

Sunday 22nd November 2020 (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 Johns Knutsford and Toft

Humbly align with the King

Led by: Mel Lacy

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Mark 8: 22- 38

Our live-streamed service is broadcast at 10.15am on YouTube.

Our URL is

<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

Everyone is invited to the Zoom after-service coffee-time at **11.45**. Email the office for the log-in details if you haven't received them.

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 our Vicar Nigel (01565 632834) or our Associate Vicar Tom (01565 755160 or 01565 631606)

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Days off: Fridays: Helen & Tom; Saturdays: Nigel.

Mon

23rd

Nov

Pray that victims of trafficking and exploitation may be protected through the passing of Lord McColl's Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill.

Tue

24th

Nov

2pm

Toft Fellowship on Zoom

Ian McKenzie funeral at Vale

Royal

7.45pm

Service Station via Zoom

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

Wed

25th

Nov

Praise God for the many charities that provide aid in times of global crisis, and pray that public appeals will continue to be successful.

Thu

26th

Nov

Youth Group Bible Studies via

Zoom

Praise God for his compassion, and for setting disadvantaged children in adoptive and fostering homes where they are able to thrive.

Fri

27th

Nov

2.30pm

Funeral at Altrincham for

Harry Toulman

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

Sat

28th

Nov

Praise God for all the unpaid carers who look after people at home, that they may find the support, resources and respite they need.

Sunday 29th November (Advent 1)

Knutsford YouTube Service

10.15am

and

Toft YouTube service

10.15am

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

LIVESTREAMING FROM SJK

From Sunday 1st November the 10.15 Service at St Johns Knutsford is being live streamed to YouTube in place of the pre-recorded service. This is the service for both churches, as until lockdown restrictions are eased we are unable to worship in church.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH SERMONS

Are you a member of SJK or Toft but don't have access to YouTube? We have a facility to offer if you would like to listen to sermons on your phone. You can ring 01565 743743, at any time, for the cost of a local phone call, and listen to the sermons that Nigel has preached since lockdown began. They are added to each week. There are clear instructions at the beginning to tell you what to do. If you would prefer a DVD of the whole service, please contact the office, as we produce them too. They are being distributed to church family and local care homes on request. Thank you to the people who are involved in enabling these initiatives. Sermons are, of course, still available on the church website and as podcasts.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

We are still a drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child, but due to current restrictions shoeboxes will now be collected early December. If you wish to fill a shoe box, leaflets are available in the office. You may prefer to do this online this year (www.samaritanspurse.org.uk, and click on Operation Christmas Child) but feel free to do it the traditional way if you prefer. Please bring your filled boxes during café opening hours and put them in the boxes which will be in the church the week beginning 6th December. All boxes need to be here by Sunday 13th December in order to be collected.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A huge THANK YOU to all the box holders who helped to raise £300 for the Children's Society. I have just received a letter of thanks from the Society who are so very grateful. If anyone would like to add to this amount it would be very much appreciated. Or indeed have a box in their home to collect loose change? The Children's Society, like many other charities, is really struggling. Since the beginning of the pandemic the Knutsford Committee have missed 3 Children's Society lunches which would have raised between £4,000 - £5,000. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me by email:

valerie.brooker@hotmail.co.uk or 01565 650374
Thank you all for your help and support. Val

HOPE CENTRAL

Please keep your contributions coming of non-perishable goods, as more and more people are needing the support which Hope Central can provide. Your generosity is much appreciated. The red bin is outside the church centre door every weekday morning.

SERVICE STATION

It's not too late to join our weekly Service Station meeting on Tuesdays at 7.45pm, via Zoom. We'd love to see you! Contact the office for further details.

HARRY TOULMAN

Harry, Anne Evans' and Adele Toulman's Dad, passed away on Tuesday 3rd November. His funeral will be this Friday, 27th November at Altrincham Crematorium at 2.30pm, for invited guests. A link may be available nearer the time for people to watch at home.

IAN MCKENZIE

Ian passed away suddenly on 9th November. His funeral is at Vale Royal this Tuesday 24th November at 2pm, by invitation only.

CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

If you know someone who is unable to cook for themselves, or will be alone, and would appreciate a hot Christmas dinner to be delivered to their door on Christmas Day, please let the office know so their details can be passed on to Hope Central. Also, if you would like to help with this delivery, please let Chris know that too!

If you receive the Winter Fuel Payment, but feel you don't need it, or you just want to donate to a less fortunate person in Knutsford at Christmas, you can give via www.justgiving.com/knutsforddistrict-lionsclub

WOOD STREET MISSION

We can't collect gifts as we usually do, but do look at WSM website for ideas and links to their Amazon Wish Lists, or you can give securely via www.woodstreetmission.org.uk/donate. There is also a Christmas Appeal online at #WoodStreetXmas.