

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £884.86 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 £205.94 We also received £373.55 through the card machine during January 2024

The collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund amounted to £339-60 from St Philip's and £1848-51 from St Peters and some more contributions have come in this week. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all who contributed and there's still time if you missed it last week!

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 2 are on duty this week. Volunteers for St Philips are requested  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH at 2pm**

This years' service for the Hazel Grove churches will be held at the Methodist church, Wesley Street. Everyone is invited men, women, young and old. Tea, coffee and cake will be served afterwards.

The service this year had already been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine prior to the outbreak of the war in the area. The theme they have chosen is **"I BEG YOU TO BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE"** At this very difficult time for the Palestinians as well the Syrians, Yemenis and Ukrainians please come and join with Christians around the world to pray for peace and justice on earth. If you are unable to attend the service maybe you could set an alarm on your phone for 2 pm and say a little pray for peace.

**LENTEN LUNCHES** Its that time of year again for Soup and a bread roll after midday Mass on a Friday. We will be starting on the 23rd February. If you would like to offer to make a pan of soup, please contact Helen on 07854928072. This year we will, once again, be donating to St. Philips Foodbank.

**CAFOD Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal**

The Robins Singers and the Svitoch Ukranian Choir would like to thank everyone who supported our joint concert on the 3rd February and especially for the most generous collection of £510 for the CAFOD Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal. We are especially indebted to the Parishioners at St. Peter's for their devoted efforts and the Parish Centre Staff for making the evening such an enjoyable and worthwhile success.

**LAMBS** meets again on Sunday the 25th of February at 4pm until 6pm for our usual Disco. We also will be decorating hearts.

**ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB - Please see the Parish Website (details back next week)**

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

**ST PHILIPS FRIENDSHIP GROUP** - Meet every Friday at 10-12 am tea/coffee/biscuits . The group have now raised £350 towards Parish funds.

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

**VACANCY** St Chad's RC Church are looking to appoint a Housekeeper/Cook for 8 hours per week with potentially more hours in future. The role is based at the presbytery at St Chad's, Stockport Road, Cheadle, SK8 2AF. Hourly rate: £12.50 per hour, Days/Hours Worked: Mondays and Thursdays 9am-1pm, Permanent Position. Role will include both cooking and cleaning. For the job description and information on how to apply, please email [stchadscheadle@gmail.com](mailto:stchadscheadle@gmail.com) . Deadline for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

**HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STAFF VACANCIES:** Please visit the school website ([www.harrytownschool.org](http://www.harrytownschool.org)) to see the current job vacancies. We are currently advertising for a Deputy Head, a Learning Mentor and an Art & Design Technology Technician.

**ST. PHILIPS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is looking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Headteacher from September 2024. More information can be found on the following websites:

Greater Jobs: <https://www.greater.jobs>

TES: <https://www.tes.com/jobs/>

**From Fr Peter**

We won't talk about Tuesday night other than to say the boys were woeful! Thank you for your generosity last weekend to the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund, I hope to be able to give a final figure next week but it has already gone up by more than £500. Is that a hint?

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 OF GOD**

**FIRST READING: GENESIS 9; 8-15**

**PSALM 18 YOUR WAYS, LORD, ARE FAITHFULNESS AND LOVE FOR THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT**

**SECOND READING: Peter 3: 18-22**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**PRaise TO YOU, O CHRIST, KING OF ETERNAL GLORY! MAN DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, KING OF ETERNAL GLORY!**

**GOSPEL READING: MARK 1: 12-15**

**REPENT, AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS**

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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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Divine Office Psalter Week 1  
**ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL**

**BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM [www.churchservices.tv/stockport](http://www.churchservices.tv/stockport)**

**Saturday 17th February 2024**

11– 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Dan and Mary Mulkeen RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips -Sean O'Dwyer RIP  
6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass  
Readings: Isaiah 58: 9-14; Psalm 85; Luke 5: 27-32

**Sunday 18th February 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.30 am Mike Fogarty ORGAN  
10.00 am Moira Burnett RIP FOLK GROUP  
11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite  
6.00 pm People of the Parish CHOIR  
Readings: Genesis 9: 8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 12-15

**Monday 19th February 2024**

12 Noon John Henaghan RIP  
1.00 pm Funeral Service for Barbara Caudwell  
Readings: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25: 31-46

**Tuesday 20th February 2024**

12 Noon Sheila Pye RIP  
Readings: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 33; Matthew 6: 7-15

**Wednesday 21st February 2024—St. Peter Damian**

9.15 am Mass at St Philip's - Dennis Barker  
12 noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Jonah 3: 1-10; Psalm 50; mLuke 11: 29-32

**Thursday 22nd February 2024 - Chair of St. Peter**

12 Noon Nick Hewitt Intention  
Readings: 1 Peter 5: 1-4; Psalm 22; Matthew 16: 13-19

**Friday 23rd February 2024—St. Polycarp**

12 Noon Joseph Fernando RIP  
Readings : Ezekiel 18: 21-28; Psalm 129; Matthew 5: 20-26  
6 00 - 8 00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE NEEDY AND HUNGRY OF THE WORLD**

**Saturday 24th February 2024**

11– 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Terry Cunningham RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Birthday Blessing  
6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass  
Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19; Psalm 118; Matthew 5: 43-48

**Sunday 25th February 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.30 am Barbara Binnie RIP ORGAN  
10.00 am Anne Blythe RIP TOAST  
11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite  
6.00 pm People of the Parish BARBARA  
Readings: Genesis 22: 1-2. 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8: 31-34; Mark 9: 2-10

**During Lent we keep in our prayers those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil which will be on Saturday March 30th at 8 00 p.m.**

**AVAILABLE TODAY**  
The Pope's message for Lent, the Bishop's Pastoral Letter for the first Sunday of Lent and the Cafod Message for Family Fast Day are all available on a separate sheet and on the Parish Website  
Family Fast Day Collection will be taken on Easter Sunday

## Your prayers are asked for

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Barbara Caudwell whose Funeral Service is will be here on 19th February at 1.00 pm, Veronica Morrissey whose Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady's, Shaw Heath, Stockport at 12 noon on Friday 23rd February

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Patricia Moriarty, John Buttle, Colin Carter, Dennis Byrne, John Henaghan, William Grace, Theresa Maher, Sheila Pye, Margaret Bradwell, Arthur Rhodes, Margaret Keegan, Teresa Sellars, Teresa Mercer, Matthew Coleing, Margaret Bradley, Helen Cave, Margaret Burgess, Kathleen McLoughlin, Barbara Binnie, Terence McCartney, Carmel Ellis, Derek Doherty

**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.

**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.

### BAPTISM COURSE

Baptism preparation course. The dates for the next two courses are 3rd and 17th March, 28th April and 12th May. Please contact Karen on [justasec55@hotmail.com](mailto:justasec55@hotmail.com) if you would like to book a place. 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. Please note there is no planned course for December.

### 1st Sunday in Lent (Year B) Mark 1:12–15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. 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.'

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine Jesus there in the wilderness...tempted...looked after... What insights do you glimpse about Jesus?
3. Imagine yourself there in the wilderness for forty days... take time to pray for the grace to deepen your awareness of the temptations that face you each day...for the grace to know for what it is that you want to repent this Lenten season...

### For Conversation:

One obstacle to love (in your locality) that you/your community might overturn this Lent.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** Our next meeting will be on March 12th, when we will be having a Lenten Service in Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. During Lent we are meeting on a Friday for the Lenten Lunches after the Midday Mass starting on 23rd February. Our Spring/Summer programme will be available soon.

If you would like any further information please contact the office [admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk](mailto: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 loved one

### 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.

Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT NOR CONFESSIONS NOR MIDDAY MASS ON SATURDAY MARCH 2ND. EXPOSITION ON THAT DAY WILL BEGIN AT AROUND 1 45 P.M. WITH MASS AT 3 00 P.M.**

**SAVE THE DATE 24 hours of Adoration for the centenary of the Parish -**

Friday March 15th midday - Saturday March 16th midday.

This will be a chance to pray especially for our parish. For all who have worked and worshipped here over the last 100 years and for all who will keep the spirit of St Peter's Parish alive in the Hazel Grove community for the next 100 years. A sign up sheet will be available soon.

### FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

The Old Testament course with David O' Neill takes a short break this week to make way for Footsteps and continues during Lent on Thursday 22nd and 29th February; 7th and 14th March. It is not too late to join us.

### 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](mailto: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!

### HOLY YEAR 2025

As is the custom in the church there is a Holy Year every 25 years—plus the odd exceptional one like in 1983 and probably in 2033. As a preparation for next year the Holy Father has asked that this year be a year of prayer in preparation for the Holy Year.

Our Bishop's Conference have produced a useful little booklet on prayer which, at the moment, is available on line at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/previous-events/the-year-of-jubilee-2025/pilgrims-of-prayer/>  
There are different styles of prayer and the booklet simply explains some of them so you may find it useful. If anyone would like a hard copy then we can print it off on our new super printer. There is a hard copy on the notice board in the porch for you to look at but don't take it away please. Our own diocesan website also has some resources <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/faith-and-life/year-of-prayer-resources/>  
No doubt in 2025 we will organize a 'jolly' to Rome!! Sorry I meant pilgrimage!

### SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

If you want to find out what is going on in school then look up [www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk) or [www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk) and click on newsletter

**ST PETER'S HELPERS** would love to welcome new and existing volunteer helpers to our 'SAY HELLO SOCIAL' on **TODAY 18th February at 11.00-12.00** in the Members' Lounge, running alongside the teas and coffees in the main hall. It's a chance to chat together, find out what the different teams are doing and share ideas and feedback. If you're wondering how you might get involved with helping others, come and have a chat (and a brew)! Info: [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com)  
<https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home>

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Light Lunch and Chat this week such a lovely occasion. We had a full room of people enjoying lovely home made soup, sandwiches and cakes. Thank you to everyone who came for sharing your conversation and friendship! If you'd like to get involved as a helper in any capacity, you can register your interest here <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/register-to-volunteer>

### Parish Consultation on Access

We would welcome your comments and improvements on our Parish Access Statement.

We would particularly like to hear from people of all ages, their families or carers, who have any additional access needs, such as mobility or sensory access needs, neurodivergent people, such as autistic people or people with dementia. We are also interested in feedback on any access issues for parents of young children. Please send your responses by 10th March.

You can read our access statement here: [St Peter's Hazel Grove Access Statement](#) and you can give your feedback here: [St Peter's Hazel Grove Access Consultation Feedback Form](#) or by completing a paper copy available at the back of church.

### 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.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** Young people in year 8 and above who are thinking about being Confirmed are invited to come with their parents to a welcome and information session on Sunday 25th February at 5 pm– 6 pm In the Parish Centre meeting room. The young people must bring details of place and date of their Baptism. Any queries please speak to Deacon John after Mass.

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**WALKING GROUP** The next walk will be on the 25th of February. Meet at Chadkirk car park for a 10am start. Walk up to the canal at Marple and return via Canal towards Romiley.