

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Easter 5)**

**The Collect**

O Lord, from whom all good things come, grant to us your servants that by your holy inspiration we may think good thoughts and by your merciful guidance put them into practice through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**  
**Less Means More**

**10.15am**

Led by: Mel Lacy  
Matthew 16: 21-26

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson  
Philippians 3: 1-11

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**  
**Today, If You Hear His Voice**

**10.15am**

Led by: Dan Young  
Deuteronomy 32: 1-9

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee  
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**  
10<sup>th</sup>  
May

Praise God for the many ways we can serve each other, and the encouragement that brings.

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

Pray for our emergency services, that they can continue to be positive in their work, and treat those who need them with compassion and gentleness.

**Wed** | 8.00pm S&F meeting (via Zoom)  
12<sup>th</sup>  
May

Praise God for His unchanging Word, and pray it will continue to be our guide each day of our lives.

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

Pray for the young people of Knutsford who have never heard the gospel, that we can find effective ways to reach out to them.

**Fri** | 3.00pm Douglas Campbell's funeral SJK  
14<sup>th</sup>  
May

Pray for Douglas Campbell Jnr, and all those who knew and loved Douglas, that they may know the Lord's comfort in their loss.

**Sat**  
15<sup>th</sup>  
May

Praise God for the lockdown restrictions being eased next week, and pray that we can continue to behave responsibly towards others.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May (Easter 6)**

**Knutsford** 10.15am Holy Communion

**Toft** 10.15am Morning Worship

O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his Hand.

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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 tomatoes, tinned kidney beans & chickpeas, household cleaning items, crisps, full-fat and semi-skimmed UHT milk, tinned rice pudding 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.

## **LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS**

We regret that Church Hill Café will remain closed until restrictions are lifted on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.