

Welcome

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
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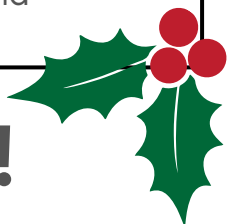


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December Sunday Services

	9.30am	10.45am	Theme & Readings
Sunday 7th December	Early Birds	Morning Worship	Warnings in the Wilderness <i>Isaiah 11.1-10</i> <i>Matthew 3.1-12</i>
Sunday 14th December	Early Birds Nativity	Morning Worship	Are you the one? <i>Isaiah 35.1-10</i> <i>Matthew 11.2-11</i>
Sunday 21st December	Early Birds Communion	No Service <i>See Christmas Programme</i>	
Sunday 28th December	No Service	Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's, Stonnall	The Escape to Egypt <i>Isaiah 63.7-9</i> <i>Matthew 2.13-end</i>

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INTERIM INSIGHTS: I AM WHO I AM



As our Sunday morning service times change in 2026, both at St John the Baptist and St Peter's Stonnall, we're starting the year with a 10-week journey through the first part of Exodus, **one of the most thrilling and significant stories in the Bible**. From oppression to deliverance, confusion to calling, we'll see who God is, follow Moses' extraordinary journey, and watch an oppressed people become God's covenant nation. Along the way, we'll reflect

on who we are as God's people today, discovering our identity not in ourselves but in the God who saves, leads, and calls us.

I AM WHO I AM: The Book of Exodus: Part One – *Who God Is and Who We Are*, begins on Sunday, January 4th, at our morning services.

Revd Jonathan Interim Vicar

"But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you." (Exodus 3:11-12)



STONNALL VERGER & TREASURER



At the end of this year, Heather will be stepping down as Treasurer at St Peter's, and Patsy, is reluctantly unable to continue as Verger. We are deeply grateful for their faithful service over many years. This means **two vital roles now need to be filled**. If you feel able to help, or would like to know more about what's involved, please speak to Colin or Jonathan.



HELP NEEDED

FOR SUNDAY LIFTS

Carole and David Gregory have been providing Sunday **lifts for a few members of St John's**, but with the move to a 10am start in January they will no longer be able to continue. **If you are willing to offer someone a lift please speak with Carole**. Please note: because of insurance and safeguarding requirements, all lift arrangements must remain private agreements between individuals and cannot be organised or overseen by the church.



MOVING REV!

Former Vicar, **Rev Liz Chamberlain** has **moved house** and would like to share her new address with you which is:
37 Westmead Road, Barton-Under-Needwood DE13 8JP



GOT A NOTICE?

Something happening in our two churches? We'd love to hear about it! Please let Stephanie in the church office know for the next edition, published on the first Sunday of the month. **Deadline for next edition is Thurs 18th December.**

Special Christmas Services

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	VENUE
Sunday 14th	4pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	St Peter's, Stonnall
Sunday 21st	4pm	Crib & Christingle Service	St Peter's, Stonnall
	6.30pm	Shenstone Village Carol Service	St John the Baptist, Shenstone
Christmas Eve	2pm	A Service of Hope & Remembrance	St Peter's, Stonnall
	4pm	Crib & Christingle Service	St John the Baptist, Shenstone
	9pm	Bethlehem Communion	St Peter's, Stonnall
Christmas Day	10am	Informal Communion	St John the Baptist, Shenstone

STONNALL SINGERS

2025 Christmas Concert

Jingle Jingle
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December 12th, 7.00pm.
St Peter's Church, Stonnall
Admission £10 (includes refreshments)
Tickets from Alan Tidman 01543375550, Bob
Share 01543 480033 or any choir member.

Stonnall Village
Nativity Pageant



Tuesday 16th December - 6pm Start
Outside the Village Hall

The Nativity story performed live with animals, and
carols by Cadenza Brass.

This event is being presented in collaboration with:

Stonnall's Christmas Celebration
5:15pm - 8pm



The River

🕒 6:30–8:00pm

📍 **Shenstone Library**

(Main Street, WS14 0NF)

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