

**Today's Services**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (Trinity 10)**

Let your merciful ears, Lord God, be open to the prayers of your people and, so that we may obtain our petitions, teach us to ask for those things that please you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**  
**Onesimus: An instrument of Jesus**

**8.30am** **Holy Communion**  
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: John Lee

**10.15am** **Morning Worship**  
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: John Lee  
Colossians 3: 17-4:1 Philemon 1-25

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**

**10.15am** **Holy Communion**  
Led by: Dan Young Preacher: Helen Eccles  
Psalm 130 2 Peter 3: 8-16

**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** 12.15pm Funeral for Olwen Haig at  
9<sup>th</sup> Macclesfield  
Aug

Pray for the family and friends of Olwen Haig, that they may know the Lord's comfort in their loss.

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

Praise God for the rich diversity of cultures worldwide, that we are all created in his image, and that believers of all races can worship together as members of his family.

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

Pray for all those feeling confused and discouraged, particularly young people. Pray that the vulnerable may be protected from troubled family life, destructive influences, unhappy relationships and health problems.

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

Praise God for beach missions taking place this summer, pray the leaders will be encouraged and uplifted by the responses they receive, and that many will ask Jesus into their lives.

**Fri** 7.30- Knutsford Music Festival in  
13<sup>th</sup> 10pm church  
Aug

Pray for all who have received exam results this week, and that whether pleased or disappointed, students will be able to move forward in Christ.

**Sat** 7.30- Knutsford Music Festival in  
14<sup>th</sup> 10pm church  
Aug

Praise God that more people in poorer countries can now access electricity through solar and wind power. Pray that more communities will benefit from such projects and bring honour to his name.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug (Trinity 11)**

**Knutsford** 8.30am Morning Worship  
10.15am Holy Communion

**Toft** 10.15am Morning Worship

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

## **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.

## **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**

Hope Central has lower stocks of UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned potatoes and tomatoes, cereals, tinned fruit, toilet rolls, tinned pasta, pasta sauce 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.

## **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

## **ROOM NEEDED**

Do you have a spare room that you would be able to rent out for all or part of the autumn term? We have been asked if anyone can help a Christian Iranian lady doing her PGCE in Art at Knutsford Academy. She doesn't drive, and lives in Manchester, so would have to travel on the train every day. If you are interested, even for part of the week, it would be much appreciated. Please contact the church office if you can help.