

We pray that Church
movements and groups may
rediscover their mission of
evangelisation each day, placing
their own charisms at the
service of needs in the world



**THE WORD
OF
OF GOD**

**FIRST READING:
ACTS 1: 12-14;**

PSALM 26
I AM SURE I SHALL SEE
THE LORD'S GOODNESS
IN THE LAND OF THE
LIVING

**SECOND READING:
1 PETER 4: 13-16**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!
I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU
ORPHANS, SAYS THE
LORD; I WILL COME BACK
TO YOU, AND YOUR
HEARTS WILL BE FULL OF
JOY
ALLELUIA!**

**GOSPEL READING:
JOHN 17: 1-11**

**'FATHER THE HOUR
HAS COME:
GLORIFY YOUR SON
SO THAT YOUR
SON MAY GLORIFY
YOU'**

The Sacrament of
Reconciliation will be
celebrated in the
Sacristy on Saturday
morning during
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Mary Mother of
God
Local Missionary
area

EASTER WEEK VII
Divine Office Psalter Week III
**ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL
BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM**
www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Saturday 20th May 2023 - St Bernadette of Siena

11.00 -11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Thanksgiving—Joy
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Marie McNeil RIP
Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 46; John 16: 23-28

Sunday 21st May 2023 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am People of the Parish
10.00 am Roy Pailey RIP
6.00 pm Rosemarie Shennan RIP
Readings : Acts 1: 12-14; Psalm 26: 1 Peter 4: 13-16; John 17: 1-11

Music
Organ
Junior Choir

PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS

Monday 22nd May 2023—The Dedication of the Cathedral

12.00 Noon Susan Morrison RIP
Readings: Ezekiel 47: 1-2. 8-9.12; Psalm 1 Chronicles 29: John 2: 13-22

Tuesday 23rd May 2023

12 Noon Bill Garrard RIP
Readings: Acts 20: 17-27: Psalm 67; John 17: 1-11

Wednesday 24th May 2023 - Our Lady Help of Christians

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Maureen Gough RIP
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Ecclesiasticus 4: 11-18; Psalm 112; Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 19: 25-27

Thursday 25th May 2023 - St Bede the Venerable

12 Noon Kathleen Ford
Readings: Acts 22: 30. 23, 6-11, Psalm 15, John 17: 20-26

Friday 26th May 2023 - St. Philip Neri

10.00 am Fidelia Agbonrofo and Vincent & Catherine Agbonrofo (**NOTE TIME**)
Readings : Acts 25: 13-21; Psalm 102; John 21: 15-19

Saturday 27th May 2023 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

11.00 -11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Philomena Rooney RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Intentions of Maureen McGuire
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2: 2-8; Psalm 116; Luke 10: 1-9

Sunday 28th May 2023 - Pentecost Sunday

8.30 am Special Friends Jo Senior and Helen RIP
10.00 am Vivienne Grace RIP
6.00 pm People of the Parish
Readings : Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7. 12-13; John 20: 19-23

Music
Choir
Steph
Praise Be

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH



Your prayers are asked for

Sick: remembering, all the sick in the parish especially those 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.

Latently Dead: Thomas New, Ken Savage.

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Rosemary Crewdson, Gerald Francom, Peter Webb, Susan Morrison, Bill Garrard, Angela Kennerley, Irene King, Michael Waldren, Patrick Sherry, Paul Edwards, Alex Simpson, Kathleen Jones, Thomas Holland, Mary Ingham, Terence Royle, Thomas Smith, Catherine Harding, Amy Gillett, Honora Bramall, Kath Smart, James Leyden, Joyce Beverough, Marjorie Brady, Thomas Dolan.

Baptisms: We welcome into our community Albert Kenneth Peter Brammall who was baptised at St. Peters last weekend.

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

Centering Prayer Group meet in the parish centre every Tuesday morning at 11. 15 am. All welcome (currently meeting in the Sacristy)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER John 17: 1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

ONLINE ALPHA

Feeling like a new start? New to church? Feeling like a boost? Want to rekindle your faith or just curious? Alpha Online is back! The online Alpha sessions will be starting on Wednesday 19th April 2023 from 8 PM - 9.00PM via Zoom. The sessions are informal - we'll watch a short film and then there's chance to share your thoughts and feelings or if you prefer just listen. Have your snacks and drinks available for while you're watching from the comfort of your own home! We have now started and it is going well, please pray for those taking part .To sign up click on the link or for more information speak to Deacon John or call Rachel on 07724 749217. <https://forms.gle/wdwCavztDVGdhv6H9>

BAPTISM COURSE the next course will be on 18th and 25th June 2023, please contact Karen at justasec55@hotmail.com for more information.

ST PETER'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next Meeting will be on May 26th at 2.00 pm in the Meeting Room when we will be having Afternoon Tea. If you have not joined us before and would like to please do come along, no matter how long ago or recently you lost a loved one. Contact Helen on 07854928072 or the Parish Office admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.

LITTLE FISHES

We are a volunteer run play group aimed at young children from birth to school age. We run during term time only from 9.30 to 11.30 on a Thursday morning. Included is a craft, freeplay, snack for the children and tea/ coffee and biscuits for the adults. Please contact me on 07763387001 or anne.wroe@sky.com for more details about the group and to discuss available places.

LAMBS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP

will be having for their usual disco on Sunday the 28/5/23 between 4pm and 6pm in the parish centre. We will also be offering a craft activity for those who would like to take part. For more info contact Kath Coll 07592755980 or Jackie 0161 483 6348.

ST PETER'S HELPERS - New Volunteer recruitment launch

Would you like to volunteer with us? We are relaunching our volunteer registration with a simple online form: [St Peter's Helpers Volunteer Form](#) also available on our website <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home> We will have a small number of paper forms at the back of church (please put completed forms in the box at the back of church). If you are currently one of our volunteers, please register again on our new system. More information: email stpetershelpers@gmail.com

URGENT: CLOTHING APPEAL FOR REFUGEES

Sunday 4th June 11-12 am drop off IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK (we will load directly into other cars).

Can you help to provide essential clothing for newly arrived refugees who are in desperate need of clothing?

PLEASE DONATE GOOD QUALITY USED ITEMS BELOW:

Children's clothing aged 4-15 (No baby or toddler clothes) jogging bottoms, jeans, leggings, thick tights, shorts for boys, T shirts, tops, hoodies / fleeces, cardigans, waterproof coats, children's coats / jackets

Men's clothing: T shirts, polo shirts, fleeces / hoodies, jogging bottoms and jeans, shorts, waterproof or light-weight jackets, mainly S / M sizes

Ladies' clothing: T shirts, looser fitted tops, fleeces, hoodies, cardigans, modest clothing including loose fitted longer style dresses, leggings, jogging bottoms and jeans, S / M / L

Trainers and children's shoes: all sizes (good quality only please)

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE: formal wear, party wear, shirts, strappy tops / dresses or very short skirts, baby or toddler clothing or anything not on the list below.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS AT CHURCH. If you can't bring them to the church car park on 4/6 then please contact us for drop off details email stpetershelpers@gmail.com

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS We have now booked 35 tickets for Saturday 8th July, the Matinee starts at 1.00 pm, the coach will leave The Anchor Pub on the A6 at 11.00 am. We will return at approximately 5.30 pm. The cost including the coach is £45. Please confirm that you are coming by YES or NO on the notice at the back of Church, if you have not put your name down and would like to go please let the office know, there are a few places available. Payment can be made by BACS/Card Machine (Reference 'MYSTERY') or cheque (made out to St. Peter's Church) by May 28th please.

SAVE THE DATE - READERS

If you are a reader in the parish you are invited to come to the parish centre on **Saturday, 24th June from 9 until 11.45am.** Mary Hardiman will lead a **special reflection** for all involved in this ministry, whatever your age or experience. Others who are considering becoming a reader are also welcome to come along. Breakfast will be provided.

It would be helpful if you could let us know whether or not you are able to attend by emailing mary.hardiman@sky.com

Please make a note of the date now, so you don't miss it.

ANOTHER DATE TO SAVE is the 2nd July 2023, daytime, more details will follow shortly. Something for all the family!

ALSO 23rd September, Life in the Spirit, an all day event in the Parish Centre, more details to follow shortly

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Now that we are offering the chalice to everyone again we need to appoint some new Eucharistic ministers so I would like to ask for nominations and volunteers for this important ministry. If you are nominating someone then ask them beforehand if they are willing to serve in this way! Thank you to those who have (been) volunteered, we shall be in touch shortly

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

We would like to recommend **Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus** - a book about Elizabeth Zott who is a chemist trying to succeed in 1960's corporate America. Her male colleagues cannot get past the fact that she's a woman, acknowledging her only long enough to steal her work! It's a lively read, funny and sad at the same time. Our second choice is **Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr** which is a tale, connecting five characters, over hundreds of years through their relationship to a single book. Doerr describes this book as 'part fairytale, part fool's errand, part science fiction, part utopian satire ..' Also, **The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak** which is set between the 1970's and more recent times, between Cyprus and London. It is a story about the turbulent history of Cyprus and communities torn apart by war, partition, religion and migration. It is dedicated 'To immigrants and exiles everywhere, the uprooted, the rootless, And to the trees we left behind, rooted in our memories..'

We will recommend more books in May and will meet up again soon - if you would like to join us for a lovely meal and lively discussion (sometimes about books), please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place at the end of July—27th/28th—3rd/4th August depending on the method of travel. There is plenty of room still available on the plane or coach but I intend to go by train. If anyone is interested in joining me please let me know ASAP as I wish to book seats on the various trains but if you wish to travel by air then the booking forms are now available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. The youth section up to the age of 22 is under the direction of the Diocesan Youth Service— symt.org.uk and those who wish to travel must book with them.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND FEBRUARY 2024

Details are on the diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024/>

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1133.95. Online giving last month came to over £1100 per week. Thank you to those who are putting their Offertory envelopes through the door and to those who have done the on line giving. St. Philips Offertory amounted to £157.70. In April we also received £560-57 in card payments.

IS THIS YOU? Please will the parishioner who submitted five donations using special **WHITE** envelope number **2578** contact the parish office to clarify the purpose of the offering. Thanks

If you are putting several weeks collection in at the same time you only need to use **one** envelope. 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 number

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2023/2024 are now at the back of Church

CHURCH CLEANING Team 5 are on duty this week

READERS There is a list in the Sacristy for volunteers to read during May 2023.

PPT MEETING the next Parish Pastoral Team meeting will be on Monday 22nd May

PIETY STALL

We are need of new helpers to serve in the Piety Stall for a few minutes before and after the 8.30 and 10.00 am Masses. If you could spare any time please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the helpers who generously give their time at the moment.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Please join us for a **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** at Our Lady and the Apostles Church, Shaw Heath, Stockport (SK3 8BQ) — Starting on **1st June for 6 nights on each Thursday, after the 7pm Mass** and to conclude at about 9.00pm. This is to be led by the Sion Community and the Diocesan Service Team of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. See Our Lady's website for more information. <http://ourladyandtheapostles.co.uk/newsletter/>

TEA AND COFFEE IS BACK

Now that the refurbishment is almost finished, apart from a few jobs that still need doing, we can once again meet for Tea and Coffee after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on a Sunday. Come and see what has been done **NEXT** Sunday 28th May—Pentecost Sunday. It is the fourth Sunday so it will be the Bereavement Group who will be on duty.

CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS

The course for new chaplaincy volunteers is now full and there is a waiting list. There will be another one next year

FOOTSTEPS EVENT ON THURSDAY 8 JUNE

The next Footsteps event offers the reflections of Pauline McDougall from Southport, on the subject of **the Beatitudes**. We will back in the parish centre then, so come for a **7.30pm start on Thursday, 8 June** and enjoy our informal, café-style setting, all aimed to help us on our Christian journey. Everyone is very welcome.

From Fr. Peter

I told you last week that I didn't like the play-offs unless we won. Most of you reading this will now know the result of Saturday's second leg match at EP. Hopefully it went our way. I doubt that it will be as exciting as the match in Sheffield on Thursday night—but you never know.

As we come to the end of the Easter period next Sunday with the feast of Pentecost we will be looking forward to the celebration of Confirmation on June 22nd with the bishop. We shall be joined by some young people from Marple and Brinnington who will receive the sacrament alongside our group. The following week we can begin the celebrations for the centenary of the parish opening the year on June 29th—our patronal feast. Lots of events are already planned and I am sure there will be more.

