

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 (Trinity 12)**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you constantly give more than we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy by forgiving us those things of which our consciences are afraid and by giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**  
Covid and the Kingdom

<b>8.30am</b> Led by Tom Hollingsbee	<b>Holy Communion</b> Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
<b>10.15am</b> Led by: Debbie Woods Psalm 78: 1-5	<b>Morning Worship</b> Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee Matthew 13: 24-43

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**.  
The link is available via email.

**St John's Toft**

Onesimus: An Instrument of Jesus

<b>10.15am</b> Led by: Helen Eccles Colossians 3: 17-4:1	<b>Morning Worship</b> Preacher: John Lee Philemon
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**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.

**Mon**  
23rd  
Aug

Pray for the situation in Afghanistan, for wisdom for the peace-makers and politicians, and security for the vulnerable.

**Tue**  
24<sup>th</sup>  
Aug

Praise God for Christian nurses in all settings, and pray that they may live out their faith with love and integrity as they meet the needs of those in their care.

**Wed**  
25<sup>th</sup>  
Aug

Pray for the safety and welfare of aid workers throughout the world as they deliver vital humanitarian aid to refugee camps and other people affected by conflict, disease, poverty etc.

**Thu**  
26<sup>th</sup>  
Aug

Praise God for all those who worked through the pandemic, often at great personal risk, and pray that they may be able to recoup their strength.

**Fri**  
27<sup>th</sup>  
Aug

Pray for all those who are struggling with poor health or other difficulties, that they may get the support they need.

**Sat**  
28<sup>th</sup>  
Aug

Praise God for the many Christian organisations involved in politics, and pray that their work will glorify God as they seek obedience to his will.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug (Trinity 13)**

<b>Knutsford</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Worship

<b>Toft</b>	10.15am	Morning Worship
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God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress, I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

## **RED, AMBER, GREEN WRISTBAND ARRANGEMENTS AT SJK**

Please could we all continue to respect each other's zones by:

Remaining masked while entering the building until seated;

Allowing those in the red zone to exit the building first;

Refraining from any extended conversations until outside.

## **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.

## **HOPE CENTRAL**

The need for food parcels has declined significantly since this time last year, although at a higher level than pre-Covid. We are seeing a significant decline in food and financial giving as well. The pandemic is not over, and with your help, we are working hard to ensure that there is always enough food available to support those who need it.

Our CAP Debt Centre Manager has started work and we are already seeing referrals from Knutsford, We need volunteer befrienders to work alongside him. This is very rewarding work and the volunteer is completely in control of the time that they commit. Alongside this, we have run our first Money Management course to help people gain control of their finances and live within their means. Our plan is to try and take this activity out into schools to support young people starting off in life.

In the coming months furlough will end, the Universal Credit top-up stops and there will be a large increase in domestic fuel prices. The spectre of redundancies is raising its head as well.

We want to be there, alongside the Welcome, to be certain that nobody goes hungry and to provide people with the tools that they need to manage their finances well. We need your prayers, we need volunteers and we need money and food. The support of the Knutsford communities has been amazing so far. We pray that you continue to support us in this wonderful opportunity to demonstrate what Christians can do, and to bring God's word to everyone that we meet. Thank you. Ian R

## **KESWICK CONVENTION 2022**

If you would like to go to Keswick next year, please contact Chris in the church office if you would be interested in a house-share. Accommodation gets booked up very quickly so it's advisable to book soon.

## **NORTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP: MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE**

The course is one day a week for those who want to understand the Bible better and be equipped to teach it to others. For those who are not able to commit to one day/evening a week they run a once a month Saturday morning course over 2 years covering the same material as the evening course. Many churches use this as a resource for their Ministry Trainees, as well as for individuals. It is not just for trainees though, anyone who wants to know how to study the Bible better will learn much from it. Many people from our church have enrolled over the years and all have been blessed by it. To learn more, look on their website:

<https://www.northwestpartnership.com/training/ministry-training-course/> or speak to John Lee, who teaches on it.

## **OASIS**

The Oasis Team are delighted to announce that we will be reopening again on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The sessions will run during term time on Thursday mornings.

We would like to thank all those who have volunteered to help both in the room and doing coffee and snacks.

After many years of leading Oasis, Tania Adams will be stepping down and we wish to extend our thanks to her for her hard work and dedication to Oasis. With blessings from Tom, Jane, Penny and Charlotte

## **HANNAH WORTH**

Please remember the Worth family, as Hannah's father, George Jowett, died on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> August. The family would appreciate our prayers at this sad time.

## **HOPE CENTRAL**

This week the needs are for beans, soup, UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned pasta, meatballs and biscuits, please.