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8<sup>th</sup>  
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Pray for Venezuelan refugees who have fled to Colombia, that the church there may be able to support and help fight malnutrition, and assist with health care provision, particularly for pregnant women.

**Tue** | 2.00pm Toft Fellowship via Zoom  
9<sup>th</sup> | 7.45pm Service Station via Zoom  
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Praise God that we are all one in Christ Jesus, and pray that church leaders all over the world will be able to show love and truth.

**Wed** | 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom  
10<sup>th</sup>  
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Pray for Iranian Christians who have been imprisoned for their faith, and for Iranian believers to have opportunities to tell others of Jesus' love for them.

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

Praise God for politicians working to change laws of slavery, and pray for those who escape from their traffickers, that they may be able to rebuild their lives safely.

**Fri** | 5pm Lent Prayers via Zoom  
12<sup>th</sup>  
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Pray for churches who uphold biblical teaching on sexual ethics while showing non-judgemental love to all.

**Sat**  
13<sup>th</sup>  
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Praise God for the ability to plan for the reopening of churches, and pray that congregations can soon worship together with joy.

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March (Lent 4, Mothering Sunday)

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

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Lent 3)

### The Collect

Almighty God, consider the heartfelt desires of your servants and stretch out the right hand of your majesty to defend us against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## St Johns Knutsford and St Johns Toft

May They be Holy

Leader: Nigel Atkinson Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee  
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.

## **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**

Christianity Explored started 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. 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, 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](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.

## **ABBEEFIELD**

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.