

Today's services
Sunday 20th December 2020 (Advent 4)

The Collect:

Lord, come among us, we pray, with your power and help us with your great might so that, although we are hindered by our sins and wickedness from running the race set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us through the work of your Son our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory now and for ever. Amen

St Johns Knutsford

Waiting for Hope

10.15 am

Led by: Mel Lacy Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Titus 2:11-14

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

Our URL is

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

4.30pm Outdoor Christmas Carols
7pm Online Carol Service on YouTube
(address above)

St Johns Toft

Carol Service

10.15 am

Led by: Helen Eccles Preacher: Dan Young

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.

Christmas Eve 24th December 2020

4pm Family Nativity SJK
4pm Crib Service 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 our Vicar Nigel (01565 632834) or our Associate Vicar Tom (01565 755160 or 01565 631606)

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The Collect

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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10.15am

Led by: Debbie Woods Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee

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St Johns Toft

10.15am

Led by Helen Eccles Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Sunday 27th December (Christmas 1)

No services in church

The Collect:

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please note that on Sunday 27th December our Service will be on YouTube. Church Society have kindly provided the preacher Rev George Crowder. I recommend him highly. Please make sure you log on and be encouraged as we all look forward to the appearing of our blessed hope! NA

PRAYER GATHERING

There will be a Prayer Gathering, via Zoom, at 8pm on Wednesday 6th January, where we can pray for the needs of the church and the world.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with cleaning the church while Isobel was ill. Your service was much appreciated.

Today's services

Sunday 3rd January 2021 (Christmas 2)

The Collect

Almighty God, who caused your blessed Son to be circumcised and obedient to the law for mankind, grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit so that, our hearts and bodies being dead to all sinful desires, we may obey your holy will in all things through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Johns Knutsford

10.15am

Led by Nigel Atkinson Preacher: Stephen Watson
(Families Special will be running for primary age children.)

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Our URL is

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St Johns Toft

10.15am

Led by Helen Eccles Preacher: Dan Young

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The flower group will be arranging flowers for Christmas on the morning of Tuesday 22nd, and would welcome any greenery that can be brought in that day, please.

FINAL ACCOUNTS/REPORTS

Please would the leaders of Church Groups submit their end of year accounts and reports to Steve Kitcher, Church Treasurer, or the Church Office by January 9th. Many thanks.

NORTHWEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

The 2021 Annual Conference will be different this year, due to Covid. It will be on YouTube, and spread over a month, from 23rd January to 20th February. More details available on their website.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Nigel, Tom, Helen and all the staff at both churches wish you all a very happy Christmas as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

CHURCH OFFICE

The office closes on Wednesday 23rd December at 12.30, and will reopen at 9am on Monday 4th January. Please book for all services by 23rd. Many thanks to everyone who has helped during the year.

Prayer Pointers: Week beginning 20th December

- Pray for the family and friends of Jan Chambers, that they may be comforted in their loss, and praise God for the difference she made to so many lives.
- Pray for all those alone at Christmas, for whatever reason, that they may share in the joy that Jesus brings.
- Pray for all the Christmas services, that many will be changed by the message of salvation.
- Pray for those who can't fully enjoy Christmas because of their personal circumstances, that they will be strengthened and comforted by God's grace.
- Praise God for his eternal unchanging love, and for the birth of the Messiah, bringing us all hope.

Prayer Pointers: Week beginning 27th December

- Pray that God will guide us all in the coming New Year, as individuals and as a church family.
- Praise God for all who serve in our churches, and pray they may be refreshed and renewed over the Christmas period.
- Pray for the Church of England, that ministers will speak with authority, understanding and spiritual integrity, and that all church leaders will be true to God's unchanging Word.
- Praise God for the scientists working so hard to end the tyranny of Covid, and pray that 2021 will see an end to the heartbreak it causes.
- Pray for the lonely, those who have difficulties with everyday activities, and those who have no one to turn to.

Prayer Pointers: Week beginning 4th January 2021

- Pray for everyone going back to work or school, that all will be blessed in their studying, their work, their health, their families and their relationships.
- Praise God for the magnificent design and complexity of the universe, and for inspiring people to be creative stewards, acting for the benefit of all who live in it.
- Pray for all those grieving for loved ones who died in 2020, that they may be comforted.
- Praise God that with the New Year we can look ahead in sure and certain hope for the future, whatever it brings in the short term.
- Pray for all Christian ministries that bring relief to those who are poor, sick, imprisoned, uneducated, unemployed, abused or hopeless.