

Mon  
22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mar

Praise God for Christian writers in all media, and pray that they may write well, bringing help to others.

**Tue** 12.01pm Bell tolled to mark National Day of Reflection  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
Mar 2.00pm Toft Fellowship via Zoom  
7.45pm Service Station via Zoom

Pray for all families caring for loved ones facing major challenges, and ask that all may be drawn to a deepening faith as they ask for God's help.

**Wed** 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom  
24<sup>th</sup> 8pm PCC meeting via Zoom  
Mar

Praise God that he doesn't change, and pray for our leaders in this ever-changing world.

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

Pray for families with children who don't yet follow Jesus, and praise God that he never leaves them.

**Fri** 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom  
26<sup>th</sup>  
Mar

Praise God for the growing awareness concerning physical safety of women and girls, and pray that actions taken will be of benefit to all

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

Pray for all those working with people with special needs, that they may have energy, patience and love as they seek to enrich lives.

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

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

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures for ever. Let those who fear the LORD say: 'His love endures forever.' The LORD is with me, I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (Lent 5)

### The Collect

Almighty God, look mercifully upon your people so that by your great goodness we may be always governed and preserved both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## St Johns Knutsford and St Johns Toft

May They be Joyful

Led by Helen Eccles Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Reading: John 17: 6-19

**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.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION: THE BELLS**

The clappers of our bells have been refurbished and reinstalled by Taylor's Bell Foundry. We are very grateful to the volunteers who helped carry the heavy clappers up the spiral staircases to the belfry. The bellringers are looking forward to ringing the bells again when the lockdown restrictions allow.

Meanwhile a single bell will be tolled at 12.01 pm on Tuesday 23 March, the National Day of Reflection, to mark the end of the one minute silence.

## **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 spam, fruit juice, shampoo, tinned fish (not tuna), tinned ham, sweets and chocolates. Food is still the priority, but if you want to add soap, shower gel 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](http://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](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.

## **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.