

That the Lord gives us the grace  
to live in full fellowship with  
our brothers and sisters of  
other religions, praying for one  
another, open to all

# St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Mother of God  
Local  
Missionary  
Area  
in Stockport

## YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

If you wish to attend Mass at St Peters on Saturday or Sunday then you should re-  
serve a place by e mailing admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk.

If you wish to attend Mass at St Philip's on Saturday evening then you should e mail  
david.smith7220@ntlworld.com

## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 2 Year B

### Divine Office Psalter Week 2

ALL SERVICES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM  
Each evening the Rosary will be said at 7 00 p.m, except Sunday then at 5 00 p.m.  
join in on line www.churchservices.tv/stockport



## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST READING:

1 SAMUEL 3:3-10,19

### PSALM 39

Here I am Lord!  
I come to do your will

### SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,  
17-20

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia Alleluia!

We have found the Mes-  
siah—which means the  
Christ—grace and truth  
have come through him.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL READING:

John 1:35-42

### DAILY ROSARY

If anyone would like  
to volunteer to come  
and lead a daily  
Rosary  
at 7 00 p.m.  
then let Fr Peter  
know

### Saturday 16th January 2021

Readings; Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 18; Mark 2:13-17

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Elizabeth West

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips

6.00 pm Polish Mass

### Sunday 17th January - SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

10.00 am People of the Parish

6.00 pm Secular Clergy Fund

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

### Monday 18th January 2021

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS TODAY

12 Noon Tom Mercer Intentions

Readings: Hebrews 5:1-10 Psalm 109; Mark 2:18-22

### Tuesday 19th January 2021-

12 Noon Martha Armstrong

Readings: Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 100; Mark 2:23-28..

### Wednesday 20th January 2021

12 Noon Edith Harper

Readings: Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17; Psalm 109; Mark 3:1-6.

### Thursday 21st January 2021 St Agnes

12 Noon Intentions of Mary McDermott

Readings: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalm 39;; Mark 3:7-12

### Friday 22nd January 2021 -

12 Noon Joseph Michael Cheetham

Readings: Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 84; Mark 3:13-19

### Saturday 23rd January 2021

Readings; Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14;; Psalm 46; Mark 3:20-21

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon David Brotherton

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips

6.00 pm Polish Mass

### Sunday 24th January - THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

#### Day of Special Prayer for Openness to the Word of God

10.00 am Terry McCartney

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 24; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

**Please remember to  
wear face masks and  
sanitise your hands  
coming in and going  
out of church and keep  
to social distancing in-  
cluding sitting away  
from the aisles as  
much as possible.  
Please follow the  
Arrow markings on the  
floor of the church  
DO NOT COME TO  
CHURCH IF YOU HAVE  
ANY SYMPTOMS -  
SNEEZING, COUGHING,  
SORE THROAT ETC**

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be celebrated in the  
sacristy during Exposi-  
tion of the Blessed Sac-  
rament on Saturdays and  
subject to social distanc-  
ing



**The sick** - remembering, all the sick in the parish, in our hospitals and nursing homes. We also remember those who are housebound and are unable to come to Mass. We remember especially young people who are sick. Let us also keep in our prayers all those who have care of the sick and the dying at this time often putting their own lives at risk in the process..

Let us pray for the President elect of the United States as he prepares for his inauguration and for the people of the United States as they begin a new chapter in their history

**Lately Dead:** Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow and Bishop Vincent Logan, emeritus of Dunkeld

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Sheila Carter, James Patrick Turner, Martha Nutt, Margaret Fosdick, Tony Sheehan, Patrick O'Callaghan, Felix Norton, Carmel Panter

**Prayer Intentions** - We have a team of 'prayer warriors' who will pray for your intentions at this time, send your intentions to the parish office and they will be forwarded. You can also light a 'virtual' candle on the parish website.

*To prepare for this prayer, spend a few moments asking the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear this Word being spoken to you.*

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) JOHN 1:35–42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God'. Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine the scene... John's testimony... his disciples attentiveness... their choice to follow Jesus... their response to Jesus' invitation to 'Come and see'... Place yourself alongside the disciples, staying with Jesus... What do you see? You allow yourself time for conversation with Jesus... to be with Him... to listen to Him...
3. What new way of living does following Jesus bring for you?

### **For Conversation:**

The people you/your community might introduce to Jesus ?

## **THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS**

Some people expressed interest in the poem I used in last Sunday's homily, here it is.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost, to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner  
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers  
to make music from the heart.*

Howard Thurman

### SOMETHING TO LISTEN TO

[The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000r630) .Something to listen to on BBC Sounds. A gentle story with lots of meaning and wisdom. Well worth a listen! It's about 50 minutes long but one to settle down and listen to with a cup of coffee or if you can listen with earphones, a good one to listen to on a walk. Click on the link below

**<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000r630>**

## THE PARISH WEBSITE

Matthew Oates has asked to be relieved of his duties as the administrator of the parish website so we are now looking for a new administrator for our parish website. The website is a Wordpress site, and anyone able to volunteer should have experience in managing a Wordpress site, website hosting and, domain and DNS management. If you think you can help please speak to Fr Peter. We are grateful to Matthew for the time and effort he has put into developing our site and I am sure there is someone out there with the necessary expertise.

## THEATRE TRIPS - LION KING

You may recall that we booked 27 tickets for the above show and like so many productions it was cancelled. We have just received notification that the show is due to reopen in May and our reserved tickets have been moved forward to 27<sup>th</sup> May if these are needed.

If you booked previously can you let us know whether you would like to attend so that we can confirm or cancel our original booking. Could you let us know by the 17<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you

## ST. PETERS BOOK CLUB

Over the Christmas period we would like to recommend:

### Year of Wonders - Geraldine Brooks

When an infected cloth carries the plague from London to an isolated village, Eyam, a housemaid named Anna Frith emerges as an unlikely heroine. Through Anna's eyes we follow the story of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition.

### Paris Echo - Sebastien Faulks

American postdoctoral researcher Hannah listens to the extraordinary witness of women who lived in Paris under the German Occupation - it has been described as *gone with the wind* to Paris.

We will meet via Zoom at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 26th January - if you would like to join us please email [ajmcgarr68@outlook.com](mailto:ajmcgarr68@outlook.com) hope that is ok with everyone and thank you again.

## ST PETER'S HELPERS

Do you know someone who would like to receive occasional church newsletters, Shine magazines, or other deliveries from St Peter's Helpers, such as lovely cards from our young people, sometimes scones or other treats? If you'd like to go on our list for deliveries / communication only, you can register on our website <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home> or use this form <https://forms.gle/GXmdDUNhZinEy4MQ8>

Our focus for deliveries is on people of any age, who are more isolated, or may be unable to watch Mass on the Internet, or read the newsletter online.

You can also use the website and form to register for general support, such as receiving a friendly phone call from time to time.

St Phillip's parishioners are also welcome to register with us, if they would like to.

Contact us [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com) or leave a message on 0161 483 3476

## ST PETERS HELPERS –WE ARE STILL HERE TO HELP

**SIGN UP WITH US:** If you or someone you know, are feeling a little lost in the current lockdown, in need of a friendly phone call, or in need of emergency practical support. If you have been told to shield again, are you getting the support you need? If you want to refer a friend, do speak to them about signing up with us. Anyone who is feeling isolated or vulnerable (not just our more elderly parishioners) can register with us, even if there is nothing they need at the moment.

**JOIN US:** We can help each other by offering a little friendship and support. If you would like to be involved with projects to help each other, such as making/receiving friendly phone calls, writing letters, card making, knitting and online social groups. **E mail** [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com) or leave a message on the parish office number 0161 4833476 OR Register with us at <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home>

**OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS** If you have yet to recycle your religious Christmas cards, please save the front covers for a Christmas card project for next year (We like to plan ahead!) **E mail** [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com) and we can collect them or you can drop them off at church.

## CATHOLIC PAPERS

We will shortly stop selling the Universe and the other catholic papers. If you wish you can order them to be delivered to your home either in print or digitally by subscribing directly via [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com)

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £447-21 plus around £1000 per week by Standing Orders and on line giving at the moment.. . Thank you to those who are putting their Offertory envelopes through the door and who have done the on line giving.. **DURING THE PRESENT EMERGENCY WE STILL HAVE BILLS TO PAY!!** Please continue to put your offerings in an envelope and save them until we are 'back to normal' or you can post them through the presbytery door. If you wish you can send an offering by cheque payable to St Peters Hazel Grove or  
do a direct transfer to:

**St Peters Hazel Grove at Lloyds Bank 30 15 52 54607668** or set up a Standing Order or for St Philip's go to **St Philips Offerton 30 15 52 54674660**

If your bank asks for the name of the account it is **Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocese Trustees** with the above account numbers

## **IMPORTANT COLLECTION THIS WEEK!!** **RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION**

This weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund)

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund) and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

### **HEADTEACHER REQUIRED**

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stockport**

**Governors are advertising for a new Headteacher.**

**The closing date for applications is 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

**For further information please visit one of the following websites -**

**School** [www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk)

**Diocese** [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary)

**Local Authority** [www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies)

**FROM FR PETER**

First of all a big **THANK YOU** to those who brought cards and presents for my birthday last Monday not forgetting the cake complete with the incendiary device affixed presented at the end of Mass on Monday. Despite the restrictions I had a most enjoyable day. It was only spoilt by West Ham getting that late goal. Nevertheless the 'boys' gave a good account of themselves despite the atrocious conditions. It was a timely reminder on Wednesday morning on hearing of the sudden death of the Archbishop of Glasgow who was born on the same day as myself. The years are passing by ever more quickly!

A lot of people are asking whether we are open or not. At the moment we are open and are hoping to stay that way. It is important that we keep the church as safe as possible so that we can continue and I am grateful to our team of stewards who do so much to help the smooth running of all our Masses. Please remember to follow the instructions and to sit as far away from the aisles as you can. If you switch a radiator off during Mass then switch it on again before you leave please.

Another question I get asked is about my holidays and have I got anything booked yet Well you can see the answer in this week's cartoon. Hopefully things will improve and we will all be able to get away at some point in the year. Have a good week and stay well.

*Fr Peter*

**First trip booked for 2021**

**Hopefully off to Iceland in February.**

**If that goes well, probably looking at Asda in March and Tesco in April.**

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