may receive the help they need.

**Thu** 10.00am Oasis  
**27<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Bell-ringing  
**Feb** 8.00pm Knutsford PCC

Praise God for all who work tirelessly to spread the gospel, and pray for their integrity and love to shine through in all they do.

**Fri** 4.00pm Little Nutters  
**28<sup>th</sup>** 5.30pm TGI  
**Feb** 7.30pm Eureka

Pray for all the families whose children attend our church groups, and for all Christian parents, that they will be able to model the teaching of Jesus faithfully in their homes.

**Sat** 9.00am Men's breakfast  
**29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Feb**

Praise God for today's opportunity for the men to get together for breakfast, and pray that Steve Cowles will challenge and encourage them all.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March (Lent 1)**

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

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for the LORD judges the people with equity and guides the nations upon the earth.

### **CORNERSTONE COFFEE MORNING**

A big thank you to the church family for supporting the coffee morning last Saturday and for all your generous donations. We raised the wonderful sum of £1,874 which will be divided between S.P.U.C., St Peter's Rock Ferry and Growing Young Disciples. 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.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Next Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 9am. Speaker: Steve Cowles, chaplain to Lancashire Police and bushcraft enthusiast. Theme: "Challenges facing Men" Venue: The Angel, 96 King St Knutsford, WA16 6QH. Tickets to be purchased in advance from the church office at £6.00, by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)**

This global ecumenical service, led by all the Knutsford churches, will be held this year at the Unitarian Chapel at 1.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The service has been written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and everybody is welcome.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10-4. Ed Shaw and Anne Witton are the guest speakers, and both are 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, 25<sup>th</sup> February, for 6 weeks, at Christine Squirrel'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 2<sup>nd</sup> page number on the notice sheet/screen.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

The Bishop of Birkenhead has written to me to outline details of a new past cases review, known nationally as PCR2. All parishes are required to respond by checking records and reporting to the review all known cases of concern about the behaviour of clergy and church officers towards children and vulnerable adults. This is an important task and part of the Church's ongoing scrutiny of its handling of safeguarding files. It is being carried out to ensure our churches are safe places for everyone. Individuals who wish to make representations to PCR2, or who need to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church-related abuse, are encouraged to make direct contact with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Pauline Butterfield, on 07703 800031, or call the dedicated telephone helpline- 0800 80 20 20- operated independently from the Church, by the NSPCC.

Andy Worth, Safeguarding Officer, SJK 07710 806745

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

24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cafe and Oasis reopen
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Home Communion
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SJK PCC
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Men's breakfast
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Holy Communion Prayer Gathering
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lil Beatz Men's Book Club Toft Mothers' Union
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lil Beatz
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Toft Prayer Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Young@Heart, Toft
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NWP youth conference, SJK
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NWP training session
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Cornerstone