

Sunday 13th December 2020 (Advent 3)

Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger John the Baptist to prepare the way for you, grant that the ministers and stewards of your truth may so make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

St Johns Knutsford

A Living Hope

Led by: Mel Lacy Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
1 Peter 1: 3-9

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

Our URL is
<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

St Johns Toft

A Certain Hope

Led by: Helen Eccles Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Hebrews 6: 13-20

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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Knutsford Twitter @knutsfordstjohn

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

Mon 8.00pm PCC meeting via Zoom
14th
Dec

Pray for asylum seekers, whose lives are threatened in their own countries, that they may find safety and security in other lands.

Tue 2pm Toft Fellowship on Zoom
15th 7.45pm Service Station via Zoom
Dec

Praise God for the hope that all believers have in the Gospel of Christ, and the knowledge of future renewal.

Wed LAST DAY TO BRING SHOE
16th BOXES
Dec

Pray against the inequalities existing in Britain, and pray for the disadvantaged, that injustice may be addressed and eliminated.

Thu Youth Group Bible Studies
17th
Dec

Praise God for the eternal security we have in Christ, and pray for those feeling weak in their faith at this time.

Fri 2.00pm Café closes for Christmas
18th today
Dec

Pray for our children who break up today for Christmas, that they will focus on its meaning as well as the fun and excitement.

Sat
19th
Dec

Praise God for the world-wide efforts of scientists to develop a Covid vaccine, and pray that all countries will be able to have unlimited access to them.

Sunday 20th December (Advent 4)

Knutsford Live Service and joint YouTube
10.15am service with Toft

4.30pm Carol Service outside
7.00pm Carol Service online

Toft Carol Service
10.15am

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

CHURCH SERVICES

We are now able to worship in both churches. Please continue to book via the office (01565 755160, or office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk) by Thursdays at 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.

LIVESTREAMING FROM SJK

Our 10.15 Service at St Johns Knutsford will continue to be "Live Streamed" to YouTube in place of the pre-recorded service. Only those involved in the service at the front will be visible for most of the service.

However please be aware that the cameras may occasionally show members of the congregation from the back, at a distance, on a few wider angled shots, although we aim to avoid this as much as possible.

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

Please bring your filled boxes during café opening hours and put them in the boxes which are in the church this week until Wednesday 16th December.

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

WOOD STREET MISSION APPEAL

Wood Street Mission offer practical help to struggling families in Manchester and greatly appreciate all the donations which have been received. The families which Wood Street support have been impacted much more than most. Their already daily struggle is made harder by support services, schools and childcare closing, and vital connections to friends and family cut. This year the Christmas Appeal is more important than ever, to help children have a happy Christmas Day after such a hard year. Currently we are unable to accept donations of toys and presents as we normally do at St John's but we can still support the Christmas Appeal with financial donations which will be spent on the families at Christmas time. If you are able to make a donation please go to the Wood Street Mission website and follow the instructions

there <https://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk>

Thank you for your continuing support.

JMcK & CB

HOPE CENTRAL

Hope Central would like to thank you all for your donations, and the generosity and compassion you have shown to those in need this year. It is great that we are able to do the Lord's work in our community. In the New Year we are praying that we are able to reach out in other ways again to bring the wonderful news of Jesus to as many people as possible. If you would like any information on how you can support this outreach, please contact Ian Robertson or the office. Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

YOUNG@HEART

To all our members: It has been a very difficult year for many of us, but God willing with the vaccine now being available, in 2021 we might be able to meet up again. We pray that you have remained reasonably well and may be able to see family and friends, one way or another, over the Christmas period. We wish you a Peaceful and Joyous Christmas as we remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Chris and Diana

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St Johns Toft

20 th Dec	10.15	Carol Service
24 th Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service
25 th Dec	10.15	Christmas Service

St Johns Knutsford

20 th Dec	4.30pm	Outside Carol Service
	7.00pm	Online Carol Service
24 th Dec	4.00pm	Family Nativity Service
25 th Dec	10.15	Christmas Service

Please book in advance for the services not online, and note there will be no service at either church on Sunday 27th December.