

**Mon**  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
Mar

Pray for all those ill, afraid or in isolation, that they will know God's consolation, compassion and hope.

**Tue** | 9.30am Staff Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup>  
Mar

Pray for everyone who has a compromised immune system, that they will be protected from harm and know the Lord's comfort.

**Wed** | 2.00pm Home Communions  
25<sup>th</sup>  
Mar

Praise God for all working on the front line in the NHS, and those in care homes, and pray for their strength and resilience as they care for the sick and the vulnerable.

**Thu**  
26<sup>th</sup>  
Mar

Praise God for the acts of kindness being shown to many, and for all those who serve others with love and compassion.

**Fri**  
27<sup>th</sup>  
Mar

Pray for families with children at home, that all may benefit from extra time together and new resources may be available to give enjoyment as well as develop learning.

**Sat**  
28<sup>th</sup>  
Mar

Pray for wisdom for all our politicians, key figures in banking, business and finance as they try to develop the country's economic situation in these difficult times.

## Sunday 29th March (Lent 5)

### Knutsford

### Toft

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 (Lent 4, Mothering Sunday)

### The Collect

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may by your grace and mercy be spared through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## St John's Knutsford

**As all church services are on hold, you may like to see a message from Nigel, which will be broadcast today, Sunday 22nd March, at 10.15. The link is:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYYDeV0R7kLZMdh6milZ5hA>

You can also access it by typing St Johns Knutsford into the YouTube search bar.

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

**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)

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**Days off:** Thursdays: Richard; Fridays: Dan; Helen  
Saturdays: Nigel, Chris J

**CORONAVIRUS:** We continue to follow the Church guidelines, and will modify arrangements as necessary. Keep an eye on Facebook and the church website for to date information. The office is open every week day from 9-12.30.

### **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

### **HOPE CENTRAL**

Hope Central urgent needs this week: tinned meat, tinned fish and jars of Bolognese sauce please. Please continue to support Hope Central, especially now children are not at school.

### **MUMS' LIFE EXPLORED COURSE: subject to cancellation**

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.

### **TOFT FELLOWSHIP: Cancelled**

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST: Cancelled**

### **EASTER LILIES IN SJK: subject to cancellation**

Thinking ahead towards Easter Sunday - we hope to fill our beautiful church with floral arrangements of Easter lilies. If you would like to contribute towards this by dedicating in memory of a loved one, please take an envelope from the box in the church porch, adding both your name and that of the loved one (s) and place it in the collection basket each Sunday leading up to Easter Day.

*Thank you from the Flower Team*

### **PRISON PRAYER LETTERS**

March prayer letters are in your pigeon-holes, with spares in the church centre. Please see Roy Evans if you'd like your own copy.

**YOUNG @ HEART.** The May and June meetings are cancelled. We will assess the situation re our Afternoon Tea in July. Everyone, please take care of yourselves and adhere to the Government Guidelines. May God bless and keep you, Chris & Diana Jones

### **UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: all subject to change**

25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Home Communions
29th Mar	SJK PCC Short Finance Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Maundy Thursday
10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Good Friday
12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Day

Dear Friends

Together we are going to be facing a challenging time and it's not going to be easy. Could I assure all of you that St Johns will do all we can to help you and to support you and to be with you in whatever you may have to go through. The wonderful truth to keep at the forefront of our minds at this time, and as Christians, is Jesus Christ has destroyed the ultimate power of death of which there is so much fear at the moment. That is why James writes in the Bible: "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance". He can write this because with death defeated and unable to keep a hold on us who believe in Christ we can face whatever may come with a note of joy knowing that our trials are working to wean us off the things of this world and to point us forward to heaven.

Do let's all pray for each other. Pray for me as I pray for you. And do keep in touch with us via whatever means you find easiest.

Yours ever in Christ.

Nigel