

**Sunday 31st January 2021 (Epiphany 4)**

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**The Collect**

Lord God, you know that we are in the midst of such dangers and that we cannot always stand upright because of the frailty of our nature: grant us strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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**St Johns Knutsford**

and

**St Johns Toft**

Sarah

Leader: Mel Lacy    Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee  
Genesis 18: 9-15    Hebrews 11: 8-12  
Genesis 21: 1-6

**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**

1<sup>st</sup>

Feb

Praise God for all who work in prisons to tell people about the love of Christ, and pray their words will take root.

**Tue**

2<sup>nd</sup>

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2.00pm Toft Fellowship via Zoom  
7.45pm Service Station via Zoom

Pray that all those who attend our online meetings may be challenged and encouraged by what they hear and share.

**Wed**

3<sup>rd</sup>

Feb

Praise God for the courage, skill and tireless service of NHS and care staff, supporting those with Covid.

**Thu**

4<sup>th</sup>

Feb

Youth Group Bible Studies via Zoom  
6pm Years 6-9  
7.45pm Years 10-13

Pray that our children may come to know and love the Lord Jesus as they meet together tonight.

**Fri**

5<sup>th</sup>

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3.00pm Funeral: David Waller at Vale Royal

Praise God for David Waller's life, and pray that his family and friends will know the Lord's comfort at this time.

**Sat**

6<sup>th</sup>

Feb

Pray for all those with special needs, that they will receive the help they need and find fulfilment and joy in their daily lives.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

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

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

## **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**

Christianity Explored will start on **Thursday 25th February** at 8pm. It is officially a seven-week course, but we will run up to Easter and work out details for any remaining material nearer the time.

Online via Zoom, so please email the office for the link. An introduction to the Christian faith - open to anyone who is interested - short video, Bible passage, discussion. No prior knowledge of anything required! - although regular church attenders are very welcome and it's fine to join if you have already completed the course any number of times. No pressure to speak, sing or pray but a perfect opportunity to ask any burning questions.

## **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 dried potatoes, tinned fish (not tuna), UHT milk, pasta/curry/chinese sauces, rice, squash bottles and 1 litre orange/apple juice cartons. Food is still the priority, but if you want to add shower gel, shampoo or household/laundry cleaning items these are also much appreciated. 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's funeral will be at Vale Royal Crematorium at 3pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, for invited guests only, but a video link will be available.

## **UNA HOLT**

We are sad to report the death of Una Holt, last Sunday at Taberner House. Funeral details will follow.