

**Mon** | 2pm SJK funeral: Bet Harris  
1<sup>st</sup>  
Mar

Pray for the family and friends of Bet Harris, that they may know the Lord's comfort at this time.

**Tue** | 2.00pm Toft Fellowship via Zoom  
2<sup>nd</sup> | 7.45pm Service Station via Zoom  
Mar

Pray for the church in China, as political surveillance becomes ever more prominent, that they may respond with courage and wisdom.

**Wed** | 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mar

Pray for girls in Nigeria who have been abducted by extremists, that they and their families will be encouraged, that the girls may be returned to their families, and that the government will be able to end such abductions.

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

Praise God for all those working in science, engineering, technology and maths to find ways to solve problems caused by global warming and other threats to our world.

**Fri** | 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom  
5<sup>th</sup>  
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Pray for those living in war-torn countries, that they can be provided with basic supplies, and that God will lift them out of despair.

**Sat**  
6<sup>th</sup>  
Mar

Praise God for all who are involved in delivering pastoral care and other services to meet young people's spiritual, social and practical needs.

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March (Lent 3)

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

Whom have I in heaven but you? And being with you I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Lent 2)

### The Collect

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of our own to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls so that we may be defended from all ills that may befall the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## St Johns Knutsford

and

## St Johns Toft

### May They Be One

Leader: Helen Eccles Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
John 17: 20-26

**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 started last **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 is 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 tinned pasta, cup-a-soups, sweets and chocolates, tinned vegetables (not peas) and tinned fish (not tuna) dried potato and UHT milk (not skimmed). 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.

## **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](http://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.

## **ABBAYFIELD**

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.

## **DAILY HOPE PHONE LINE**

DailyHope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society. It is free.

## **DAVID WALLER**

David's daughters, Claire and Jane, are deeply grateful to all at Toft, for the companionship and support given to David since he became a regular member after the death of his wife in 2009.