

Today's Services

Sunday 12th December 2021 (Advent 3)

Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger John the Baptist to prepare the way for you, grant that the ministers and stewards of your truth may so make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Mon 13 th Dec	9.00am	Advent Prayers
	9.30am	Staff Meeting
	6.00pm	Yorston Lodge rehearsal Yorston Lodge performance

Praise God for the ability to pray, alone or with others, and the knowledge that our prayers are always heard.

Tue 14 th Dec	2.00pm	Toft Fellowship
	7.30pm	Toft Zoom

Pray for countries in financial crisis, that rich countries may find positive ways to assist and meet the needs of those with nothing.

Wed 15 th Dec	9.30am	Women's Community Group Christmas Social @ Sue Broadbent's home
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Praise God for the success of the Women's Community Group this term, and pray it will continue to make a lasting impact on all those able to attend.

Thu 16 th Dec	18-19.15	Youth Bible Study years 6-9
	19.45-	Youth Bible Study years 10-13
	21.00	

Pray for the ability of all Christians to break down barriers as they live out God's Word in their daily lives.

Fri 17 th Dec	2.00pm	Church Hill Café closes for Christmas
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Praise God for our Café, for the volunteers who work so faithfully in it, and the impact it has on Knutsford.

Sat 18 th Dec		Christmas flowers being done
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Pray for all countries receiving migrants, that the families and individuals may be protected and provided for.

Sunday 19th December (Advent 4)

Knutsford	8.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	10.15am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Town Carols
Toft	10.15am	Carol Service

Great are the works of the LORD, they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures for ever.

St John's Knutsford
Luke 2: The Angel's Praise

8.30am Led by Nigel Atkinson	Holy Communion Preacher: Dan Young
10.15am Led by Tom Hollingsbee Ephesians 2: 11-18 (p976)	Morning Worship Preacher: Dan Young Luke 2: 9-20 (p 857)
6.30pm Led by Tom Hollingsbee	Evening Worship: Jesus' Death 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
Luke 1: Zechariah's Prophecy

10.15am Led by: Helen Eccles Luke 1: 5-23 (p1025)	Holy Communion Preacher: Nigel Atkinson Luke 1: 57-80 (p1027)
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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, Hannah; Saturdays: Nigel.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

in the light of recent events and new guidance received from government and the Church of England we request that all the congregations at St John's Knutsford and Toft wear face coverings for the entire duration of services until further notice.

The wristband system is suspended for the time being but the seating will remain as before to enable individuals to choose a degree of social distancing.

Thank you for your understanding.

Nigel, Tom and the Churchwardens

ADVENT PRAYERS

All are warmly welcomed to a time of prayer, every Monday morning from 9-9.30am during Advent, in SJK church.

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 SJK Church Centre at 10.30am on Tuesday 21st 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

The following donations would be much appreciated for the Christmas period: Fruit juice, crisps, Christmas biscuits, mince pies, Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, cordial, tinned potatoes, tinned sweetcorn, tinned pulses, sweets and chocolates, tinned ham, shampoo, bread sauce and cranberry sauce. Thank you for your continued generosity.

TOFT FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be at Val Brooker's home, The Round House, Legh Rd, WA16 8LP. 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.

ANN CUMPSTY

Ann went to be her Lord this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

NORTHWEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE: DELIGHTING IN CHRIST

Saturday 22nd 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 19th December, after that it's £18. Late bookings, after 18th January, are £20. Information leaflets are available in the church centre.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING PARKING IN KNUTSFORD

There will be free parking on 11th & 18th December at the car parks on Silk Mill Street, Princess Street and King Street.

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

If you would like to serve the church family by helping with stewarding, reading the lesson, making the coffee or any other important-but-often-taken-for-granted jobs that help our services to run smoothly on Sundays, please tell Chris in the office. We're also looking for occasional helpers to operate the sound levels during services.

OASIS MEETING

9.30am on Thursday 6th January for all staff and helpers, in the Church Centre.

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 or 07768200983

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Toft: Carol service 10.15am 19.12.21

Crib Service 4pm 24.12.21

Christmas Day Service 10.15am

Boxing Day: Joint service at Knutsford 10.15am (No service at Toft)

Knutsford: Town Carols 6.30pm 19.12.21

Crib Service 4pm 24.12.21

Holy Communion 10pm 24.12.21

All Age service 10.15am Christmas Day followed by Holy Communion

Boxing Day 10.15am Joint service with Toft 10.15am