

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1131.43 Online giving last month came to around £1100 per week . Thank you to those who have done the on line giving. St. Philips Offertory amounted to £180.81 plus £340 from direct debits during the month of December. We also received £ 376.33 through the card machine during December 2023

Thank you for the Crib Offerings of £240-80p at StPeters and £91-34 at St Philip’s

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**.

CHURCH CLEANING IN ST PETERS Team 3 are on duty this week. Volunteers for St Philips are requested

CHURCHES IN OFFERTON

St Alban’s Parish Church and the Dialstone Lane Methodist Church are running the Lent course is on Monday evenings starting Monday 19th Feb, 7.30pm-9pm at Dialstone Lane Methodist Church. They will be looking at one of the York courses – Glimpes of God: Hope for Today’s World by David Winter. There’s no preparation to do – people can just turn up ready to have a conversation. They wish particularly to extend an invitation to the parishioners of St Philip’s

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Fr.Pat Munroe will be spiritual leader to pilgrims interested in a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady in Bosnia Herzegovina, 17th-24th September 2024. It now attracts over 2.2 million annually. The Pilgrimage will be organised with Manchester based Northern Star renowned for quality in Pilgrimages with excellent guides. Eight days at £695. Single Supplement is available. There is an information meeting on Tuesday, 23rd January at Hugh's Church 7.45 pm (Mass 7.00pm) WA14 5HL. Fr.Pat's reflection on Medjugorje can be found on the following link <https://www.sthughandstjohntimperley.co.uk/m/index.htm>

2nd HAZEL GROVE SCOUTS—GROUP CHAIRMAN

As part of the support structure for the Scout Group there is an Executive Committee which at the moment is in need of a Chairperson. The local Scout Association would like such a person to be from the Church community so if there is anyone who would like to explore this possibility a bit more either speak to Fr Peter or to Samantha Panjeta whose contact details are below.

SCOUT LEADERS NEEDED

As Scouts we believe in preparing our young people with skills for life. 2nd Hazel Grove Scout Group meets in the hut at the back corner of the car park. We are looking for leaders to help us to run our Brownies, Scouts and Cubs sections - If you can spare an hour a week, and the odd weekend, to help our young people - please email

samantha.panjeta@ladybrookvalleyscouts.org.uk or ring Samantha on 07748308514

Meeting Times

- Brownies - Monday - 6.30pm to 7.45pm
- Cubs - Tuesday - 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- Guides - Tuesday - 7.45pm to 9.15pm
- Beavers - Wednesday - 6:00pm - 7:15pm
- Scouts - Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm

SECONDARY SCHOOL VACANCIES

ST JAMES HIGH SCHOOL IN CHEADLE HULME have a vacancy for a lay chaplain and the full details are available on the school website <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs/>
Closing Date: Friday 23rd February 2024, 12 noon Interviews: Wednesday 28th February 2024

ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE in Macclesfield are looking for a Faculty Leader for Religious Education. The full details are on the notice board in the porch.
Closing Date: Thursday 8 February 2024 @ 12 noon
Interviews: Tuesday 13 February 2024

From Fr Peter

One or two have said to me recently that I must be due a holiday and indeed I am! So I shall be off for a few days this week and next and Fr Myers will be here next weekend. I am grateful to Fr Tony McGrath from Heald Green and Canon Rafferty who are celebrating this week’s Requiem Masses.
Have a good week and try to keep warm!

Fr Peter

**POPE’S INTENTIONS
FOR JANUARY 2024
THE GIFT OF
DIVERSITY IN THE
CHURCH**
We pray the the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms with the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

**THE WORD
OF GOD**

**FIRST READING:
1 SAMUEL 3:

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 MESSIAH-
WHICH MEANS
THE CHRIST-
GRACE AND
TRUTH HAVE
COME THROUGH
HIM
ALLELUIA!**
**GOSPEL READNG:
JOHN 1: 35-42**

**‘LOOK
THERE IS
THE LAMB
OF GOD’**

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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**ORDINARY TIME WEEK II
Divine Office Psalter Week II**

**ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL
BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM www.churchservices.tv/stockport**

Saturday 13th January 2024 - St. Hilary
11– 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Aloysia and Fritz Stoerr RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Patricia Hartigan
6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass
Readings: 1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19.10:1; Psalm 20; Mark 2: 13-17
Sunday 14th January 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Mary Burke RIP ORGAN
10.00 am People of the Parish JUNIOR CHOIR
11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
6.00 pm Bernard & Ann Clarke PRAISE BE
Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 3-10,19; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15. 17-20; John 1: 35-42
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE
Monday 15th January 2024
12 Noon Kathleen Zwierink RIP
Readings: 1 Samuel 15: 16-23; Psalm 49; Mark 2: 18-22
Tuesday 16th January 2024
12 Noon Requiem Mass for Richard and Philomena Gavillet
Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 88;Mark 2: 23-28
Wednesday 17th January 2024—St. Anthony
12 noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 143; Mark 3: 1-6
Thursday 18th January 2024
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Samuel 18: 6-9.19: 1-7; Psalm 55; Mark 3: 7-12
THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
Begins today and ends of 25th January
Friday 19th January 2024—St. Wulstan
11.00 am Requiem Mass for Jean Green (NOTE TIME)
Readings : 1 Samuel 24: 3-21; Psalm 56; Mark 3: 13-19
Saturday 20th January 2024 - St. Fabian and Sebastian
11– 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Joseph Cheetham RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Anne Bailey - Birthday Intention
6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass
Readings: 2 Samuel 1: 1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27; Psalm 79; Mark 3: 20-21
Sunday 21st January 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am People of the Parish ORGAN
10.00 am Vera,Derek and Angela Rhodes RIP FOLK GROUP
11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
6.00 pm Wilhelmina Roberts CHOIR
Readings: Jonah 3: 1-5,10; Psalm 24; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD (POPE FRANCIS 2019)
Day of Special Prayer for Openness to the Word of God

Your prayers are asked for

RECENTLY DECEASED Richard and Phyllis Gavillet, their Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 16th January at Noon, Jean Green whose Requiem Mass will be on Friday January 19th at **11 00 a.m.**, and **Cyril Nield whose Requiem Mass will be at Holy Spirit, Marple on Wednesday January 31st at 11 30 a.m.**

The Funeral of Fr Paul Lomas will be at Christ Church Heald Green with a Vigil Mass on Thursday February 1st at 7 00 p.m. and the Requiem Mass on Friday February 2nd at 12 noon

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Sarah Duffy, Gerard White, Sarah Kelly, Jacqueline James, Daniel Ryan, William Cartwright, Bridget Barnfield, James Holtom, Sheila Carter, Julia Knott, Mary McClumsky, James Turner, Joan Bloomfield, Martha Nutt, Margaret Fosdick, Tony Sheehan.

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 convalescing after heart surgery

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 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.

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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next get together will be on Friday 26th January for an Unwanted Christmas Gift Raffle, Bingo and Winter Afternoon Tea, at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like any further information please contact the office admin@stpetershazeltgrove.org.uk or ring Helen 07854928072. You are welcome to come to the group no matter how recently or in the past you have lost a love one.

REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY LAND - John McKay and Jonathan Goodfellow recently visited the Holy Land arriving back 2 days before the terrible events of October 7th. Come and hear something of their reflections as they experienced this beautiful land through the lens of John's Gospel. **Thursday 18th January 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre.** All welcome.

CAFOD SPONSORED WALK

Tim Smart and granddaughter Francesca would like to thank everyone who contributed to the CAFOD Bollington fun run sponsorship. With some money yet to come we have collected £1065 + £70 gift aid. A remarkable amount from a lot of generous people.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE on Saturday 3rd February 2024

We welcome the whole parish community, whether single or married, to celebrate this event. It will be a celebration of community that lies at the heart of the sacrament of Marriage. Please bring your family with you. As a Parish, we're looking to celebrate and support marriage, as well as supporting those people who experience difficulties, including divorce, separation and bereavement. A service with reflections, music and an opportunity to renew your marriage vows will take place in church at 2pm - continuing with a shared table (bring a plate of food - sweet or savoury to share if you're able) in the Parish Centre. We would wish to particularly invite non-Catholic husbands/wives to take part in this occasion. We are hoping to gather as many wedding photographs as possible - please let us have these by January 28th (box in Sacristy), so that we can decide how best to display them.

WALKING GROUP next walk Sunday 21st January, meet at Devonshire Arms Mellor at 10 am and meal at 12.30 afterwards.

RCIA next meeting 22nd January 7.pm in Presbytery.

VOCATIONS FOR WOMEN

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 16-18 February 2024

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

FOOTSTEPS BEGINS ON Thursday 8 February

Our 2024 programme of informal talks starts in the **parish centre on Thursday, 8 February at 7.30pm** and we're delighted to welcome again **James Gallogly**, the Managing Chaplain at HM Prison Manchester. He has chosen as his topic: **Looking for light and faith inside prison.** Do come and hear him share some insight into the nature of his work and how he walks alongside the men in prison. We offer a relaxed café-style setting, drinks and nibbles and an interesting, friendly and thought-provoking evening for people of all denominations, celebrating what unites us as we live our faith. We'd be delighted to welcome you.

ST PETER'S HELPERS

Refugee clothing appeal Sunday 21/1/24

We are looking for the following specific items only please, to distribute to refugees in need.

Please bring these to the church car park between 11-12noon on Sunday 21/1 and we can load them directly into cars.

Girls clothing aged 4-12

Boys clothing aged 4-12

Coats for adults and children

Trainers for adults and children, especially ladies 6-7 and mens 8-9

We do not currently need any adult clothing except for coats, thank you. More info from stpetershelpers@gmail.com

Cuppa and chat Thurs 18th January 2.00-3.30

A great excuse to get out of the house and have a lovely afternoon. You don't have to be a parishioner, all are welcome. We may be able to help with a lift. Donations of cakes are also welcome. No need to book, any queries contact stpetershelpers@gmail.com or leave a message with the church office.

HAND MADE CARDS

Hand made birthday and occasion cards will once again be on sale in the Parish centre on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month beginning on 14 January. The cards are reasonably priced (50p - £2.50) and many can be personalised with ages and/or names if required. All of the proceeds are used to support good causes - mostly in the local area. Thank you all for your on-going support.

FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Most people find the Old Testament rather dead, but we know it should be important. How are we to find God's voice in such an ancient and obscure (let's be honest) book?

Come and See! - a journey across the desert with **David O'Neill**. Everyone welcome starting on Thursday 25th January 7.30 PM - 9 PM in the Parish Centre.

(Save the dates;- Series 1 - starts on Thursday 25th January; 1st February and then will continue during Lent on Thursdays 22nd + 29th February; 7th + 14th March.)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Lenten Parish Day on Saturday March 2nd 9 30 a.m. —4 00 p.m.with David Wells

You can look up his website at <https://davidwellslive.com/about-david/>

He is a brilliant speaker whom everyone will enjoy and learn from.

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

On Saturday 27th January 2.00pm to 4.00pm, we are opening our Church to all those who may find coming into church a struggle. For those who may have mobility difficulties, sensory difficulties, Autism, Anxiety or Mental Health difficulties, those with dementia and those with hidden difficulties. Please come and see what we are doing to be a parish that is more inclusive. Come with your family, friends, carers and have some refreshments. We will have some activities for young family members too.

The church will reflect a sense of calm but we are hoping to have some special visitors in the form of Assistance dogs.

A timetable for the afternoon will be available.

Please invite all those you feel could benefit from joining us, drop in or stay longer with us. For further information please contact Maura Beesley on 07876345483, email mkbeesley@aol.com

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