

**Sunday 29th November 2020 (Advent 1)**

**The Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when he will come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**St Johns Knutsford and Toft**

**The Hope of Glory**

Led by: Helen Eccles Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee  
Romans 5: 1-5

**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** 8.00pm S&F via Zoom  
30<sup>th</sup>  
Nov

Praise God for all those working with people who have the coronavirus, and for the scientists working on new vaccines.

**Tue** 2pm Toft Fellowship on Zoom  
1<sup>st</sup> 7.45pm Service Station via Zoom  
Dec

Pray for believers in public life, especially politicians, the judiciary and the civil service, that they may be able to speak out in love and truth.

**Wed**  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dec

Praise God for the benefits that marriage brings to families and society, and pray that it will continue to enjoy government and church protection.

**Thu** Burial of ashes: Doug Donnelly  
3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Group Bible Studies via  
Dec Zoom

Pray that Christian parents will be able to exert a positive influence on their children's schools.

**Fri**  
4<sup>th</sup>  
Dec

Praise God for the UK's strong laws against assisted suicide, and pray they may continue.

**Sat**  
5<sup>th</sup>  
Dec

Pray for a positive and unselfish response to new health guidelines, so that Covid may be contained and start to diminish.

**Sunday 6th December (Advent 2)**

**Knutsford** Live service and joint YouTube  
10.15am service with Toft

**Toft**  
10.15am Live Service

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage: wait for the LORD!

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

As restrictions are to be lifted on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be able to worship in both churches next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. As before, please book via the office (01565 755160, or [office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk)) by Thursday 12.30, for both Knutsford and Toft church services. If you can give a contact number too, that is helpful. If you are unable to join us, the service will continue to be live-streamed on YouTube.

## **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 have been 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 Covid shoeboxes will now be collected in 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> December. All boxes need to

be here by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December in order to be collected.

## **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. The red bin is outside the church centre door every weekday morning. Particular needs this week are, for Christmas: boxes of chocolates, Christmas biscuit tins, children's selection boxes, boxed mince pies, etc. Routine needs include: bars of soap, stock cubes, rice, instant mash, juice cartons, UHT milk, tinned ham/corned beef, tinned meat meals, soft drinks and baby wipes. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## **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.

## **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](http://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](http://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk/donate). There is also a Christmas Appeal online at #WoodStreetXmas.