

Sunday 22nd May 2022 Easter 5

O Lord, from whom all good things come, grant to us your servants that by your holy inspiration we may think good thoughts and by your merciful guidance put them into practice through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

St Johns Knutsford

8.45am Holy Communion
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Stephen Watson
Ephesians 4:17-24 1 Corinthians 15:35-50
(p978) (p961)

10.15am Morning Service
Led by: Tom Hollingsbee Preacher: Stephen Watson

6.30pm Evening Service
Leader: Hannah Dobson Speaker: Tom Hollingsbee
Psalm 123 (p517)

St John's Toft

10.15am Holy Communion
Led by: Nigel Atkinson Preacher: Dan Young
2 Samuel 5:17-25 (p309) Matthew 16:13-19 (p983)

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, Hannah & Tom; Saturdays: Nigel.

Mon | CAFÉ CLOSED
23rd | 1.00pm | SJK Funeral: Stan Mendham
May | 8.00pm | S&F (centre)

Pray for the family and friends of Stan Mendham at this sad time of loss.

Tue | 2.00pm | Toft Fellowship: 6 Glebelands
24th | 7.30pm | Toft Fellowship (Zoom)
May | 8pm | Tatton Singers (church)

Praise God for our church leaders leading us faithfully each week.

Wed | 9.30am | Women's Community Group
25th | 10.00am | Rock Choir (church)
May | 6.30pm | Brownies (centre)
8.00pm | SJK PCC (centre)

Pray for guidance and balance for schools teaching controversial gender issues.

Thu | 10.00am | Oasis (centre)
26th | 6.00pm | Y6-9 Bible Study (centre)
May | 7.30pm | Ascension Day Holy Communion service @ Toft
Cheshire East Branch 8
bellringing
7.45pm | Y10-13 Bible Study (centre)
8.00pm | Men's Discipleship Group (church)

Praise God for the gift of life, and pray that all stages of life will be valued.

Fri | 11.00am | Adam Partridge valuations
27th | -3.00pm | (church)
May

Pray for Christians caught up in difficult situations, that they may speak in love and gentleness.

Sat | 10.30 – | Counterpoint Rehearsal
28th | 12.45pm | (church)
May | 2.00- | Senior Citizens Variety
4.30pm | Concert @ KMC

Praise God for all those working to relieve the burden of poverty in the UK.

Sunday 29th May (Sunday after Ascension Day)

Knutsford 8.45 am Holy Communion
10.15am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Service
Toft 10.15am Holy Communion

O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SERMONS

Knutsford morning sermons can now be found on YouTube on the day after recording on our URL:

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

HOPE CENTRAL

Hope Central has current need of pot noodles, tinned pasta, tinned sweetcorn, tinned carrots, microwave rice, small packs of rice and tinned meat (not spam). Thank you for your continued generosity. Financial contributions are also very welcome, both to buy food and to enable the development of other support services we offer. If you'd like to donate to our work, please visit

www.hopecentral.org.uk and click the Donate button.

ASYLUM SEEKERS

30-50 young male asylum seekers are living near Knutsford waiting for their asylum application to be processed. They receive bed and board but are not allowed to work. They have very little to do to occupy the many months they are often housed here. As a church family we are exploring how we could possibly help. They come from many different countries, and all have expressed the desire to learn English, and to play football! Find out more today when Barney Howard from Hope Central speaks at the 8.45 and 10.15 services at St Johns or you can chat to me, Elaine Tamkin on 07768 200983

ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 26th May: a service of Holy Communion to celebrate Ascension Day will take place at Toft church at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

GREETINGS CARDS

There is a selection of charity greetings cards available in the church centre, 40p each or 3 for £1.00.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

A new fortnightly Men's Discipleship Group has started. It's an informal chance to get to know one another, take a look at the scriptures together and pray for one another as we walk through life together. If you're interested in coming, chat to Tom or let Chris in the church office know. We'd love a diverse and varied group so do come and join us. The next meeting is Thursday 26th May at 8pm, in church.

RICHARD REEVE - ORDINATION AS DEACON

If you would like to attend Richard's ordination at Chester Cathedral on 3rd July at 10.30am, please book using this link: <https://chestercathedral.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173623398/events> There you will need to use the following promotional code in order to checkout: **deaconsaccess**. Guests will be asked for an email address to which their ticket will be sent. The Cathedral will later contact guests via that address to provide an Order of Service.

MIKE LLOYD DAVIES

Dianne and family would like to thank the Church Family for their prayers, love and kindness over the years, for the many messages of condolence and for everyone who joined them at Toft Church to celebrate Mike's life.

EVEN BETTER THAN EDEN

Nancy Guthrie, author and speaker, will be speaking to women next Wednesday, 26th May at St Andrew's Leyland, 7.30-9.30pm on how we find security in a world full of evil and conflict, and God's loving pursuit of his runaway bride. Booking isn't necessary. More details available from Chris in the office.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June are bank holidays, so the church office will be closed. The notice sheet will go out on Wednesday 1st June, so please send in any notices before then. Thankyou!

BELLRINGING FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

On Thursday 2nd June, our Church bells will be rung at 9.45pm by our own bellringers to coincide with the lighting of the beacon on the Barncroft. On Friday 3rd June, at 3.00pm a team of eight bellringers from various churches in the diocese will visit St. John's to ring a quarter peal of "Grandsire Triples." "Grandsire" is an ancient system of change ringing dating back to 1650, and is considered to be quite appropriate for a "Royal" occasion, because of its musical and rhythmical content.

PUBLIC ENQUIRY

We are hosting a public enquiry 21-22 June at 10am in the church centre about a new footpath possibly linking King Street to Old Market Place car park. A map is available in the church centre along with further information if you are interested.

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

A big thank you to everyone who brought food and helped to set up and clear away last Sunday. There are still a few plates left in the church centre entrance, please claim yours!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25 th May	Nancy Guthrie, St Andrews Leyland
26 th May	Ascension Day service 7.30pm at Toft Men's Discipleship group
3 rd June	Concert in aid of Ukraine (church)
5 th June	Pentecost & Jubilee services
9 th June	Men's Discipleship Group
11 th June	Toft Fair
13 th June	Prayer meeting
23 rd June	Men's discipleship group