

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1603.26 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 £198.73plus £340 from direct debits during the month of December. We also received £198.73 through the card machine during December 2023

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 4 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.sthughandstjohnntimperley.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**

THE ROBIN SINGERS AND SVITTOCH CHAMBER CHOIR

Concert in the Parish Centre, Saturday 3rd February at 7.30 pm. Local Bramhall choir The Robins Singers and Svitoch Chamber Choir are giving an evening concert. You’ll recognise a few singers from our parish choir and our organist Christopher Ellis is the accompanist.

Tickets are £10, available on the door or online at <https://bit.ly/robins-svitoch-2024> or via the Parish Office admin@stpetershazलगrove.org.uk

There will be a raffle in aid of the Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal organised by CAFOD.

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:
JONAH 3:1-5,10.

PSALM 24
LORD,MAKE ME KNOW YOUR WAYS

SECOND READING:
1CORINTHIANS 7: 29-31

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA!
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THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS CLOSE AT HAND;BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS
ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL READNG:
MARK 1: 14-20
‘FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN’

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 III
Divine Office Psalter Week III

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

Saturday 20th January 2024 - St. Fabian and Sebastion

- 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

Monday 22nd January 2024 - St. Vincent

- 12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
- Readings: 2 Samuel 5: 1-7,10 Psalm 88; Mark 3: 22-30

Tuesday 23rd January 2024

- 12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
- Readings: 2 Samuel 6: 12-15, 17-19; Psalm 23; Mark 3: 31-35

Wednesday 24th - St. Frances de Sales

- 12 noon Service of Word and Communion
- Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 4-17; Psalm 88; Mark 4: 1-20

Thursday 25th January 2024 - The Conversion of St. Paul

- 12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
- Readings: Acts 22: 3-16;Psalm 116;Mark 16: 15-18

Friday 26th January 2024 - Ss Timothy and Titus

- 12 Noon John Grogan RIP - Birthday memories
- Readings : 2 Timothy 1: 1-8; Psalm 95; Luke 10: 1-9

Saturday 27th January 2024 - St. Angela Merici

- 11– 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
- 12 Noon Cyril Nield RIP
- 6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Peter Davies RIP
- 6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass
- Readings: 2 Samuel 12: 1-7,10-17; Psalm 50; Mark 4: 35-41

Sunday 28th January 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8.30 am Margaret Gresty RIP ORGAN
- 10.00 am Vito Angrisani RIP TOAST
- 11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
- 6.00 pm People of the Parish BARBARA
- Readings: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 94; 1Corinthians 7: 32-35

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE



Your prayers are asked for

RECENTLY DECEASED Cyril Nield whose Requiem Mass will be at Holy Spirit, Marple on Wednesday January 31st at 11 30 a.m. Kirstie Bain
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: Patrick O'Callaghan, Anne Irene Walker, Felix Norton, Joseph Cheetham, Joyce Beryl Worne, Carmel Panter, Maureen Joyce, Colette Sellars, Eileen Pritchard, Laurence Glazier, Eddie Holdaway, Peter Hinde.

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mark 1:14–20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men'. And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.

2. Picture the scene...Imagine yourself along the shore watching all that is happening...Watching Jesus... What is it about Jesus that draws such an immediate response?

3. Take time just to be with Jesus...becoming aware of his call to you ...your response.

For Conversation:

Leaving their nets, leaving their father...

What following Jesus requires you to leave behind.

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

CAFOD fun run. The final total for Tim and Francesca is £1336.14 + gift aid. Thanks again.

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.

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.

LAMBS additional needs group will meet in the Parish centre on Sunday the 26th of November between 4pm and 6pm. For further information please call Jaqueline on 07984340367.

ST. JOSEPHS'S PARISH MISSION - 3 Days of Healing, details on the noticeboard at the back of Church.

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 **TODAY**

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

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.

EXPLORING INCLUSION, AN OPEN EVENT

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

Google form: <https://forms.gle/YJCa2mmgYdvv5pVGA>

DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL— 'Sing a New Song' You are invited to come along and sing as part of a diocesan choir. Learn music throughout the day and lead the singing for Mass at 5pm. We will learn Schutz: Praise to you Lord Jesus, Schubert: Mass in G and more, on Saturday 24 February, 10.30am-4.30pm with Mass beginning at 5pm. At St Anthony's, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR. Refreshments and registration from 10.30am, rehearsals begin at 11am. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch. The cost is £5 per person, payable on the day. Book by completing the form at [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/DIOCESANCHOIRFESTIVAL](http://tinyurl.com/diocesanchoirfestival) The deadline for bookings is Friday 16 February. For more information contact reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org