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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Epiphany 3)**

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**The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, in mercy look upon our weakness and in all our dangers and necessities stretch out your right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**St Johns Knutsford**

and

**St Johns Toft**

Abraham

Leader: Helen Eccles Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Genesis 11: 1-4 Hebrews 11: 8-10

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

Our URL is

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

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Everyone is invited to the Zoom after-service coffee-time at **11.30**. We also have a family Zoom at **11.15** for families with primary-aged-children. Email the office for the log-in details if you haven't received them.

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**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.

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**Mon**  
25<sup>th</sup>  
Jan

Pray for all our frontline workers, including shopworkers, post-deliverers, refuse collectors and all who are helping to keep society going.

**Tue** | 2.00pm Toft Fellowship via Zoom  
26<sup>th</sup> | 7.45pm Service Station via Zoom  
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Praise God for everyone working in hospitals, that they may be strengthened and upheld in these difficult times.

**Wed** | 8.00pm S&F via Zoom  
27<sup>th</sup>  
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Pray for those we know who are dealing with cancer and other serious diseases, that they may know God's healing peace.

**Thu** | Youth Group Bible Studies via  
28<sup>th</sup> | Zoom  
Jan | 6pm Years 6-9  
7.45pm Years 10-13

Praise God for all those who reach out to help others in needy circumstances of any sort.

**Fri**  
29<sup>th</sup>  
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Pray that the new American government will seek God's wisdom and follow his will in the decisions they make.

**Sat**  
31<sup>st</sup>  
Jan

Praise God for our ministry team, and pray for their wisdom and strength.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February (Epiphany 4)**

**Knutsford** 10.15am: Joint YouTube service  
**and Toft** 7.30pm: Youth Zoom meeting  
for Years 6-13

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar up in wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

## **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**

Stay tuned for a new Christianity Explored course to start soon. This course aims to introduce people to the basic claims of the Gospel as it is presented in the Gospel of Mark. It will be conducted online. We will watch a short video, discuss what Mark wrote and you get to ask any questions you like! Please consider joining and suggest it to your friends. More information to follow.

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Due to the current situation, it is in everyone's best interests to stop meeting together in church for a temporary period. We are grateful that our services can continue to be live streamed on YouTube. As soon as the situation changes, we will let you know, via this notice sheet, email and the church website.

## **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.

## **HOPE CENTRAL**

At the moment, Hope Central have lower stocks of tinned potatoes, dried potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fish (sardines, salmon, mackerel), UHT milk (not skimmed), jam, custard, tinned fruit, tinned hot dogs, tinned spam and ham, tinned corned beef, jars of pasta sauce and curry sauce, and 1 litre orange juice cartons. Thank you for your continued generosity. Financial contributions are also very welcome, to enable the development of other support services we plan to offer in the near future.

## **LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS**

We regret that Church Hill Café will remain closed until further notice. The church office is open from 9 until 12.30 weekdays, but is operating remotely. Phone calls are being diverted and emails

answered normally, so please keep in touch during office hours.

## **FLOWERS AT SJK**

We are blessed to have 4 ladies arranging the flowers, 2 of whom are over 80, but we need more people willing to help out. Please will you consider if this is something you could do as an act of service when we can return to worshipping in church. For more information about what is required, please phone Lis Donnelly on 01565 651956, or 07772 367771. Thank you!

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

Although we are limited in our ability to see each other, please be aware of those people known to you who may be unwell or living alone. A phone call can make all the difference to someone's day.

## **NORTHWEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

The annual conference can't happen as normal this year, due to Covid. It is being held online during January and February, and is based on Philippians. Booking is necessary, so look at <https://northwestpartnership.com/events/nwgp-events/app/event/224/title/Annual-Conference> for more details. The conference is for any church member and it is hoped that it will be a great encouragement to many.

## **CPAS BOXES**

If you have a CPAS box, now is the time for it to be emptied and the money sent to the Church Pastoral Aid Society. Please phone Barbara Livesley (07719 298980 or 01565 653276) to arrange collection. To ensure mutual safety, the plan is for the boxes to be left on Barbara's doorstep when she is in. She will take it inside and leave it for 72 hours before emptying it and forwarding the contents. If you need the box to be collected from your home, Barbara will arrange this with you when you phone her. Thank you!

## **DAVID WALLER**

David went to be with the Lord peacefully on Wednesday night. We send our sympathies to his daughters, Clare and Jane.