

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £ 1000.62 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 £390.45 We also received £495-35p through the card machine during February 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.**

CHURCH CLEANING IN ST PETERS Team 1 are on duty this week. Volunteers for St Philips are requested

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

EASTER EGGIN If you want to buy liquid Easter eggs for family and friends you can still obtain some St Peter’s Centenary Gin from Stockport Gin <https://www.stockport-gin.com/stpeters>

THANK YOU

Last Sunday at the 10 00 a.m. Mass Lianne Marsh spoke about her fundraising for research into breast cancer. Here is her thank you letter

I wanted to send an email to say a huge thank you for allowing me to speak after mass on Sunday and to hold my fundraising event in the parish centre for my trek to the Himalayas in November, all on aid of raising money for the breast cancer charity, *Coppafeel*.

Having been a member of the parish and community since being little (albeit a bit distant growing up) I should not have doubted the support from everyone at church. I was blown away by the kind words of encouragement from everyone and their generosity to my fundraising. We raised a whopping £897.70 !! My children thoroughly enjoyed getting involved and it proved to my eldest, Leah, that mummy is unstoppable and getting better.

Thank you so much for your support, if I could bottle up the feelings of support, elation and kindness on Sunday, and open it whilst trekking the Himalayas, I’m sure it would give me the strength to push through the challenge.

Thank you. Lianne Marsh

HOLY WEEK AT ST PETER’S AND ST PHILIP’S

Monday March 25th—Wednesday March 27th Mass at 12 noon at St Peters followed by Confessions
(This year the feast of the Annunciation will be celebrated on Monday April 8th)

Tuesday March 26th Presentation of the Easter Story by St Simon’s School in St Peter’s Church at 6 00 p.m.

Wednesday March 27th 9 15 a.m. Mass at St Philip’s

Wednesday March 27th The Diocesan Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Michael and All Angels, Woodchurch Birkenhead at **7 00 p.m.**

HOLY THURSDAY March 28th Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7 00 p.m. at St Peters and at St Philip’s

Watching at the Altar of Repose until 9 00 p.m. In St Philip’s and 10 00 p.m. In St Peter’s

Also Mass in Syro Malabar Rite at 9 00 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY March 29th Way of the Cross for Children at 11 00 a.m. In St Peter’s

Liturgy of the Passion at 3 00 p.m. In St Peter’s and St Philip’s

Syro Malabar Liturgy at 10 00 a.m. at St. Philip’s

HOLY SATURDAY March 30th 8 00 p.m. at St Peter’s The Easter Vigil

Syro Malabar Liturgy at 5 00 p.m. at St Philip’s

Blessing of Food for the feast at St Peters at 12 noon (tbc)

EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses at St Peter’s at 8 30, 10 00 and 11 30 a.m. NO EVENING MASS TODAY

Mass at St Philip’s at 10 00 a.m.

**THERE ARE
NO CONFESSIONS
ON
HOLY SATURDAY.**

**POPE’S INTENTIONS
FOR MARCH 2024
FOR THE NEW
MARTYRS**
We pray that those
who risk their lives
for the Gospel in
various parts of the
world inflame the
Church with their
courage and
missionary
enthusiasm

**THE WORD
OF GOD**

**FIRST READING:
ISAIAH 50:
4-7**

PSALM 21

**MY GOD,MY GOD
WHY HAVE YOU
FORSAKEN ME?**

**SECOND READING:
Philippians 2:
6-11**

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**

**PRaise TO YOU, O
CHRIST,KING OF
ETERNAL
GLORY:CHRIST WAS
HUMBLER YET,EVEN
TO ACCEPTING
DEATH,DEATH ON A
CROSS.BUT GOD
RAISED HIM HIGH
AND GAVE HIM THE
NAME WHICH IS
ABOVE ALL NAMES.
PRaise TO YOU, O
CHRIST,KING OF
ETERNAL GLORY**

**GOSPEL READNG:
MARK 14:
1-15:47**

**‘IN
TRUTH
THIS MAN
WAS A
SON OF
GOD’**

St Peter’s and St Philip’s Newsletter

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HOLY WEEK
Divine Office Psalter Week 11
ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

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

Saturday 23rd March 2024 - St. Toribio of Mogrovejo

12 Noon Joan Mulcahy RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Amalia and Michele Chiodo RIP
6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass
Readings: Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Psalm Jeremiah 31; John 11: 45-56

Sunday 24th March2024 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

8.30 am Susan Silman RIP CHOIR
10.00 am Denis Fogarty RIP TOAST
11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
6.00 pm People of the Parish YOUTH
Readings: Procession: Mark 11: 1-10
Mass: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1-15:47

Monday 25th March 2024 - Monday of Holy Week

12 Noon John,Carina,Jack and Mia Wheatley Intention
Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-7; Psalm 26; John 12: 1-11

Tuesday 26th March 2024 - Tuesday of Holy Week

12 Noon Clare’sIntentions
6.00 pm Presentation of the Easter Story by St. Simon’s School
Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-6; Psalm 70; John 13: 21-33.36-38

Wednesday 27th March 2024 - Wednesday of Holy Week

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - The Gaffey Family
12 noon Des and Anne Tuck Intention
Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9; Psalm 68; Matthew 26: 14-25

Thursday 28th March 2024 - HOLY THURSDAY

9 00 a.m. St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite ss
7.00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper—Daniel Begley
Also 7 00 p.m., Mass at St Philips—Peter & Christine Smith
Readings: Exodus 12: 1-8. 11-14; Psalm 115; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-15

Friday 29th March 2024 - GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 am Syro Malabar - St Philip’s
11.00 am The Way of the Cross for Children
3.00 pm Liturgy of the Passion in St. Peter’s and St. Philips
Readings : Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12; Psalm 30; Hebrews 4: 14-16. 5: 7-9; John 18: 1-19: 42

Saturday 30th March 2024 - HOLY SATURDAY

5.00 pm Syro Malabar Liturgy at St Philip’s
8.00 pm The Easter Vigil - People of the Parish CHOIR
Readings: Genesis 1: 1-2:2; Psalm 103 Genesis 22: 1-18; Psalm 15
Exodus 14: 15-15: 1; Psalm 29 Romans 6: 3-11; Psalm 117
Mark16: 1-7

Sunday 31st March2024 - EASTER SUNDAY—THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8.30 am Jenny Love RIP ORGAN
10.00 am Margaret Fogarty RIP FOLK GROUP
10.00 am Mass at St. Philip’s - Richard Murphy RIP
11.30 am Dorothy Johnson JUNIOR CHOIR
Readings: Acts 10: 34. 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9

NO EVENING MASS

Your prayers are asked for

RECENTLY DECEASED Rosemary Negus whose Requiem Mass will be at 12 30 on Wednesday April 3rd
Dorothy Johnson (Mother of Rita Kok Shun)

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Geoffrey Alker, Terence Taylor, Glynn Davies, Frances Glancy
Mary Costagliola, Giovanni Costagliola, Les Yielding, Nellie Horan, Eleanor Hall, Peter Judge, Anne Healey, Teresa
Chapman, David Adamson, Margaret Fogarty, Arthur Philbin, Dan Begley, James Perkins, Elsie Freeman, Jenny
Love, James Hulme, Ann Sharples, Gerard Maher, Paul Hayward, Carol Collins, Catherine Marsland, Alan Bell.

Sick: remembering, all the sick in the parish especially those in our hospitals and nursing homes. We also re-
member 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.

Passion Sunday

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Take time to slowly read through Mark's account of the Passion and death of Christ

Imagine three circles around the Cross:

- ☐ An inner circle made up of those who remained closest to Jesus
- ☐ A middle circle of those who remained with Jesus but from a distance
- ☐ An outer circle of bystanders, observers.

Place yourself in the sh

oes of the different people who are mentioned in each of the circles. Notice your thoughts and feelings.

Notice with whom you identify.

Spend time in quiet prayer before the crucifix contemplating all that Christ suffered – for you, for all human-
ity.

BAPTISM COURSE

Baptism preparation course. The date for the next course is 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 .

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next meeting will be on April 9th at 2.00 pm in the Members Lounge for
Reflection and Refreshments. Mass starting on 23rd February. Our Spring/Summer programme is now
available, copies at the back of Church.

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 loved one.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE LILIES

The flower arrangers will be arranging the Easter Remembrance Lilies for Easter Sunday. If you would like to
purchase a lily in memory of a loved one, please put their names on an envelope and hand it in at Mass or to
the office. The cost is £1 per name. The names will be entered in a book of Remembrance

HAND MADE CARDS - Birthday and Occasion cards (EASTER CARDS) will be on sale in the Parish Centre after
the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on 24th March (Palm Sunday).

ST PETER'S HELPERS

THANK YOU to our fantastic team of helpers for amazing baking, making, packing and delivering over 100
bags of Easter goodies this Palm Sunday! Special thanks to St Peter's, St Simon's and St Philip's primary
schools for making lovely Easter cards, to SPY for 'hearts' and to Asda Community Champions for supporting
us with some free Easter Eggs. If you'd like to help in any way in future events, please get in touch
stpetershelpers@gmail.com

EASTER PRAISE

The Year 3 and 4 children from St Simon's will be performing their Easter play at St Peter's church on Tuesday
26th March at 6pm. Everyone welcome to come and enjoy the performance in church or on the Live stream.

FAMILY FAST DAY envelopes are available at the back of Church, we will be collecting them on Easter Sunday.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY You are invited to join in prayer with members and friends of the
Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday 25th March 2024 at
7pm <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82815763187?pwd=XvQp7xzY7FJ8wJagoDG3aHyWa2nR5q.1>

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

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 celebra-
tions 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 num-
ber for which plans need to be made.

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

FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This is
a further assault on the sanctity of human life in our society. This extreme amendment to the Criminal Justice
Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amend-
ment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal lim-
its. The effect would be to withdraw legal protection from the unborn. It is important to make our voice
heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your Member of Parliament to ask that they oppose the
decriminalization of abortion up to birth Our MP in Hazel Grove is William Wragg. The *Right to Life* website
has details under 'Take Action' which enables you to find and contact your MP directly and the website of the
Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has helpful information under 'Resources.' The Right to Life
website also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abor-
tion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23
weeks. We cannot doubt the impact which your e-mail or letter will have in making known opposition to de-
criminalizing abortion up to birth and in support of the value of every human life.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters> Click on this site and you just fill in your details and they will send a let-
ter to your MP

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

THE PIETY STALL have a good selection of cards on sale at the back of Church, also gifts for Baptism, Commun-
ion, Confirmation and other occasions . Help is very much needed on a Sunday for a few minutes before and
after the Masses, if you would like to volunteer please contact Helen in the office.

The **price of Mass cards** has to be increased to **£1 per card** and this is the first increase in 17 years that I am
aware of!! The Mass offering remains at your discretion.

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.

HOLY YEAR 2025—PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

Next year will be a Holy Year—these are held every 25 years. We will be organising a pilgrimage to Rome and
Assisi beginning on Easter Monday April 21st until the following Monday April 28th. We will spend a few days
in Rome before going up to Assisi. The cost is £1495 per person sharing with a single supplement of £200. per
person. Fr Peter has the full itinerary for anyone who is interested along with booking forms.

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

VACANCIES

A vacancy has arisen for a Cook at the parish of St Joseph's Stockport. Hours: 12 per week @ £12.50 per
hour. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings). Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch
recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 26 March. More details can be found on the Diocesan
website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Also a vacancy has arisen for a Cook for 8 hours per week @ £12.50 per hour at St Chad's, Stockport. Letter of
application and CV should be sent to Victoria Holmes stchadsheadle@gmail.com Closing date 27 March
2024. Further details can be found via the Diocesan Website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

St Philip's Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a highly motivated and inspirational
Deputy Headteacher from September 2024. More information can be found at:

<https://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123>