

Prayer Pointers: Week beginning 26th December

- Pray that God will guide us all in the coming New Year, as individuals and as a church family.
- Praise God for all who serve in our churches, and pray they may be refreshed and renewed over the Christmas period.
- Pray for the Church of England, that ministers will speak with authority, understanding and spiritual integrity, and that all church leaders will be true to God's unchanging Word.
- Praise God for the scientists working so hard to end the tyranny of Covid, and pray that 2022 will see an end to the heartbreak it causes.
- Pray for the lonely, those who have difficulties with everyday activities, and those who have no one to turn to.
- Praise God for the success of ministries and organisations who support the disadvantaged, and pray they may be able to make a real and positive difference to people's lives.
- Praise God for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and pray that his work will be evident in our lives and our church.

Prayer Pointers: Week beginning 2nd January 2022

- Pray for everyone going back to work or school, that all will be blessed in their studying, their work, their health, their families and their relationships.
- Praise God for the magnificent design and complexity of the universe, and for inspiring people to be creative stewards, acting for the benefit of all who live in it.
- Pray for all those grieving for loved ones who died in 2021, that they may be comforted.
- Praise God that with the New Year we can look ahead in sure and certain hope for the future, whatever it brings in the short term.
- Pray for all Christian ministries that bring relief to those who are poor, sick, imprisoned, uneducated, unemployed, abused or hopeless.
- Praise God for every Christian who prays for others, in private, as a family or as a group in church., and pray that our intercession, individuals and whole communities might be blessed.
- Praise God for everyone who works in our churches, and pray they may grow in strength and faith, and that we may do all we can to encourage them.

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TRUTH UNITY MISSION

Christmas Eve

24th December 2021

The Collect

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 Johns Toft

4.00pm

Led by Helen Eccles
Luke 2: 1-7(p1027)

Crib Service

Speaker: Nigel Atkinson
Luke 2: 8-14 (p1027)

St Johns Knutsford

10.00pm

Led by: Nigel Atkinson
Luke 2: 1-4 (p57)

Carols and Holy Communion

Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
Titus 3: 4-7 (p999)

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 £18. Late bookings, after 18th January, are £20. Information leaflets are available in the church centre.

OASIS MEETING

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

Christmas Day 25th December 2021

The Collect

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

St Johns Knutsford

10.15am

Led by: Hannah Dobson
John 1: 1-14 (p886)

All Age Service*

Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
Hebrews 1: 1-4 (p1001)

A short service of Holy Communion will follow.

YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

St Johns Toft

10.15am

Led by Helen Eccles
Genesis 17: 1-8, 15-19
18: 16-21 (p16, p17)

Morning Service

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
Luke 2: 22-35 (p1028)

Sunday 26th December (Christmas 1)

Joint Service at Knutsford

The Collect:

Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10.15

Led by Tom Hollingsbee
2 Peter 1: 12-18

Morning Prayer

Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
John 1: 1-4

Sunday 2nd January 2022 (Christmas 2)

The Collect

Almighty God, who caused your blessed Son to be circumcised and obedient to the law for mankind, grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit so that, our hearts and bodies being dead to all sinful desires, we may obey your holy will in all things through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Johns Knutsford

8.30am

Led by Nigel Atkinson

10.15am

Led by: Nigel Atkinson
Isaiah 62: 1-5 (p621)

Holy Communion

Preacher: John Lee

Morning Worship*

Preacher: John Lee
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
(p966)

YouTube link

Our URL is

<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

St Johns Toft

10.15am

Led by Dan Young

Morning Prayer

Preacher: Helen Eccles

Everyone is invited to the Zoom after-service coffee-time at **11.45**.

*= live streamed service

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church office re- opens at 9am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Nigel, Tom, Hannah, Helen and all the staff at both churches wish you all a very happy Christmas as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.