

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Sunday after Ascension Day)**

**The Collect**

O God, the King of glory, who exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven, do not leave us desolate, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**

**Live As We Do**

**10.15am**

Led by: Helen Eccles  
Matthew 5: 1-11

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee  
Philippians 3: 12- 4:1

YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

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.

Join us for after-service coffee, on Zoom, at **11.45**.  
(Note new time!) The link is available via email.

**St John's Toft**

**Less is More**

**10.15am**

Led by: Mel Lacy  
Matthew 16: 1-26

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Philippians 2: 12-18

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)

**Mon**  
17<sup>th</sup>  
May

Praise God for all working in health research, and pray that ethics will continue to be foremost in all decisions taken.

**Tue** | 2.30pm Toft Fellowship  
18<sup>th</sup> | 7.45pm Service Station  
May

Pray for wisdom, clarity of vision and a willingness to listen for all those involved in the Middle East conflict, so that a successful and long-lasting peace may be brought about.

**Wed**  
19<sup>th</sup>  
May

Praise God for families, and pray for lone parents, that they may know the support of those around them as they bring up their children.

**Thu** | Youth Bible Studies @SJK  
20<sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm Years 6-9  
May | 7.45pm Years 10-13

Pray for young people who can't sit official exams, and need help with deciding the next steps to take.

**Fri**  
21<sup>st</sup>  
May

Praise God for all those who have encouraged and inspired us during lockdown, and pray that we can all enrich the lives of others in various ways.

**Sat** | 11am Toft Wedding: Emma  
22<sup>nd</sup> | Blakemore & George Wood  
May

Pray for Emma Blakemore and George Wood as they marry today at Toft, that God will bless their marriage and they may have a long and happy life together.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (Pentecost)**

**Knutsford** 10.15am

**Toft** 10.15am

Repent and be baptised, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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**Days off:** Fridays: Helen & Tom; Saturdays: Nigel.

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Live services have resumed at both churches. Please contact the church office to book for either church each week, **by noon on Thursdays**, or earlier if possible. 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.

## **HOPE CENTRAL**

At the moment, Hope Central has lower stocks of tinned potatoes, kidney beans & chickpeas, tinned rice pudding, fruit juice and chocolate biscuit bars. All financial contributions are gratefully received as well, to enable the development of other support services planned for the near future, including the debt support we heard about last week.

## **CHURCH HILL CAFÉ**

The café will open again tomorrow, 17<sup>th</sup> May, from 10.00am until 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **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**

If you attend either church regularly, and are not on the electoral roll, please contact the office for a form. We would love you to be an active part of our church family.

## **KESWICK CONVENTION**

Bookings are being taken now for this year's convention. You can book to attend in person, or watch from your accommodation, or watch from home, and much of it will be livestreamed. If you normally go to Keswick but you're not this year, they would be glad if you would let them know. See their website for further details.

## **BOOKING AT KNUTSFORD**

If you have a regular booking at St Johns Knutsford, but there is a week when you know you can't come, please let the office know at the beginning of that week if possible, so that the place can be offered to someone else. We are fully booked every week. Many thanks.