

Today's Services

Sunday 19th December 2021 (Advent 4)

Lord, come among us, we pray, with your power and help us with your great might so that, although we are hindered by our sins and wickedness from running the race set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us through the work of your Son our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory now and for ever. Amen

St John's Knutsford
Luke 2: Simeon's Hope

8.30am

Led by Nigel Atkinson

Morning Prayer (BCP)

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

10.15am

Led by Tom Hollingsbee

Holy Communion *

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson

Genesis 17: 1-8, 15-19,
18: 16-21 (p11)

Luke 2: 22-35 (p857)

6.30pm

Led by Nigel Atkinson

Town Carols *

Speaker: Tom Hollingsbee

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
Carol Service

10.15am

Led by: Helen Eccles

Carol Service

Preacher: Dan Young

Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p693), Micah 5: 1-5 (p933,) John 1: 1-14
(p1063), Luke 2: 1-7 (p1027), Luke 2: 8-20 (1027)

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.

* = live streamed service

Mon | 9.00am Advent Prayers
20th | 9.30am Staff Meeting
Dec

Praise God for his compassion, and pray it may be evident in the work of voluntary agencies serving those in need this Christmas.

Tue | 10.30am Church Fellowship Coffee
21st | Morning
Dec | 2.00pm Toft Fellowship
7.30pm Toft Zoom

Pray for increasing ways to be found to reduce the inequalities within the country so that needs may be met in all areas of life.

Wed |
22nd |
Dec |

Praise God for marriage, and pray that modern culture will not outlaw Biblical beliefs about human relationships.

Thu | 12noon Office closes until 4.1.22
23rd |
Dec |

Pray for comfort for all feeling sad this Christmas, that they may find peace and hope in the Lord and with those who love them.

Fri | 4.00pm Crib services at Toft and
24^h | Knutsford
Dec | 10.00pm Carols and Holy Communion at
SJK

Praise God for all who attend our services this Christmas, and pray that we will experience Him in a new and deeper way this Christmas.

Sat | 10.15am Christmas day services at
25th | both churches * SJK
Dec |

.Joy to the world! The Lord has come! Come and worship!

Sunday 26th December (Boxing Day)

Knutsford | 10.15am Joint service for both
churches at Knutsford

Come let us sing for joy to the LORD, let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.

* = live streamed service

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

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Due to current concerns about the coronavirus, we regret that the **Christmas Coffee Morning** in SJK Church Centre at 10.30am on Tuesday 21st December has been cancelled.

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 Sylvia Billingham's home, 8, Fir Tree Avenue on Tuesday at 2.00pm. The evening Zoom meeting will not take place this week, but will resume in the New Year.

ANN CUMPSTY

Ann went to be her Lord on 7th December. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. The funeral will be on Thursday 6th January, with a cremation at Vale Royal at 12 noon, followed by a service at St Johns Knutsford at 1pm. Refreshments will be provided after the service in the church centre.

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 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

LONE WORKER REMINDER

Please remember, if you are working alone in the church for any reason, let someone know where you are and what time you expect to be home. If you have a mobile phone, please have it with you, switched on, in case of emergency.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There is a board at the back of Knutsford church to display cards for the Church family if you wish to do so. Please also check your pigeon holes!

SAVE THE DATE

More details in the New Year; 19th, 26th January and 2nd February: Hope Explored.

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

*=live streamed service