

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Easter 2)**

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**The Collect**

Almighty God, who gave your only Son for us to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life, give us grace so that we may always receive with thankfulness the immeasurable benefit of his sacrifice, and try day by day to follow in the steps of his most holy life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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**St John's Knutsford**  
**I've started so I'll finish**

**10.15am**

Led by: Debbie Woods  
Acts 16: 11-15

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Philippians 1: 1-6

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You can expect the sermons to last about 30 mins, and the service overall about 70-95 mins. Knutsford Sermons are available on the web within a few days.

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**St John's Toft**  
**Peace Proof and Proclamation**

**10.15am**

Led by: Helen Eccles  
John 5: 4-12

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Thain Flowers  
John 20: 19-23

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Do join us for an after-service Zoom chat at about 11.30. The link is sent via email.

**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.

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**Mon**  
12<sup>th</sup>  
Apr

Praise God for the unique role we all have in the Body of Christ, and pray we may know God's daily guidance in the way we serve him.

**Tue** | 2.30pm Toft Fellowship  
13<sup>th</sup>  
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Pray for the situation in Northern Ireland, that a peaceful way forward may be found and those with grievances may feel understood.

**Wed** | 11am Funeral: Leslie Horne, SJK  
14<sup>th</sup>  
Apr

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

**Thu**  
15<sup>th</sup>  
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Pray for a growing awareness of the sanctity of human life, and for increased protection for the unborn and support for their mothers.

**Fri**  
16<sup>th</sup>  
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Praise God for the increasing effectiveness of Covid vaccines, and all those who are working to produce and distribute them, particularly in poorer countries.

**Sat**  
17<sup>th</sup>  
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Pray for all who return to school next week, that they will be able to work hard and benefit from the opportunities they are offered.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Easter 3)**

**Knutsford** 10.15am Morning Worship  
4.00pm APCM

**Toft** 10.15am Morning Worship

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Live services have resumed at both churches. See Nigel's letter for further details. Please contact the church office to book for either church each week. As we return to church the Knutsford services will continue to be live-streamed for those who need to stay at home.

## **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.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: SJK**

Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, at 4pm, church members are invited to come and hear about how God has blessed us in 2020 and the plans to move forward in 2021/2.

## **HOPE CENTRAL**

At the moment, Hope Central have lower stocks of small bags of toothpaste, tinned potatoes, dried mashed potatoes, toilet rolls and household cleaning items. Financial contributions are also gratefully received, to enable the development of other support services planned for the near future.

## **LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS**

We regret that Church Hill Café will remain closed until restrictions are lifted in May. The church office is now open as normal from 9 until 12.30 on weekdays. If you need to visit, please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

## **CAN YOU HELP WOOD STREET MISSION MAKE EASTER EXTRA SPECIAL?**

In addition to the Crisis service for families in need in Manchester and Salford Wood Street Mission is starting a Books Forever 2021 Appeal. The project will provide children in low-income families with new books which will be distributed through book clubs, Book Roadshows and local schools.

Please donate books suitable for children aged 0-16 years to WS by next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. Books can be sent direct from the retailer. Financial donations are also very welcome through the website. [www.woodstreetmission.org.uk](http://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk)

We are unable to make collections from St John's at the moment, but Rachel Sampson (166 Grove Park) is happy to take donations of children's clothing and books until collections resume. Once again we thank you for your generous support.

Blessings from CB & JMCK

## **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.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL at SJK**

An abbreviated version of Knutsford's electoral roll is posted on the glass wall at the back of church, in line with legal GDPR requirements, prior to the APCM on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please check to make sure your name is there (or call the office if you are unable to get to church).