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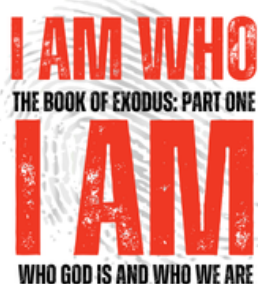
Worship for all ages

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.



January's Services

We start 2026 with a new series – **I AM WHO I AM**: The Book of Exodus (Part One), a 10-week journey through the early chapters of Exodus, exploring the theme of identity: who God is and who we are.

	10am	Theme & Readings
Sunday 4th January	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	A Plague of Power <i>Exodus 1.8-22</i>
Sunday 11th January	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	Delivered to Deliver <i>Exodus 2.1-10</i>
Sunday 18th January	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	Confusion and Compassion <i>Exodus 2.11-25</i>
Sunday 25th January	<i>The Fountain</i> Holy Communion	Who Am I? <i>Exodus 3.1-15</i>
Sunday 1st February	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	Reluctance and Reassurance <i>Exodus 4.1-17</i>

INTERIM INSIGHTS: Ask and It Will Be Given

Praying for Growth in 2026



Sometimes my wife will ask me, "Can you go to the shops and get some food?" Although I'm more than capable of restocking the fridge and cupboards, if I'm left to guess, I could come back with all sorts of things, missing out on the items we actually need! I need to know exactly what we need. **Specificity matters.** When

we know exactly what to ask for, we can act with confidence and we see the results we hoped for.

Prayer works in much the same way. **God wants us to ask Him clearly, not vaguely.**

Sometimes we hesitate to pray specifically, worried: What if God doesn't answer? But faith grows when we ask boldly. Seeing answers, big or small, strengthens our trust in Him.

General prayers can feel safe, but bold, specific prayers invite God to move in real, visible ways.

As we look ahead to 2026, let's pray specifically for growth in our churches:

- **St John the Baptist:** Average Sunday attendance at The Fountain is about 40 adults and children. **What if we prayed for an increase of 10?** Could our average reach 50 by the end of the year?
- **St Peter's:** Average attendance is about 20-25. **Let's pray for an increase of 5.** How faith-building would it be to see this rise to 25-30 by the end of 2026?

As we endeavour to grow spiritually as churches, we also recognise the need to grow numerically. **Let's step out in faith and pray bold, specific prayers for 2026** and watch how God answers!

Revd Jonathan Interim Vicar

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

TRINITY METHODIST

100 CENTENARY 100

Our friends at Trinity Methodist, Shenstone are celebrating 100 years with **a special Covenant Service at 10:30am on Sunday 25th January.** This does coincide with our The Fountain service at 10am, which will still be taking place as usual. However, if you would like to join the celebration at Trinity Methodist that morning, please feel free to do so.

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 29th January.**



NEXT PCC MEETINGS

St Peter's PCC meets Thursday 15th
Jan, 1.30pm at Patsy's Home.

St John's PCC meets Monday 27th
Jan, 7.30pm at Di's Home.

If you have anything you want
raising at the meetings let the
relevant PCC Secretary or
Churchwardens know.



FESTIVAL

It's Shenstone Village Festival this
year so do get the dates in your diary
– **Sat 4th & Sun 5th July.**



CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Dr Paul Hegarty,
husband of St John's finance auditor
Pauline Hegarty, was awarded an
MBE in the King's New Year's Honours
List. He is a trustee of the Licensed
Trade Charity and received the
award for his charitable services to
the hospitality sector.

BIBLE COURSE

Starting **6.30pm on Sunday
February 1st at The River** and
running fortnightly, this is an
excellent way to get a better
understanding of the story of
Scripture through video input, group
discussion and daily readings. Speak
to Jonathan or let Stephaine in the
office know if you'd like to sign up.

St Peter's Hub

Presents



The Doorknobs Swing & Jazz Band



Stonnall Village Hall
114 Main Street
Stonnall WS9 9DY



Saturday 7th February 2026 - 7PM for 7:30PM

**Come and enjoy a relaxing evening listening
to some of your favourite jazz and swing
classics!**

Bring your own supper and drinks

Tickets (cash only) £10 Adult £7.50 Child

**Tickets available from Linda Birchall (01543 328711)
Or Premier Shop, 174 Main Street, Stonnall WS9 9DY**

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The River

🕒 6:30–8:00pm

📍 **Shenstone Library**

(Main Street, WS14 0NF)

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 4th January	❄️ POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER ❄️	
Sunday 11th January	BREAKING OF BREAD	Epiphany: Now I See <i>Luke 2.25-35</i>
Sunday 18th January	FELLOWSHIP	<i>Theme TO BE CONFIRMED</i>
Sunday 25th January	PRAYER	Praying Together
Sunday 1st February	TEACHING	The Bible Course: Session 1

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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