

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (Advent 2)**

**The Collect**

Blessed Lord, who caused the holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that through patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**St Johns Knutsford**

**A Certain Hope**

Led by: Mel Lacy      Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Hebrews 6: 13-20

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

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

**St Johns Toft**

**A Living Hope**

Led by: Helen Eccles      Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee  
1 Peter 1: 3-9

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** | 10.00am Shoe box collection starts  
7<sup>th</sup> | today  
Dec

Pray for all politicians to maintain standards of integrity as they seek to finalise Brexit negotiations.

**Tue** | 2pm Toft Fellowship on Zoom  
8<sup>th</sup> | 7.45pm Service Station via Zoom  
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Praise God that his steadfast love never ceases, and each morning we can start afresh.

**Wed** |  
9<sup>th</sup> |  
Dec

Pray against corruption in all its forms, that the individuals involved may be exposed, and the victims rescued.

**Thu** | Youth Group Bible Studies via  
10<sup>th</sup> | Zoom  
Dec

Praise God for the many gifts he has given us, and pray that we may use them wisely and generously.

**Fri** |  
11<sup>th</sup> |  
Dec

Pray that our nation may turn to the Lord in these difficult days and know his blessing.

**Sat** | 2pm Toft Wedding: Jessica Nield  
12<sup>th</sup> | and Jack Worden  
Dec

Praise God for marriage, and ask him to bless Jessica and Jack, marrying at Toft this afternoon.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 3)**

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

**Toft**  
10.15am | Live Service

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

## CHURCH SERVICES

We are able to worship in both churches this Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please continue to book via the office (01565 755160, or [office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk](mailto: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

From today, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December the 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

We are still a drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child, and we start collecting them in tomorrow. 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 this week. 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 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

## HARRY TOULMAN

Harry's family would like to say thank you for all the cards, prayers and messages of support following Harry's death. If you would like to watch the funeral service the link is:

<https://wesleymedia.wetransfer.com/downloads/f546627e3b727d658ac8473a5966a3d120201202113715/8f92bfc7bd4ebf512419217bc90324aa20201202113715/c1bb30>