

HELP NEEDED

St Johns Knutsford needs to have a larger team of volunteers to help on the audio-visual desk, or in preparing the slides in advance of the Sunday services. If you feel you could support the church family in either of these ways, please contact the church office. Full training and support will be given, so it doesn't matter if you have no idea what to do. The pandemic has shown us how important audio-visual support is, so please prayerfully consider if this is something you would be willing to do.

DAVID BUNYAN

Jessie Bunyan would like to thank the church family for their practical, pastoral and prayer support during Dave's illness and for his funeral. The many cards and their messages of sympathy and the memories shared have been very much appreciated.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY BEFRIENDER

A befriender is someone who has a heart for people and lives out what it means to build community. Befrienders work closely with Barney, the Hope Central Debt Coach, accompanying him on visits and focusing on non-debt related needs of the client e.g. facilitating bringing the client into the community, identifying hobbies and other points of social connection, providing assistance with practical tasks, sharing the Gospel.

This role is client facing, and would suit someone with good relationship-building skills, an open and non-judgemental nature together with a heart and resilience to serve.

The role is flexible with regard to what elements you undertake and how much time you are able to give. CAP will provide training to equip you in the way that fits best with you and your community.

If you would like to know more please contact Barney Howard, Debt Centre Manager - North-East Cheshire Christians Against Poverty
t: 07726307711/barneyhoward@capuk.org
Work days: 9am-5pm - Wednesday & Thursday

HOPE CENTRAL

At the moment, Hope Central has lower stocks of UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned potatoes and tomatoes, cereals, tinned fruit, toilet rolls, tinned pasta and shampoo. 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 recently.

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.

OASIS

Oasis has been run for many years as a popular group for Mums and carers with pre-school children in the Church Centre by volunteers from within our Church family.

Prior to the pandemic, Oasis was held on 3 mornings a week during term time providing a link between St John's Church and approximately 70 families in the community. The children were introduced to the teaching of the Bible through short bible stories, backed up by simple crafts and songs.

After a prolonged break it is planned to restart Oasis in a pared down format in September. Initially Oasis will be held on one morning a week, for a maximum of 20 families. It is therefore hoped to run the group with a rota of helpers in the room with the children and others in the kitchen serving refreshments.

Since we last met circumstances have changed for many of our former helpers, so we are asking for volunteers to help with the proposed restart of Oasis.

Would you be able to spare one or two mornings a month to help with this important work in our Church? Please talk to one of us via the Church office if you would like to find out more about what we do at Oasis or let us know if you have any suggestions about the restart.

It would mean a lot to many Mums and carers to be able to come back to our Church Centre again!
Tom, Charlotte, Penny B and Jane McK

REMINDER

Everyone who visits St Johns Knutsford, unless it is to attend the café, worship, or visit the office, needs to sign the sheets in the Church Centre foyer, please. If you are on the premises alone, and also live alone, please contact any of the following before you arrive and after you have arrived home: Nigel Atkinson, Thain Flowers or Chris Hogg. Phone numbers are available next to the sign-in sheet, or by request.