

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £857-53 Online giving last month came to around £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 £107-55 plus £340 from direct debits during the month of November. We also received £287-18p through the card machine

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

CHURCH CLEANING Team 4 are on duty this week

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

We would like to recommend the following books:

Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson - this is Kate Atkinson's debut novel and it is a fantastic epic that chronicles the lives of four generations of women from the late 1800's to 1992. It is set in York and it depicts working-class life spanning two World Wars with a particular focus on the lives of women and the choices they were forced to make. **Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurty** - this is a Western, it won the 1986 Pullitzer Prize for Fiction and it is based on the lives of several retired Texas Rangers who attempt to drive a cattle herd from Texas to Montana in the late 1870's. A story that is rich in detail and surprisingly warm, likeable characters. **Homecoming by Kate Morton** - set in Adelaide in 1959, a body is discovered and the case goes cold until sixty years later. This is described as an epic novel that spans generations and asks us what we would do for those we love?

Black Butterflies by Priscilla Morton - set in 1992 and the siege of Sarajevo, Zora, an artist and a teacher, sends her husband, mother and daughter to safety in England and stays behind while the city falls.

We will meet up again in January so please get in touch if you would like to join us and if you would like to recommend a book message Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We will once again be having our Christmas Tree Festival in Church. We will be putting up the trees on Friday 15th the December from 4.30-5 45 pm and Saturday 16th December from 9.30—10 450 am. They will be taken down on 8th January 2024. If you would like your group to display a tree please contact Jacqueline McKay on 07984340367 or email the Parish Office admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk. This is a lovely occasion to celebrate the many groups we have in the Parish and to also let people know what is going on by displaying some information about your group.

ST PHILIP'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Admissions Authority at St Philip's have gone out to consultation on the policy for 2025 - 26. Further details can be found via the following links.

[Admissions Policy 2025 - 2026 - under consultation | St Philip's Catholic Primary School \(stphilipsstockport.co.uk\) letter-for-admissions.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITY Hazel Grove Methodist Church, Wesley Street SK7 4JQ are looking for a part-time Church Caretaker to work 50 hours/month flexibly between 08.00 and 22.00 hrs sometimes at weekends. £12.50/hr. For an application pack, including job description and job specification, please Email an-thony.tonge1@btinternet.com.

ST PETER'S CENTENARY GIN

If you wish to purchase a bottle of Centenary Gin then use the following link and providing you order it by Thursday and click on **COLLECT** it will be delivered here at St Peters by the following weekend. You will receive an e mail saying its ready for collection from the shop but ignore that, it will be brought to the presbytery and kept safe for you—honest! Thank you to all of those who have purchased already and thereby helped the parish! What better excuse do you need to have a drink?

<https://www.stockport-gin.com/stpeters>

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 24th FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AT ST PETER'S

Saturday 23rd at 12 noon Sunday 24th at 8 30 and 10 00 a.m.

AT ST PHILIP'S

Saturday 23rd at 6 00 p.m.

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY AT ST PETER'S

Christmas Eve at 6 00 p.m. Children's Mass with TOAST and 10 00 p.m.

Christmas Day at 8 30, 10 00 (Family Mass) and 11 30 a.m. **NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

CHRISTMAS DAY AT ST PHILIP'S

Christmas Eve at 8 00 p.m and the Syro Malabar Community will have Mass at 11 30 p.m.

Christmas Day at 10 00 a.m.

POPE'S INTENTIONS

**DECEMBER 2023
FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES:**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation

**THE WORD
OF GOD**

FIRST READING:

ISAIAH 40:

1-5. 9-11:

PSALM 84

**LET US SEE, O
LORD, YOUR
MERCY AND GIVE
US YOUR SAVING
HELP**

SECOND READING:

2 PETER 3:

8-14

**GOSPEL ACC
Jesus is Lord
ALLELUIA!**

**Jesus shall
come, ALLELUIA!
Prepare a way
For the Lord
Jesus shall
come Alleluia
Make straight
the path for
him**

**Jesus shall
come, ALLELUIA!
Jesus is Lord
ALLELUIA!
Jesus shall
come, ALLELUIA!
ALLELUIA!**

GOSPEL READNG:

MARK 1: 1-8

**MAKE HIS
PATHS
STRAIGHT**

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

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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ADVENT WEEK 2

Divine Office Psalter Week 2

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Saturday 9th December 2023

11– 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12 Noon In Thanksgiving DF

6.00 pm Kenneth Savage RIP

Readings: Isaiah 30: 19-21.23-26; Psalm 146; Matthew 9: 35-10: 1. 6-8

Sunday 10th December 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30 am Alan Goulden RIP

10.00 am People of the Parish

11 00 am St Philips Mass in Syro Malabar Rite

6.00 pm Jodie Claire Turton

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-5. 9-11: Psalm 84; 2Peter 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8

CHOIR

FOLK GROUP

PRAISE BE

Monday 11th December 2023—St. Damascus

12 Noon Gerald McDonald RIP

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 84; Luke 5: 17-26

Tuesday 12th December 2023—Our Lady of Guadalupe

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Derek Rhodes

2.30 pm Crematorium Service for Margaret Grayshon

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 95; Matthew 18: 12-14

Wednesday 13th December 2023—St. Lucy

9.15 am John and Wladyslava Williams

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Isaiah 40: 25-31; Psalm 102; Matthew 11: 28-30

Thursday 14th December 2023 - St John of the Cross

12 Noon Michael Fisher RIP

Readings: Isaiah 41: 13-20; Psalm 144; Matthew 11: 11-15

Friday 15th December 2023

12 Noon: John Burke RIP

6.00 - 8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Readings : Isaiah 48: 17-19; Psalm 1; Matthew 11: 16-19

Saturday 16th December 2023

11– 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12 Noon Neil Davies RIP

6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips -Sheila Smith—Thank you

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-4.9-11; Psalm 79; Matthew 17: 10-13

Sunday 17th December 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.00 am Stanley MacGlashan RIP

11 00 am St Philips Mass in Syro Malabar Rite

2 30 pm PARISH CAROL SERVICE

6.00 pm Joseph Erinjeri RIP

Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-2. 10-11; Psalm Luke 1: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8. 19-28

JUNIOR CHOIR

PIANO

NOTICE FOR ALL READERS

The Christmas readers' rota is now up and running for the Christmas Day Masses at 8.30, 10 and 11.30am. If you are available, please sign up the usual way.

Your prayers are asked for

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Joyce Sadler, Jodie Turton, Mary Mulkeen, Fred Ford, Patricia Taylor, Frances McCartney, Terence Smith, Patricia Bracken, Bernard Davies, Nancy Hardiman, Anton McPartland, Captain Peter Marsland, Mary McLoughlin, Graham Hancock, Tom Helicon, Stanley MacGlashan.

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 Fr Bill Fitzgerald from Holy Spirit Marple who is due to have heart surgery this week.

Lately Dead. Derek Rhodes whose Requiem Mass will be on December 12th at 12 noon and Margaret Grayshon whose funeral will be at the Crematorium on Tuesday at 2 30 p.m. and Tony di Georgio who died suddenly last Tuesday night and whose funeral is to be arranged

Baptism: Welcome to Louis Thomas Newcombe who was baptised last Sunday

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR B) Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Take time to reflect on the people who echo the message of John the Baptist today, who help you, others, to come to know Christ.
3. Ask the Lord to guide you this Advent in the ways in which you might respond to his call to repentance, to turn around and go more faithfully in God's direction.

For Conversation:

'The beginning of the Good News...' How might you continue this Good News this coming week?



BEREAVEMENT If you would like any further information please contact the office admin@stpetershazलगrove.org.uk or ring Helen 07854928072.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE The dates for the next course will be 7th and 21st January 2024. Please contact justasec55@hotmail.com to book a place on the course. The course is an opportunity to reflect on the parent's role as the first teachers of the faith and to meet other families who are also preparing for their child's baptism.

LAMBS CHRISTMAS PARTY will be **TODAY** Sunday the 10th of December between 4pm and 6pm In the Parish Centre, we will have some special visitors and lots of fun. We hope you are in good voice we will be singing.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT—AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

St. Peter's annual Parish Christmas Concert is on Friday 15th December at 7.30 in the Parish Centre. Come along and get into the Christmas spirit, listen to our choirs, band and recorder group and join in our annual famous rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas! Only £5 (children free)! Bar available. A lot of hard work has gone into preparing this so do come along

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The Parish Carol Service will take place next Sunday December 17th at 2 30 p.m. In church. This is always a special occasion so come along and bring somebody with you.

PIETY STALL

We have a new selection of cards for all occasions for sale in the Piety Stall, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Sympathy and many others.

We are very much in 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.

NOT GOT OTHER PLANS ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

You are invited to enjoy a traditional, home cooked Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, free of charge, at Hazel Grove Methodist Church, Wesley Street, Stockport SK7 4JQ from **12 noon until 4pm** on Monday 25 December.

Come on your own or with a neighbour, friend or family member. Children are welcome, indeed ALL are welcome! Transport can be arranged if necessary. Please book early (ideally by 18 Dec) by leaving your contact details for Marion by phone on 07731 840466

or by Email: bookings@hazलगrovemethodists.co.uk and someone will be in touch with you.

CARDS Birthday, Occasion and Christmas cards will be available after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on the following dates: 3rd, 10th and 17th December. The cards are all handmade and reasonably priced (50p - £2.50). All of the proceeds go to charities and other good causes mostly in the local area so this is a good chance to obtain individual cards and help others at the same time. Many of the cards can be personalised with names / ages etc if required. Thank you for your ongoing support.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

There are still a few places available at the St Peter's Helpers Christmas lunch on Tuesday, 12 December from 1.00 - 3.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact Margaret 07504 708 981 by Wednesday, 06 December if you (or someone you know) would like to attend. There is no charge for attending but there will be an opportunity to make a voluntary contribution if you wish.

STOCKPORT LIBRARIES

Do you or someone you know struggle to visit the library due to health issues or caring commitments?

Stockport's Home Library Service can deliver your choice of books, talking books and DVDs direct to your door in the Stockport area completely free of charge.

For more information please contact us on 0161 474 5600 or homelibraryservice@stockport.gov.uk and speak to one of our friendly members of staff.

Understanding Autism Group

Save The Date : Church Open Afternoon, January 27th 2024, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

For most of us, we look forward to our church Christmas services, the music, crowds in church, different services, the flowers, the lights all add to an excitement in church. But for some people, just one of these factors will result in increased anxiety and coming into church may be really difficult.

On Saturday 27th January we will be opening the church for anyone who would like a calm, Autism friendly visit. Join us in sensory prayer. Enjoy some refreshments. More details to follow.

ST PETER'S HELPERS Can you help us find the following items for people in need who we are working with and who have limited means?

1. A portable electronic piano keyboard that they no longer need, for a musical teenage learner who does not have access to one.
2. A double buggy for a 12 month and a two year old, or a buggy with a buggy board.

If you're able to help please contact

stpetershelpers@gmail.com

St Peters Scouts and Guides group NEEDS you! You Make all the difference

Help young people in Hazel Grove step up and dream big.

#skillsforlife

If you are free for 2 hours on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening, contact Samantha Panjeta. 2nd Hazel Grove Scout Leader on 07748308514 or email samantha.panjeta@ladybrookvalleyscouts.org.uk for Cubs (Tuesday) and Scouts (Wednesday) or Liz Luddington for Brownies (Monday)

CAFOD's Christmas Fun Run is back this year on Wednesday 27th December in Bollington, Macclesfield. Is there a keen runner in our Parish who could take part and collect sponsorship from fellow parishioners? Or maybe you could get a team of budding runners (or walkers!) to take part. Individual, child and family registrations are available. To register, visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun>

We are also in urgent need of volunteers to help out on the day: <https://cafod.org.uk/volunteer/volunteering-opportunities/short-term-volunteering>