

Mon | 8.00pm PCC
22nd
Feb

Pray for the PCC meeting tonight, that decisions will be made in accordance with God's will.

Tue | 2.00pm Toft Fellowship via Zoom
23rd | 7.45pm Service Station via Zoom
Feb

Praise God for the fair-trade initiatives that promote justice, improving people's lives and developing environmentally sound practices.

Wed | 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom
24th
Feb

Pray that in this Lent season we may be inspired again by the life of Jesus and recommit ourselves to live a life pleasing to God.

Thu | Youth Group Bible Studies via
25th | Zoom
Feb | 6pm Years 6-9
7.45pm Years 10-13

Praise God for all those who are kind to the needy, despite any possible personal cost, and pray that they may persevere in God's strength.

Fri | 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom
26th
Feb

Pray for Pastor Raymond Koh in Malaysia, and his family, that he and others may be released from captivity, and reunited with their families.

Sat
27th
Feb

Praise for the impact of Christians in Nepal, and the many ways the Church there is influencing the lives of people.

Sunday 28th February (Lent 2)

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

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done.

Sunday 21st February 2021 (Lent 1)

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights, give us grace so to discipline ourselves that we may always obey your will in righteousness and true holiness to the honour and glory of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

St Johns Knutsford

and

St Johns Toft

Protect them from the Evil One

Leader: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
John 17: 1-16

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

Our URL is

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

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.

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.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Christianity Explored will start next **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. It will be online via Zoom, so please email the office for the link. Christianity Explored is an introduction to the Christian faith - open to anyone who is interested, with a short video, a Bible passage, and followed by discussion. No prior knowledge of anything is required! 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 crisps, tinned veg (but not peas), tinned pasta, Belvita biscuits, cereal bars and toilet rolls. Sweets and chocolate for treats are also very welcome. Food is still the priority, but if you want to add shower gel, shampoo or household/laundry cleaning items these are also much appreciated. Financial contributions are also gratefully received, to enable the development of other support services we plan to offer in the near future. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

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 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.

WOOD STREET MISSION

Wood Street Mission is currently running a Crisis Service for families in need in Manchester and Salford. They are grateful for any financial donations to help with this vital work. Details can be found on www.woodstreetmission.org.uk We are able to accept donations of Children's clothing suitable for 2 years up to 16 years of age together with baby equipment, and Rachel Sampson has kindly offered to be a collection point for small items, please call the office for arrangement details.

ABBNEYFIELD

Abbeyfield Knutsford provides sheltered accommodation for elderly people at Abbeyfield House, Bexton Road. There is a vacant room there at the moment. If you would like more information please contact Jane Cartmel 01565 652778