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Pray for Christian women around the world who have been widowed due to violence.

Tue | 2.00pm Toft Fellowship via Zoom
16th | 7.45pm Service Station via Zoom
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Praise God for Christian families and individuals who have adopted and fostered children, and pray they will demonstrate God's love in all circumstances.

Wed | 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom
17th | 8pm S&F meeting via Zoom
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Pray that leaders in all areas of life may develop leadership qualities of integrity, creativity, servant-heartedness, excellence in relationships and persistence.

Thu | Youth Group Bible Studies via
18th | Zoom
Mar | 6pm Years 6-9
7.45pm Years 10-13

Praise God for the outstanding leaders throughout the world who have served in exceptional ways, leaving a rich legacy long after their death.

Fri | 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom
19th |
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Pray that Christians in areas of conflict will not be fearful but filled with peace, knowing that God's presence is with them.

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Praise God that we live in a democratic country without fear of oppression, and pray we may guard our right to live and speak freely according to our beliefs, and for the benefit of those needing protection and care.

Sunday 21st March (Lent 5)

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

I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever. I will praise you for ever for what you have done: in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of the saints.

Sunday 14th March 2021 (Lent 4)

The Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

St Johns Knutsford and St Johns Toft

Mothering Sunday

All-Age service led by Tom Hollingsbee
and Hannah Dobson
Reading: John 19: 23-27

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.

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, cereal bars, spam, cup-a-soups, sweets and chocolates, tinned vegetables (not peas), biscuits, dried potato and UHT milk (not skimmed). Food is still the priority, but if you want to add soap, 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 planned for the near future.

This Easter, Hope Central will be including 'The Real Easter Egg' from Meaningful Chocolate Company in our hampers for all children of families we support. If you would like to help us share the real meaning of Easter with children please consider supporting our campaign to raise enough for 300 eggs by following the link below. Each egg costs £4.50:

virginmoneygiving.com/fund/HopeCentralEasterEggs
Thank you.

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 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.

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.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP

There will be a Zoom Men's Book Group meeting this Thursday, 18th March, at 8pm, where the book discussed will be Quarks, Chaos and Christianity by John Polkinghorne. If you would like to attend but haven't received an invitation, please contact the office.