

**Today's Services**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Advent 1)**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when he will come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**St John's Knutsford**  
**Luke 1: Mary's Magnificat**

**8.30am**

Led by Tom Hollingsbee

**Holy Communion**

Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee

**10.15am**

Led by Helen Eccles

**Morning Worship**

Preacher: Tom

1 Samuel 2: 1-10(p225)

Hollingsbee

Luke 1: 39-56 (p856)

**6.30pm**

Led by Debbie Woods

**Evening Worship**

**How Christmas Saves Us**

Speaker: Nigel Atkinson

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**

**Revelation 3: Laodicea- Buy Gold from Me**

**10.15am**

Led by: Dan Young

Song of Songs 5: 2-5 (p681)

**Morning Worship**

**& Thanksgiving**

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Rev 3: 14-22 (p1236)

**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, Hannah; Saturdays: Nigel.

**Mon** | 9.30am Staff Meeting  
29<sup>th</sup>  
Nov

Praise God for the many blessings and mercies we have received during Covid, and pray for those who are still being adversely affected by it.

**Tue** | 2.00pm Toft Fellowship  
30<sup>th</sup> | 7.30m Toft Zoom  
Nov | 8.00pm Tatton Singers

Pray for disabled children who feel excluded from events, that they may find opportunities to engage in rewarding and enjoyable activities.

**Wed** | 9.30am Women's Community Group  
1<sup>st</sup>  
Dec

Pray for all those fleeing war, famine and persecution in their own countries, that they may find safe havens in other lands, and be protected on their journey.

**Thu** | 10.00am Oasis  
2<sup>nd</sup> | 18-19.15 Youth Bible Study years 6-9  
Dec | 19.45- Youth Bible Study years 10-13  
21.00

Praise God for all those involved in Christian organisations for children and young people, and pray that their work will be effective in bringing young minds to know the Lord.

**Fri**  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
Dec

Pray for our ministry team, and all involved in preparing for activities on Sunday, that they will be led by the Holy Spirit in their words and deeds.

**Sat**  
4<sup>th</sup>  
Dec

Praise God that we have been rescued from the power of sin, and pray for all who struggle to trust Him in their difficult situations.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 2)**

<b>Knutsford</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Cornerstone Christmas Special
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
	<b>Toft</b>	10.15am

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

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

There is an extra zone: Amber plus: if you want to sing but prefer to wear a mask and be socially distanced, please sit upstairs, and ensure you sit apart by at least 2 metres.

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.

### **TOFT CHURCH**

Covid has definitely not gone and with that in mind the Toft services will be conducted with the main door open.

The heating will have been on but please will those attending the service dress appropriately to keep warm.

### **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

We are now 'up & running' again and following a successful Lunch last month we now invite you all to **A Christmas Coffee Morning** in the Centre at 10.30am on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Tea/Coffee and festive food will be served and there will be carols, a Christmas quiz, readings and a poem or two for a small charge of £1. SJK Fellowship is open to *everyone*, with a chance to meet together in Fellowship and friendship and to 'catch up' after all the restrictions of the past 18 months or so.

### **HOPE CENTRAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Breakfast cereal (not porridge); UHT semi-skimmed milk; fruit juice; jam, marmalade and spreads; tinned fruit and puddings; custard; evaporated milk; crisps; sweets; chocolates; tinned meat (but not meatballs, hot dogs, spam or corned beef); pasta cook-in sauces; curry cook-in sauces; Chinese cook-in sauces; cordials; tinned or dried potato; tinned sweetcorn; tinned pulses; tinned tomatoes; shampoo; soap and shower gel; household cleaning items; Christmas biscuits; Christmas cakes; mince pies; Christmas puddings.

Regular needs include shampoo, instant noodles, toilet rolls, tinned fish, tinned pasts, tinned carrots and pasta sauce. Thank you for anything you are able to contribute

### **TOFT FELLOWSHIP**

Meetings have started again at 2pm at Sylvia Billingham's home, 8 Fir Tree Avenue, Knutsford. If you're unable to attend, there will be a repeat meeting at 7.30pm via Zoom, covering the same material, and the link is available from Helen or the church office.

### **NORTHWEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE: DELIGHTING IN CHRIST**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 at a different venue this year: The Edge, Wigan. This year's speaker is Ray Ortlund, if you have read any of his books you know it will be good! Further details available and online booking on the NWGP website. Tickets £15 before 19<sup>th</sup> December, after that it's £18. Late bookings, after 18<sup>th</sup> January, are £20. Information leaflets are available in the church centre

### **WOOD STREET MISSION CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This year it is more important than ever to support struggling families and help children across Manchester and Salford to have a happy Christmas.

At Christmas Wood Street Mission provide new toys and gifts for children aged 0-14, to make sure they have something special to open on Christmas Day.

Families come and choose the gifts they would like to give their children from the donations received.

All donations of new toys, gifts or books, unwrapped, for ages 0-14 will be very gratefully received. Please drop them off in the Wood Street cupboard in the foyer of the Church Centre by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Financial donations are also very welcome.

Details of the appeal and suggestions for donations can be found on the Wood Street

website <http://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk>

Normal clothes collections will recommence in the New Year.

JMcK & CB

### **HOPE CENTRAL DEBT CENTRE BEFRIENDERS NEEDED**

Increasing numbers of people of all ages and backgrounds are contacting Hope Central for help with debt. We urgently need people who are willing to visit clients with the debt coach Barney. No financial acumen is needed, only a willingness to be a listening ear to a person in need. The time commitment can be minimal, at the moment I visit my new friend Helen for an hour every 2 weeks. I have found CAP a very impressive organisation to work with and like being able to be a part of offering a long term way out of debt and dependency. If you would like to know more please feel free to contact me on [elaine.tamkin@me.com](mailto:elaine.tamkin@me.com) 07768200983

### **CONVERSION THERAPY**

If you wish to respond to the Government's consultation document please go to [bit.ly/ctrespond21](https://bit.ly/ctrespond21). The document can be found on [bit.ly/ctconsult21](https://bit.ly/ctconsult21). Responses need to be received by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Further details available in the church office if required.

### **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING PARKING IN KNUTSFORD**

There will be a Park & Ride operating 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> November from Booths Hall to the Bus Station. There will also be free parking on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December at the car parks on Silk Mill Street, Princess Street and King Street.