

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £898.71. 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 £159.20 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**.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the next financial year 2024/2025** are now available at the back of both Churches  
**CHURCH CLEANING IN ST PETERS** Team 6 are on duty this week. Volunteers for St Philips are requested

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

**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](mailto: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>

**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

**VACANCY**  
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](mailto:PaulineMcCullochrecruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date 26 March. More details can be found on the Diocesan web-site <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

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

**Saturday March 23rd 6 00 p.m.** Mass with Blessing of Palms at St Philip’s  
**Sunday March 24th PALM SUNDAY** Usual Masses at St Peter’s with Blessing of Palms and Reading of the Passion  
**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.**

**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:  
JEREMIAH 31:  
31-34;**

**PSALM 50  
A PURE HEART  
CREATE FOR ME, O  
GOD**

**SECOND READING:  
Hebrews 5 : 7-9**

**GOSPEL  
ACCLAMATION**

**GLORY TO YOU, O  
CHRIST, YOU ARE  
THE WORD OF  
GOD!**

**IF A MAN SERVES  
ME, SAYS THE  
LORD, HE MUST  
FOLLOW ME;  
WHEREVER I AM,  
MY SERVANT WILL  
BE THERE TOO.  
GLORY TO YOU, O  
CHRIST, YOU ARE  
THE WORD OF  
GOD.**

**GOSPEL READNG:  
JOHN 12: 20-33**

**‘IT WAS NOT  
FOR MY SAKE  
THAT THIS  
VOICE  
CAME, BUT  
FOR YOURS’**

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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**FIFTH 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 16th March 2024**

12 Noon Almut Livesey RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Peg O’Dwyer RIP  
6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass  
Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 7; John 7: 40-52

**Sunday 17th March 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.30 am Joe Francis ORGAN  
10.00 am People of the Parish FOLK GROUP  
11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite  
6.00 pm Ciro Robustelli RIP CHOIR  
Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 50; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33

**Monday 18th March 2024—St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

12 Noon Ken Myers RIP  
Readings: Daniel 13: 1-9. 15-17.19-30.22-62; Psalm 22; John 8: 1-11

**Tuesday 19th March 2024—St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12 Noon Judy Ingle RIP  
Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 4-5. 12-14. 16; Psalm 88; Romans 4: 13. 16-18. 22; Matthew 1: 16. 18-21.24

**Wednesday 20th March 2024**

9.15 am Mass at St. Philip’s - Joseph Fernando RIP  
12 noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92,95; Psalm Daniel 3; John 8: 21-30

**Thursday 21st March 2024**

12 Noon Mike Mullen RIP  
Readings: Genesis 17: 3-9; Psalm 104; John 8: 51-59

**Friday 22nd March 2024**

12 Noon John Mercer’s Intentions  
3.00 pm Funeral Service for Matthew Bardsley at Stockport Crematorium  
Readings : Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalm 17: John 10: 31-42  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6 00 p.m.– 8 00 p.m.

**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 March 2024 - 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 ST PETER’S SCHOOL CHOIR  
Readings: Procession: Mark 11: 1-10  
Mass: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1-15:47

**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** Matthew Bardsley whose funeral will be at Stockport Crematorium on Friday March 22nd at 3 00 p.m. and 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:** Elizabeth Angell, Stella Farrell. Jaqueline Fish, Ken Myers, Harry Knox, John Burns, Minnie Swindells, James Eckersley, Stephne MCCumsky, Frances Jodrell, Roy Nield, Doreen Whitcombe, Michael Marren, Bernard Cosgrove, Michael Mullen, Joan Mulcahy

**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.

## 5th Sunday in Lent (Year B) John 12:20–33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him'. Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine yourself with Philip and Andrew...listen attentively to the words spoken to you...Notice your response...
3. What do they tell you about Jesus...about what Jesus wants for you...
3. Take time in quiet prayer to respond...

### For Conversation:

The people you listen to in your community

## BAPTISM COURSE

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

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** Our next meeting will be on April 9th at 2.00 pm in the Main Hall for Reflection and Refreshments During Lent we are meeting on a Friday for the Lenten Lunches after the Midday Mass starting on 23rd February. Our Spring/Summer programme is now available. If you would like any further information please contact the office [admin@stpetershazलगrove.org.uk](mailto: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.

## FOOTSTEPS ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH

Our programme of relaxed and inspiring talks continues with an event on **Thursday, 21 March at 7.30pm in the parish centre**. It's always a pleasure to welcome **Fr Chris Thomas** from the Irenaeus Centre in Liverpool to share his thoughts and his humour with us. He's going to look at the Book of Jonah as a model for how we respond to the voice of God in our lives and how sometimes it's the worst moments that are the growth times – probably something that will resonate with many of us. Do come and join us in our café-style setting – you'd be very welcome.

**LENTEN LUNCHES** Its that time of year again for Soup and a bread roll after midday Mass on a Friday. We 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. Last lunch is on Friday 24th March.

## 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).

## 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.

## EXPLORING INCLUSION/UNDERSTANDING AUTISM.

After an inspiring Open Church event in January for those with disabilities, both physical and hidden, we are planning our next event.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th March at 7.15pm in the parish meeting rooms. We are working with Fr Pat Munro and having a short inclusive mass on 28th April at 2.30pm.

What will this entail? Come along and help us plan it. More information later.

## 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 amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. 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 abortion 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 decriminalizing 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 letter 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, Communion, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 around £1495 per person sharing. Further details in due course but you can start thinking about it and saving!