



# WELCOME

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SHENSTONE

### THE FOUNTAIN

Worship for all ages

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.

**Encounters with Jesus**

- Roman Centurion
- Sinful Woman
- Tax Collector
- Rich Ruler

## May Services

We continue exploring four different people from Luke's Gospel who had *Encounters with Jesus*. After Pentecost we begin a new series, *Life in the Spirit* from Romans 8.

	10am	Theme & Readings
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	<b>Encounters with Jesus: A Sinful Woman</b> <i>Luke 7.36-50</i>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Café Church	<b>Encounters with Jesus: A Tax Collector</b> <i>Luke 19.1-10</i>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	<b>Encounters with Jesus: A Rich Ruler</b> <i>Luke 18.18-27</i>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>The Fountain</i> Holy Communion	<b>The Spirit Comes To Stay</b> <i>Acts 2.1-13</i>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<i>The Fountain</i> Morning Worship	<b>Life in the Spirit: FREEDOM</b> <i>Romans 8.1-11 &amp; Acts 12:1-17</i>

# INTERIM INSIGHT: CURATE Q & A!



Rather than Interim Insights this month, I thought it would be more interesting and informative to ask my wife (and future colleague!) Amie Iddon a few questions about her upcoming ordination and the start of her curacy with us here in Shenstone and Stonnall.

Do also take a look at the rest of the newsletter for services and events this month, and consider signing up to our weekly email for the latest news from St Peter's, Stonnall and St John the Baptist, Shenstone.

Blessings,  
*Revd Jonathan* Interim Vicar

## **When is your ordination? Can we attend?**

*Yes—please do come if you can! I'd love to see some familiar faces there. I'll be ordained deacon at 4pm on Saturday 27th June at Lichfield Cathedral. It's usually quite a full service, so it's worth getting there about 30 minutes early.*

## **What will your role look like week by week?**

*My curacy is part-time (0.6), so I won't be around all the time, but you'll still see me regularly. On Sundays, I'll usually be at two of our three congregations (it will vary a bit week to week). During the week, I'll be working two main days (initially Mondays and Wednesdays) alongside some ongoing study. And genuinely, do ask me what I've been reading... I'll probably be keen to tell you!*



## **Who is overseeing your training, and will we see them in our churches?**

*My Training Incumbent is the Revd Ian Cardinal, who'll be guiding me through these next few years. You will see him from time to time, especially when I'm leading or preaching. He normally worships at the cathedral, so he won't be with us every week, but when he is, do say hello.*

## **What are you doing before your ordination?**

*I've just finished my role at the Hothouse in Aldridge, and I'm staying on placement at Aldridge Parish Church until the end of the month while I finish my MA dissertation. I've handed in a first draft (which felt like a milestone!), but there's still more to do—so prayers definitely appreciated.*

## **What are you looking forward to most of all?**

*Honestly, getting to know people better. I know a few of you already, but I'm really looking forward to being more fully part of the life of the churches—worshipping together, learning together, and just sharing everyday life. It'll be really special to minister in the place where I live, and I'm excited to see what God has in store for us.*



# NEWS FROM REV LIZ

Former Vicar Revd Liz Chamberlain writes: "After a lot of prayer, thought and tad more prayer I couldn't ignore that 'small quiet voice'. **I'm going to be taking my cassock out of storage and have been appointed to a House for Duty role in the Diocese**; The group of churches is called the Forest Benefice which is the parishes of Hanbury with Draycott, Newborough and Rangemore. My licensing is **Wednesday 20th May, 7.00 pm at St Werburgh Church Hanbury**. Any church members who would like to come would be most welcome. Please hold me and Ray in your prayers as we start this new chapter."



# 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 26 May.**



# PRAYER

Join us on **Sunday 10 May, 3:30–6:00pm at St John's**, as Bishop Tim calls us to prayer for growth and revival. If we long to see lives changed, churches renewed, and communities reached with the gospel, let's commit ourselves afresh to prayer – in our own lives, in our churches, and as we gather together.

**Praying for Gold**  
 An afternoon of prayer for Mission and Revival in the Episcopal area of the Bishop of Wolverhampton.  
**3:30pm – 6:00pm**  
 Sunday 10th May St John's Shenstone St John's Hill Lichfield WS14 0JB  
 Sunday 6th Sept St Matthew's Wolverhampton 222 Willenhall Road WV1 2JQ  
 Sunday 22nd Nov St Peter's Hednesford Church Hill WS12 1BD  
**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!**



# CONFIRMATION

In the Church of England, Confirmation is an opportunity to publicly affirm our faith in Jesus and commit ourselves to following him. **If you have not been confirmed, this could be the right next step for you.**

Do speak to Revd Jonathan if you would like to explore this. A Deanery Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday 12 July at a local church.



# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

This month we celebrate Pentecost (Sunday 24th May), when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the first disciples. Following Pentecost, we begin a four-part series in Romans 8 exploring who the Holy Spirit is and what he does in our lives. The series follows four simple themes:

Freedom, Family, Help and Hope, as we discover how the Spirit sets us free, brings us into God's family, helps us in our weakness, and leads us in hope for the future..



# 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.





# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	TEACHING	<b>The Bible Course - Session 7</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	NO RIVER. Prayer & Revival Gathering with Bishop Tim at St John the Baptist 3.30 - 6.00pm	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	FELLOWSHIP	<b>The Bible Course: Session 8</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	PRAYER	<b>Praying Together</b>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	HOLY COMMUNION	<b>Here Am I, Send Me</b> Isaiah 6.1-8 & John 16. 5-15

## 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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