



The Pews News

United benefice of Shenstone & Stonnall

"Time for us to come together"

Life can be busy, and weeks can rush by – but God calls us to pause, gather, and be with one another. Church is more than a building; it's a family where we worship, share, and grow together in faith. Let's come together, lift our voices in praise, and encourage one another in God's love.



Sunday 21st September 2025

	St John the Baptist	St Peter's
9.30am	Early Birds	
10.45am	Morning worship Veronica Raybould	Service of Holy Communion Rev.Jonathan Iddon
6.30pm	Shenstone library By the River Rev Jonathan Iddon All welcome	

Collect

Merciful God,
 your son came to save us
 and bore our sins on the cross:
 may we trust in your mercy
 and know your love,
 rejoicing in the righteousness
 that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sunday 28th September 2025

	St John the Baptist	St Peter's
9.30am	Early Birds	
10.30am	Joint Harvest Festival service at Trinity Church	
10.45am		Morning worship Rev Jonathan Iddon
6.30pm	Shenstone library By the River Rev Jonathan Iddon All welcome	

Time for Prayer

Prayer for World Peace

Lord, we ask for your Almighty intervention in all the war-torn areas of our world. In particular UKRAINE & RUSSIA. We ask that your Holy Spirit is present when World Leaders meet to bring an end to these conflicts and your will overpowers the will of leaders. We Pray for your Peace to reign in their hearts.

Prayer for Rev.Jonathan Iddon

Please pray for Rev.Jonathan Iddon as he continues his ministry here in Shenstone and Stonnall. Pray also for his family as they settle into their new home in the Village. We also pray for our congregation as they support and walk alongside him. Help us to be a strong community of encouragement, unity and grace. May we work together to share Your love, deepen our faith, and serve our churches and the wider communities.

Prayer for students going to university

Loving God,
Bless all students starting university.
Give them courage, wisdom, and good friends.
Keep them safe, guide their steps,
And remind them that your love goes with them always.
Amen

- We pray for our Church, our Bishops and Clergy.
- We pray for our churches, St Peter's and St John the Baptist. We pray for Rev Jonathan Iddon as he continues his ministry within our united benefice, we ask that the Lord guide and strengthen our Ministry teams, Church Wardens, and PCC members in his work.
- We pray for King Charles and for all the Royal family.
- We hold in prayer those members of our church family who are caring for loved ones at home, in hospital or in residential care.
- We pray for those known to us who are ill, and we particularly hold in prayer Di Gavan.
- We pray for Val Neale.
- We pray for those who are undergoing medical tests and awaiting results.
- We pray for calm and peace as we read and listen to stories in the news and help us to discern the truth.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine as the war there continues, and all those in countries of unrest and dispute.
- We pray for the people of Israel and Gaza, we pray for civilians, for aid workers, for all impacted by this war.
- We thank you Lord for the earth and all you have provided for us. We are especially grateful to live in our beautiful villages.

Time for Church Notices



admin@shenstone-stonnall.church

Our email address for all church enquiries, event updates and pastoral support. Thanks for keeping in touch with us!!!



GET CONNECTED...there's plenty on our Facebook page. Start following **St John the Baptist Shenstone** for news, **Jonathan's online services** and various snippets. Why not also follow his own **Facebook page Revd Jonathan Iddon**.



Parish office update

Our Parish office has relocated to St John the Baptist Church. For any enquiries or to get in touch, please contact – calls/WhatsApp - **07476 351436** or email at

admin@shenstone-stonnall.church

We look forward to hearing from you!!!!

ALPHA NEEDS YOU!

To run a successful Alpha Course, we need everyone in the congregation to participate in one of the following ways:

1. Sign up to join the course
2. Go on a rota to provide a simple hot meal
3. Go on a rota to make tea/coffee, serve up meal and wash up afterwards
4. Pray for those leading and those attending

There is a list at the back of church – please pray about your role in the forthcoming course and encourage us all by putting your name in the appropriate column.

Thank you in hopeful anticipation!

Carol Law

St Peter's Hub – St Peter's Church, Church Road, Stonnall, WS9 9HL.



Scherzo

A Quartet of clarinet players plus flutes, playing light music including well known tunes from

'The Last Night of the Proms'

Friday 17th October 2025 - 7PM for 7:30PM Tickets (cash only) £10 Adult £5 Child Includes a glass of wine/soft drink
Tickets available from Linda Birchall (01543 328711) Or Premier Shop, 174 Main Street, Stonnall. WS9 9DY

Keep Music alive

Conserve and Grow our Church

Shenstone PCC meeting – Monday 29th September – 7.30pm

If you have anything you would like the PCC to consider for discussion, please speak to a member of the PCC for inclusion in their agenda or AOB. This meeting will take place in church.

Giving and Support

We are so thankful for all who give their time, prayers, and resources to support the life and ministry of our churches. Your generosity enables us to keep our doors open for worship, prayer and community care. If you would like to contribute to the work of the church, there are several ways to give: For more details on how to donate, please speak to Rev Jonathan Iddon or a member of the church team. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a real difference. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of our churches here in Shenstone and Stonnall.

Useful Contacts

Vicar: - Rev. Jonathan Iddon – vicar@shenstone-stonnall.church

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St Peters Church Warden: Colin Birchall – 01543 328711

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St Johns Hill community hall Booking & Administration: Calls & WhatsApp: 07476

351436 admin@shenstone-stonnall.church

Website: www.achurchnearyou.com (search Shenstone or Stonnall)

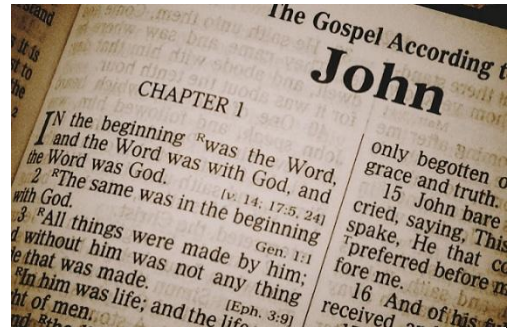
Facebook: St John the Baptist Shenstone and St Peters Church Stonnall.

Time for Reflection

This week's readings are

Galatians 5.22-23

John 16 13-15



In these verses, Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, the “Spirit of truth”. The disciples were facing uncertainty, confusion, and the fear of Jesus’ departure. But Jesus assures them that they would not be left alone – the spirit would guide them, reveal God’s truth, and remind them of Jesus’ words.

The Spirit never speaks independently but always points back to Jesus, glorifying him and making the Father’s will known. This shows the deep unity of the Trinity: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit working together in perfect love.

For us today, this passage reminds us that we are never without guidance. When we are unsure, the Spirit speaks through Scripture, prayer, and the quiet nudges of our hearts. The Spirit leads us deeper into God’s truth – not just as head knowledge, but as living truth that transforms how we live.

Questions for thought

- How do I listen for the Spirit’s guidance in my daily life?
- Are there times I rely more on my own understanding than on God’s Spirit?
- How can I glorify Jesus in my words and actions, as the Spirit does?