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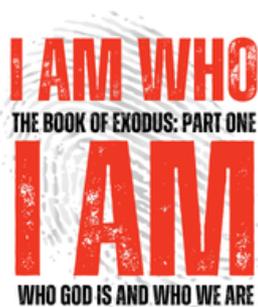
Worship for all ages

WELCOME

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
SHENSTONE

Welcome to *The Fountain* -
our weekly Sunday morning
service for all ages!

We meet each **Sunday at 10am** to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and serve our village with love. The service lasts an hour, and primary school-aged children are welcome to join their own group in the side chapel during the sermon. Stay afterwards for refreshments – a relaxed opportunity to meet people and feel at home.



February's Services

We continue our journey through the first part of The Book of Exodus. God has a rescue plan for his enslaved people but will his servant Moses confront Pharaoh. Join us as we continue to explore the theme of identity in **I AM WHO I AM**.

	10am	Theme & Readings
Sunday 1st February	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	Reluctance and Reassurance <i>Exodus 4.1-17</i>
Sunday 8th February	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	Faith Amid Frustration <i>Exodus 5.1-9 & 5.22-6.8</i>
Sunday 15th February	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	From Cruelty to Chaos <i>Exodus 7.8-13 & 9.13-30</i>
Sunday 22nd February	<i>The Fountain</i> Holy Communion	The Final Strike <i>Exodus 11.1-10</i>

Interim Insights: A Warm Start to the New Year!



Despite icy mornings and even some snow, the new year has begun with real warmth across our churches. And that warmth hasn't come from the buildings — many of which have been physically on the chilly side — but from the fellowship.

At St Peter's, it has been encouraging to see people gathering intentionally from 11am, ahead of the service, to share conversation and a coffee. At St John's, the coming together of the two previous morning congregations as the 10am Fountain has brought a renewed shared life, energy, and belonging. Like coals drawn together in a fire, warmth grows when we gather close.

Sunday mornings are not only about worship and the Word, but also about being the people of God together. As Hebrews reminds us, *"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together"* (Hebrews 10:24-25). Fellowship creates the conditions in which growth, encouragement, and discipleship can flourish, and I have been greatly encouraged by the warmth we are seeing, even in the coldest season.

As we continue through the year, my prayer is that we keep drawing closer — to one another and to Christ — trusting that God is at work among us.

Revd Jonathan

Interim Vicar

TRINITY METHODIST

100 CENTENARY **100**



Last month, it was a special joy as many from St John's once again joined the annual Covenant Service at Trinity Methodist. In their centenary year, we were delighted to present an **honorary plaque**, offered with gratitude for our long-standing fellowship and friendship here in Shenstone.

 **PRAYING**

FOR +20%

This year, we are **intentionally praying** for a 20% increase in our Sunday congregations — 10 more people at St John's and 5 at St Peter's. Please pray that God would be at work and that we would each play our part in welcoming growth, both physically and spiritually.

ASH WEDNESDAY

JOINT SERVICE

All are welcome to a Joint Benefice Ash Wednesday Communion at St Peter's, Stonnall, on **Wednesday 18 February at 7.30pm**.
Theme: Scribbling in the Sand (John 8:1-11)



The Bible Course
NEW EDITION

Want to understand how Bible characters, stories and themes are linked from Genesis to Revelation?

Join *The Bible Course* New Edition

Missed the first session? **Not too late to join in** at Session 2 on Sunday 15th Feb at The River.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Together with Trinity Methodist, we're hosting four **Lent Course Lunches** on **Wednesdays** in March at St John's, starting **4th March (12:30-2pm)**. Each session includes a light lunch, Bible input, and discussion.

GOT A NOTICE?

Something happening in our two churches? Please send details to Stephanie in the church office for the next edition (published on the first Sunday of the month).

Deadline: Tuesday 24 February.



E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

Receive **weekly news** and notices from our two churches **via e-mail** every Thursday. Use the QR code to subscribe or contact Stephanie in the office.



Praying for Gold

An afternoon of prayer for Mission and Revival in the Episcopal area of the Bishop of Wolverhampton



Sunday 8th February

**3:30pm Refreshments
4pm-6pm Worship & Prayer**

St Martin's Church, 1 Daffodil Rd, Walsall, WS5 3DQ

Join us for an afternoon of worship, prayer, and silence- from across different traditions and styles- as we pray for mission and revival across the Wolverhampton area!

Bishop Tim is **calling churches to pray for revival** and hosting prayer gatherings for churches to come together and pray. The first of these is **Sunday 8th February**. The second one will be on May 9th and we will be hosting it at St John the Baptist, Shenstone.



The River

🕒 6:30–8:00pm

📍 **Shenstone Library**

(Main Street, WS14 ONF)

The River is our benefice-wide evening service, shaped by Acts 2:42 – teaching, breaking bread, fellowship, and prayer. Each week has a different focus, but together we're learning to follow Jesus in community.

Sunday 1st February	TEACHING	The Bible Course: Session 1 <i>Introducing the Bible</i>
Sunday 8th February	BREAKING OF BREAD	Approaching Lent: What do you think of me? <i>Mark 10.46-52</i>
Sunday 15th February	FELLOWSHIP	The Bible Course: Session 2 <i>Genesis: The story begins</i>
Sunday 22nd February	PRAYER	Praying Together

Giving

The life and ministry of St John the Baptist is made possible through the generous and faithful giving of our church family. If you would like to support this work with a one-off gift or by setting up regular giving, please visit parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Shenstone', or simply scan the QR code. A card machine is also available at the back of church.



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For urgent pastoral needs when the Vicar is unavailable, our **Churchwardens** are here to help:
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