

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £935.63 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 £355 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**.

The **Annual Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund** will be taken on the weekend of Sunday February 11th. This fund helps to provide for our retired priests with provision of somewhere to live and a small pension. It becomes a more important collection as the years go by!!

CHURCH CLEANING IN ST PETERS Team 5 are on duty this week. Volunteers for St Philips are requested

CHURCHES TOGETHER 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 – Glimpses 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 CHAIRPERSON

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 8th February 2024 @ 12 noon

Interviews: Tuesday 13th 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@stpetershazeltgrove.org.uk

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

ST PHILIPS FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Meet every Friday at 10-12 am tea/coffee/biscuits

FROM FR PETER

It was good to be away last weekend and equally good to be back. Thanks to everyone who kept things going.

Cheer up, it will soon be Lent!!

Fr Peter

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2024 FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment

THE WORD

FIRST READING:

**Deuteronomy 18:
15-20**

PSALM 94

**O THAT TODAY
YOU WOULD
LISTEN TO HIS
VOICE!
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEARTS**

SECOND READING:

**1 Corinthians
7: 32-35**

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION AL-
LELUIA!
ALLELUIA!**

**THE PEOPLE THAT
LIVED IN
DARKNESS HAVE
SEEN A GREAT
LIGHT; ON THOSE
WHO DWELL IN THE
LAND AND
SHADOW OF DEATH
A LIGHT HAS
DAWNED
ALLELUIA!
ALLELUIA!**

GOSPEL READING:

MARK 1: 21-28

**'HERE IS A
TEACHING
THAT IS
NEW'**

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

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK IV

Divine Office Psalter Week IV

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

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

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; 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35 Mark 1: 21-28

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Monday 29th January 2024

12 Noon David Brotherton RIP

Readings: 2 Samuel 15; 13-14, 30. 16: 5-13; Psalm 3; Mark 5: 1-20

Tuesday 30th January 2024

12 Noon Winifred Moran RIP

Readings: 2 Samuel 18: 9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3; Psalm 85; Mark 5: 21-43

Wednesday 31st January 2024 –St. John Bosco

9 15 am Mass at St Philip's Peter and Christine Smith

11.30 am Requiem Mass for Cyril Nield at the Holy Spirit Marple

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: 2 Samuel 24: 8-17; Psalm 31; Mark 6: 1-6

Thursday 1st February 2024

12 Noon Jenny Love RIP - Birthday Memories

Readings: 1 Kings 2: 1-4,10-12; Psalm 1 Chronicles 29; Mark 6: 7-13

Friday 2nd February 2024 The Presentation of the Lord

6.00 -8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Mary Burke RIP

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalm 23; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2L 22-40

Saturday 3rd February 2024 - St. Werburgh

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

12 Noon John Waring RIP

2.00 pm Celebration of Marriage and Family and Family Life

6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Special Intention

6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass

Readings: 1 Kings 3: 4-13; Psalm 118; Mark 6: 30-34

Sunday 4th February 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30 am Joe Naya RIP

CHOIR

10.00 am People of the Parish

FOLK GROUP

11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite

6.00 pm Philip Howarth RIP

BARBARA

Readings: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19,22-23 Mark 1: 29-39



Your prayers are asked for

RECENTLY DECEASED Kirstie Bain whose Funeral Service will be here on 5th February at 1.30 pm
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: Joseph Monaghan, Elizabeth Purcell, Mary Hayward, John Ready, Margaret Gresty, Thomas Mercer, Dorothy Jones ,Bernadette Sharp, Margaret ‘Peggy’ Bowden, Christine Bartley, Anne Ostrowska, Sheila Hart, Thomas Dorrian, Neville Holt, Ken Lamb, Margaret Lappin, Ralph Jackson

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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Mark 1:21–28

They went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. As you imagine the scene, take time to recall the power of God’s Word in your own life.
3. Spend time quietly praying for enlightenment about the ways you might oppose evil in the world today – and the courage to do so.

For Conversation:

People today who proclaim God’s Word with authority today – their impact on society

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next get together will be on 6th February at 2.00 pm when we will be having a Reflection and Refreshments If you would like any further information please contact the office admin@stpetershazelgrove.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

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. David is going to base the day on

Pilgrims of Hope – How to live our faith in a perplexed and broken world

Part One: The Challenge to live Authentically

Part Two: The Challenge to Listen and Discern

These titles will focus our attention on the culture we live in, the challenge to be happy in our own skins and the missionary call to hear the cries of the poor.

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 **TODAY** Sunday the 28th of January 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

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

26 July—01 August

25 July—02 August

air

overland

Full details and booking forms can be downloaded from

www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk/BROCHURE---FORMS

Or speak with Fr Peter. For the YOUTH SECTION (ages 16-22) see Fr Peter

APPEAL FOR THE DEPAUL TRUST who work for homeless young people.

For many years at this time of the year we have collected for the De Paul Trust, an organisation looking after homeless young people in the North of England, and the parish has always responded magnificently. This year De Paul has specified very particularly that they are very much in need of cutlery and crockery especially cups and bowls, and the whole range of toiletries especially shampoos and shower gel.

NO RAZORS PLEASE. The collection will remain open for two weeks from 5th February. Please respond with your usual generosity and leave your offerings at the back of Church. If you are unable to get them to the Church, please phone 483 8296 and we will arrange for collection. Thank you!

SPY (St Peter’s Youth) are meeting next Sunday 4th February after 6PM Mass in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. Open to all young people of high school age and above.

We have young people from year 7 through to college age who attend regularly.

Come along for Faith sharing, friendship and fun and of course food! (7pm - 8.30 pm) All welcome.

SHINE SHINE SHINE – CALL FOR ARTICLES

We are hoping to produce the next issue of Shine in time for Easter, which this year is at the end of March. So it’s time to think about putting pen to paper/fingers to the keyboard and send us your contribution to the parish magazine. Please send your articles and photos to terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk by **Sunday 25 February**. As you’ll see in previous issues of Shine which can all be found at the bottom of the home page of our website, it’s a great way of sharing what’s going on in our parish communities in Offerton and Hazel Grove, what hobbies you might have, what your parish group has been doing etc. If you haven’t got Email don’t let that stop you – just hand your papers and photos to Fr Peter in an envelope marked for Terry Thiele. It’s time to Shine!