



## THE FOUNTAIN

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.



## April Services

In the first half of the Easter season we continue our series, *The ONE*, exploring some of the names and titles of Jesus and what they reveal about him. At the end of April we begin a new series, *Encounters with Jesus*, looking at four very different people who met him.

	10am	Theme & Readings
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	<b>The One who is Risen</b> <i>John 20.1-18</i>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	<b>The One who is... Lord</b> <i>John 20.19-29</i>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<i>The Fountain</i> Adult Baptism Service	<b>The One who... Sends</b> <i>Matthew 28.16-20</i>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<i>The Fountain</i> Holy Communion	<b>Encounters with Jesus: A Roman Centurion</b> <i>Luke 7.1-10</i>

# INTERIM INSIGHTS: ONE YEAR ON



It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since I began serving in this interim role among the churches here. **One of the real joys of the year has been getting to know people** – both within our two church families and across the wider community.

Some of the most encouraging moments have come in ordinary places: good coffee and friendly conversation at Shenstone Library, or time spent with members of the older generation at the Stonnall coffee morning. These small encounters have helped me glimpse the life and heart of our two village communities.

Over the past year we have also begun to try a few new things together. **The River** has given us space to experiment with a different kind of evening service, and it has been encouraging to see people willing to come along and explore something new. **The Fountain** has also got off to a promising start, and it was wonderful to see the first **Café Church** gatherings at both churches so warmly received. It has also been good to be at St Peter's weekly and begin thinking about how we might develop the life of the church there, particularly in growing younger.

**What has struck me most over the past year is the willingness I see among many people to embrace change, step out, and take some risks as we seek to follow where Jesus is leading us.** That is a real encouragement.

As we look ahead, my prayer is that we will continue to grow in faith and deepen our life of prayer. At the start of 2026 **I sensed that we should be praying for a 20% increase across our two congregations**, and that burden remains with me. While we each have a part to play in welcoming and inviting others, growth begins with prayer. So let us keep looking to the Lord together – seeking him, trusting him, and asking him to lead and guide us in the months ahead.

*Revd Jonathan* Interim Vicar

**APCM SEASON!** Our Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings are an opportunity to look back over the past year, give thanks for all that God has done among us, and elect members to serve on our PCCs. St Peter's APCM will take place during the 11.30am service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. St John's APCM will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Please do come along if you are able and take part in these important meetings.

## 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.



# Holy Week Special Services

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	VENUE
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	<b>The One Who is... Betrayed</b> <i>Informal Meal + Communion</i>	St John the Baptist, Shenstone
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	<b>Café</b> <i>with Easter Crafts from 10am</i>	St John the Baptist, Shenstone
	11am	<b>The One Who is... Crucified</b> <i>Act of Worship &amp; Walk of Witness</i>	
	2pm	<b>The One Who is... Crucified</b> <i>Meditation at the Cross</i>	St Peter's, Stonnall

 **Friends of St. Peter's Church** 

**Proudly present once again for their**  
**Annual Concert - the Acclaimed -**  
**Kaleidoscope Choir**



**SATURDAY 18th April 2026**  
**7.30 pm at St Peter's Church Stonnall**

**Tickets: £10**  
**including refreshments.**

**Available from:**  
**Ann ' 377565**  
**Peter ' 374541**  
**And committee members**

*Do come along and join us*  
  
*An evening not to be missed*

## CHURCH BIBLES

Want to make a Bible extra special at St John's? You can dedicate one of our new Bibles in memory of someone dear for a suggested donation of £10. Just let Ian Law or Veronica Raybould know once you've made your donation, and we'll add a dedication inside.

## 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 last Sunday of the month).

**Deadline: Tuesday 21 April.**



# 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.

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	TEACHING	<b>The Bible Course - Session 5</b> <i>Kings - The Story of Power</i>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	PRAYER	<b>Praying Together</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	FELLOWSHIP	<b>The Bible Course: Session 6</b> <i>Kings - The Story of Rescue</i>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	PRAYER	<b>Praying Together</b>

## 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](http://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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## Contact

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