



Pews News

United benefice of Shenstone & Stonnall



**A warm welcome to everyone.
We hope you enjoy worshipping with us.**

Sunday 12th June - Trinity Sunday

	St John the Baptist	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Early Birds led by Julia Burnell	
10.45am	Communion service led by Rev Graham	Morning Worship led by Patsy Toulouse

Collect for Sunday 12th June

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Sunday 19th June – Father's Day

	St John the Baptist	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Morning of Worship led by the Ministry team	
10.45am		Communion service led by Rev John P
4.00pm	BCP service led by Rev Graham	

Prayer for Ukraine

Lord of all people and all nations,
We lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia,
Each girl and boy, each woman and man living in fear of what tomorrow
might bring,
We long for a time you spoke of through your prophet Isaiah,
When weapons of war would be beaten into ploughshares,
When nation will no longer lift up sword against nation,
We cry out to you for peace,
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety,
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones,
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression,
Fill earthly leaders with great wisdom to find paths to peace,
Please Lord come and have your way in your world,
May your will be done here, on earth as it is in heaven,
May your peace reign. Now and always,
We lift this prayer to you, our God who is able to do
more than we can ever ask or imagine,
In the name of Christ our saviour,

Amen.

Ukraine Appeal.

Thank you to all who have given to our appeal for the Ukraine.
In addition to the funds designated by the PCCs we have collected
£247.00 in Stonnall and £640.00 in Shenstone.

The appeal remains open should you still wish to contribute.
Envelopes can be returned to Church or dropped in at the Vicarage in
Shenstone



Please pray for all those known to us who in need of our prayers and for those mentioned below.

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- We pray for all our Government, our Bishops and Clergy
- We thank you for the Queen and the Royal family, we give thanks for the Queens service to our nation.
- We hold in prayer those members of our church family who are caring for loved ones at home, in hospital or in residential care.
- We pray for those who are recently bereaved.
- We pray for those known to us who are ill, and we particularly hold in prayer Brian and Linda Jenkins and family, Bill and Elaine Whitney, Dorothy Middleton, Jean and Alan Tidman, Beth Bridges, and Barbara Owen, Ann and Roy Powell, Jane Lawton, Di Proctors brother John Day and Reverend Liz as she recovers from her fall.
- We pray for calm and peace as we read and listen to stories in the news and help us to discern the truth.
- We thank you Lord for the earth and all you have provided for us. We are especially grateful to live in our beautiful villages.



If you would like a prayer included in next week's newsletter, please contact Veronica Raybould on 01543 480 756

All Saints Church Streetly

This week we extend a warm welcome to All Saints Church Streetly, who will be meeting at St Johns Hall on Saturday 18th June for their Alpha away day.

Let us pray that the day goes well for all who attend.



COME AND CELEBRATE



200
YEARS

OF
ST PETER'S
CHURCH

25TH - 26TH JUNE 2022

Join us to celebrate the
200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
of St Peter's Church, Stonnall

CHURCH OPEN DAY

Saturday 25th June | 10am - 4pm

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES... REFRESHMENTS... ICE CREAM
CAKES... MUSIC... CHURCH HISTORY DISPLAY & MUCH MORE

FAMILY SERVICE & SHARING LUNCH

Sunday 26th June | 10:45am

To Celebrate the return of the Shenstone Village Festival 2022
St. John The Baptist Church Shenstone Presents



Good Company Singers



*A Joyful Concert Featuring Songs from the Shows
and other light repertoire*



The Good Company
Singers



Shenstone Village Hall

Barnes Road Shenstone, WS14 0LT

Friday 1st July –7.30pm

Tickets £10 (Includes refreshments at the interval)

From Julia 07710723141;

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Reflections from this week's readings

Romans 5:1-5

'...endurance produces character, and character produces hope' (v4)

One of the many lessons that people living in the western world can learn from our brothers and sisters in developing nations is how human character can become grateful and hopeful even with very little by way of financial and material provision. If we have all the consumer possessions we want, then we can often reach a 'brick wall' of hopelessness and lack of vision for the future. This can, in turn, lead to depression, breakdown of community, dishonesty and mistrust.

Of course, this does not mean we should be content for developing nations to remain in horrendous poverty, without adequate food, clean water, or shelter. But it is worth pondering how those who are struggling can lead the rest of the world by example through trust in awareness of the love of God,

The author of the letter to the Romans is encouraging early Christians who were being persecuted and finding the path of faith difficult, to persevere and not lose hope. It is part of the calling of the follower of Christ to look forward to a life when suffering has passed away and we can fully bask in the glory of the risen Christ.

Until then, we can only glimpse such glory, which comes through endurance and patience in suffering. That is the example that people who struggle to make ends meet can teach those who have more than they will ever need.

Amen

Reflection by Christopher Woods.

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John 16: 12-15

'When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth'(v.13)

What exactly is the work of the Spirit? One of the characteristics that marked out the early Christian saints is that they understood faith to be passion. Faith, in terms of discipleship, is often not reasoned coolness; it is passion that spills over – the love that is stronger than death. It might be thought through. It may even be willed reason. But my God, it has to be willed with the very fibre of your being.

Extreme faith is not the same as passionate faith. The former can be unyielding, unforgiving and self-righteous. The latter is more like the work of the Spirit. True, it can still be intemperate and immodest, but it abounds in energy and love because it springs from the liberality of God. It is released as a kind of raw energy, precisely because it breaks the chains of inhibition, and springs forth from spiritual encounters that can boarder on ecstasy. It is passion resulting from encounter, conversion, conviction, resurrection, and transformation.

The work of the Spirit, then, is one of refinement and discernment. It is often willed acts of moderation or self-control that emerge out of passionate convictions, grace, and love. That's why the list of the fruits of the Holy Spirit from Galatians 5.22 is so important. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, self-control, humility, gentleness, and faithfulness are all rooted in the passion of Christ – a putting-to-death of our desires and seeing them reconfigured through the Holy Spirit. So, excess and abundance are of God; extremism, however, is of the flesh.

Amen

Reflection by Malcolm Guite.

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Shenstone Village Festival

FLOWER DISPLAYS • HERITAGE TRAIL

OPEN GARDENS • PET SHOW

• CLASSIC CAR & BIKE RALLY •

1st, 2nd & 3rd July 2022

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