



Pews News

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

Sunday 26th June – The second Sunday after Trinity

	St John the Baptist	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Early Birds led by Lesley Matile	
10.45am	Communion service led by Alan Bateman & Rev John A	Family Worship Led by Rev Graham & Rev Liz

Collect for Sunday 26th June

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sunday 3rd July

The third Sunday after Trinity & Shenstone Festival weekend

	St John the Baptist	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Early birds led by Rev Graham	
10.30am	Festival weekend Joint Service at Trinity Methodist Church	
10.45am		Communion service led by Patsy Toulouse & Rev John P
6pm	Evening Prayer Led by Rev Liz & 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.



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 especially for the family of Steve Partridge who passed away this week. We pray for his wife Carol, daughters Nicola & Emma, grandson Samuel and brother Bryan.
- We have heard recently that Eileen Andrews, widow of Brian Andrews has passed away. Brian was a previous vicar at Shenstone. We'll hold Jan their daughter and their family in prayer as they prepare to inter Brian and Eileen's ashes here in Shenstone Lower Lawned Cemetery.

- We pray for those known to us who are ill, and we particularly hold in prayer Ella & Bob Mulligan, Brian & Linda Jenkins & family, Bill & Elaine Whitney, Dorothy Middleton, Jean & Alan Tidman, Beth Bridges, Barbara Owen, Ann & Roy Powell, Jane Lawton, & 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

Reflections on this week's readings

Isaiah 65:1-9

"Here I am, here I am" (v.1)

This poem begins with a depressing list of all the reasons that God could justifiably have rejected his people. And then comes a most surprising moment of hope.

Our God is one who has opened his arms and made himself obvious to everyone. Not even just those who are searching for him, but anyone. And how did the Jews who lived all those centuries before Jesus respond? They provocatively worshipped in ways that were forbidden. They toyed with necromancy and defiantly ate prohibited foods. And they claimed that this made them holier than anyone else.

Does all that wrongdoing grind you down? Then take heart because God's graciousness is greater than you could imagine. You would expect a bunch of grapes that's withered and dry to be thrown away. But, instead, God intends to use even the most unpromising resources. He will not reject those grapes but will use every one to make wine. That is his extraordinary blessing.

Like a bruised reed that is not chopped down but tended back to life; like a flickering candle that isn't extinguished, but coaxed into flame (Isaiah 42.3, mathew12.20), God will keep working on our lives with loving determination. No one is ever regarded as too useless for his purposes. He even sees the potential in a dried-up grape like me. How can I resist when he calls out, 'Here I am' ?

Amen

Reflection by Peter Graystone. Reflections for Sundays Year C, Guite, Herbert et al. Church House Publishing 2018



Next weekend sees the return of the Shenstone festival with lots to see and do on the 1st 2nd and 3rd July. Festival programs which are needed for entry and detail all events can be purchased in St John the Baptist Church and from various locations in the village.

The Good Company Choir are performing at the Village Hall on the Friday evening to help mark the start of the festival and raise funds for our Church.

Please note: This weekend is the last opportunity to purchase tickets for the concert so please see below for more details and how to book your ticket:-

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



The Good
Company
Singers

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

At Shenstone Village Hall, Barnes Road Shenstone, WS14 0LT

On Friday 1st July –7.30pm

Tickets £10 (Includes refreshments at the interval)

For tickets contact Julia 07710723141, Sam 07538 553486, Veronica 480756.

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