

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1081.67Online 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

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**.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for St Peter's parishioners for 2024/2025 are now available at the back of Church

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 FRIDAY 1st MARCH at 2pm

This years' service for the Hazel Grove churches will be held at the Methodist church, Wesley Street. Every-one 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.

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

Everything is Everything by Clive Myrie is a memoir by a British-born son of Windrush parents, he tells the story of his time working for the BBC reporting in Afghanistan and his experience of racism both in the UK and the USA. **Don't Look Away by Rachel Abbott** is a thriller set in Cornwall. Eleven years ago, Lola vanished and Nancy Holland, her sister, has returned to the cottage in Cornwall where she was last seen - it sounds very creepy! **The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom** sees ten people set adrift on a raft struggling to survive - three days pass and they spot a man floating in the waves, they pull him onto the raft and he whispers that He is the Lord.. This is a fictional account of an encounter with God. We will be meeting again on the 16th April - we usually go to Gnammy's, so if you would like to join us for a post-Lent drink and a lovely meal, please get in touch with Alison McGarr on 07792 107152 If you would like to recommend a good book, once again just let us know, we are always looking for good recommendations.

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

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>

THE CHILDREN AND STAFF OF ST PHILIP'S SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO
Parishioner Coffee Morning

Parishioners of both St Philip's and St Peter's are very welcome to join our children for this event in our school hall.

Wednesday 6th March 9.45-10.45
St Philip's School, Half Moon Ln, Stockport SK2 5LB

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STAFF VACANCIES

Please visit the school website (www.harrytownschool.org) to see current job vacancies. We are currently advertising for : a Deputy Head, a Learning Mentor and an Art and Design Technology Technician– all with a closing date of Monday 26th February 2024. Also a Pastoral Manager (permanent), a Pastoral Manager (maternity cover) and a Teacher of MFL (maternity over) all with a closing date of 4th March 2024.

SCOUTS

Meeting Times for 2nd Hazel Grove Scout Group - St Peter's Scout Hut

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

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

Film Night - THE CHOSEN Series One, Episode 1 & 2 - Showing at Our Lady & the Apostles Social Club, Shaw Heath Stockport SK3 8BD. 7:30pm this Thursday 29th February Synopsis - The serialised stories of Our Lord Jesus Christ & Gospel stories as you have never seen them before. Set in the 1st century, cleverly connecting the Old Testament to the New Testament in a way that is both interesting & entertaining. Episode 1 is starts in 2 BC with the back story of Mary of Magdala, then into Capernaum 28 years later. Nicodemus has his world rocked by a miraculous occurrence. We are also introduced to Matthew, Peter, Andrew, James & John. Come and see - you won't be disappointed. Mass will also be available at 7pm at church prior to the film. See poster. Cost - Donation only.

**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 22:
1-2, 9-13,15-18**

**PSALM
I WILL WALK IN THE
PRESENCE OF THE
LORD IN THE LAND
OF THE LIVING**

**SECOND READING:
Romans 8: 31-34**

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**

**PRAISE TO YOU, O
CHRIST! KING OF
ETERNAL GLORY-
FROM THE BRIGHT
CLOUD THE
FATHER'S VOICE
WAS HEARD:"THIS
IS MY SON, THE
BELOVED. LISTEN
TO HIM!"**

**PRAISE TO YOU, O
CHRIST! KING OF
ETERNAL GLORY**

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

**"TELL NO
ONE WHAT
YOU HAVE
SEEN,UNTIL
AFTER THE
SON OF MAN
HAS RISEN
FROM THE
DEAD"**

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Divine Office Psalter Week 11

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

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

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

Monday 26th February 2024

12 Noon Mary and Bill Kirkham RIP
Readings: Daniel 9: 4-10; Psalm 78; Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday 27th February 2024

12 Noon Bridgid Lally RIP
Readings: Isaiah 1:10.16-20; Psalm 49; Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday 28th February 2024

9.15 am Mass at St Philip's - Marcelle Niemera RIP
12 noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Jeremiah 18: 18-20; Psalm 30; Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday 29th February 2024

12 Noon Jack Morgan RIP
Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1: Luke 16: 19-31

Friday 1st March 2024—St David Patron of Wales

12 Noon Peter Davies RIP
Readings : Philippians 3: 8-14; Psalm 1; Matthew 5: 13-16
6 00 - 8 00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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Saturday 2nd March 2024

1.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**
3.00 pm Mass - Ursula Ventre " " " "
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Lyz Donaghy RIP and deceased relatives
6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass
Readings: Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Psalm 102: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday 3rd March 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am People of the Parish CHOIR
10.00 am Malcolm Jones RIP FOLK GROUP
11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
6.00 pm Deceased members of the O'Malley and Graffey Families BARBARA
Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 18; 1Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 2: 13-25

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.

Your prayers are asked for

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Matthew Coleing, Margaret Bradley, Helen Cave, Margaret Burgess, Derek Doherty, Kathleen McCloughlin, Barbara Binnie, Terence McCartney, Carmel Ellis, Walter Barrett, Herbert Markham, Lillian Sheehan, Peter Shorrocks, Sydney Bradwell, Hubert Travers, Ethel Roche, William Logue, Timothy Carroll, Josephine Slavin, Gerard Gresty, Marjorie MCMahon, Janet Maddocks, John Burgess, Peter Davies, Margaret Clayton, Kathleen Hirst.

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 We welcome into our Parish Community Adam Drury and Cora Drury who were Baptised last Sunday

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 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.

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT (Year B) Mark 9:2–10

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine yourself there with Peter, James and John...notice their reactions...become aware of your own thoughts and feelings... What do you come to know about Jesus?
3. Place yourself alongside Jesus coming down from the mountain...talk with him about all that has happened...about how the experience has affected you... about the impact it has on your Lenten journey towards Easter... Listen to his response

For Conversation:

Sharing moments when you have glimpsed God's glory.

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@stpetershazलगrove.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 **NEXT 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.

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

Many happy returns to Canon Rafferty who for once can celebrate his birthday this year on February 29th, and this year it's a big one!!

FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

The Old Testament course with David O' Neill continues during Lent on 29th February; 7th and 14th March. It is not too late to join us.

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 IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

SHINE SHINE SHINE – CALL FOR ARTICLES

Now that you have started writing your article for the next edition of SHINE you should now be getting to the stage of finishing it and sending your articles and photos to terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk by **Sunday 25 February.**, or at least sometime this week! 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!

HAND MADE CARDS - Birthday and Occasion cards (INCLUDING MOTHER'S DAY AND EASTER CARDS) will be on sale in the Parish Centre after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday, 25 February, 10 March (Mother's Day) and 24 March (Palm Sunday). They will also be available after the 12.00 Mass on 24 February from the Piety stall at the back of Church.

ST. PETER'S HELPERS

Card Making - The next session will take place in the Meeting Room from 10.00 'til 11.30 on Thursday, 07 March. Please let Mary know by Tuesday, 05 March if you wish to attend 01663 762974 or mvbin-nie@gmail.com

Cuppa and Chat - The next session is on Thursday, 14 March from 2.00 'til 3.30 in the Meeting Room - All are welcome.

A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER.

In the Spring we will be having a week of accompanied prayer in our parish as part of our centenary celebrations and in answer to Pope Francis's appeal to make 2024 'a year of prayer'

Our week is planned for Sunday April 21st to Saturday April 27th

Joining in a week of accompanied prayer is a way of making a personal retreat in the midst of daily living and is open to all. The details of how the week is organised are on the poster at the back of the Church and will be shown on our screens.

There is a sign-up sheet in the porch if you are interested in availing of this personal retreat.

EVERYONE is welcome but please do not delay in making your decision as it is important to know the number for which plans need to be made.

To find out more contact Fr. Peter, Deacon John, or Michael O'Malley on 0161 483 8296.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

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

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.

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.

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.