

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1216.38online giving last month came to £3995 and £730 from the card machine. Those who use the card machine may find it has not been functioning properly this past few weeks but I think the matter is resolved now but check your own bank statements. St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £320.20 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 5 are on duty this week.

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

SPY is for all young people attending secondary school and college. It's a fun, relaxed space to journey and explore faith with other young people, including ice breakers, games, gospel time along, outreach initiatives to support charities etc. Two of the best things the young people like about SPY is making new friendships and having chance to grow in their faith journey.

Start time: 7pm

Location: St Peter's church Parish centre

Finish around: 8.30pm

We provide refreshments and food.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Spy Dates for 2025

Sunday 6th April

Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday Mass 6 - no Spy session but the young people will be involved in the music and readings in church)

Sunday 11th May

Sunday 15th June

Saturday 21st June - Savio House Away Day

A **VACANCY** for a **Parish Secretary** has arisen at the parishes of St Vincent's, Knutsford and St Winefride, Lymm (Based at St Vincent's). Hours: 12 per week. Rate of pay: £13 per hour. More details can be found via the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's with a covering letter should be sent to

Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Monday 31 March 2025.

ABBA TRIBUTE calling all you Dancing Queens (and King's) , ABBA are coming to St. Peter's Parish Centre on Saturday 3rd May, doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £15 including food, DJ ABBA Quiz and more...tickets are limited so get yours now. Call Rita on 07483114783

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Bishop has suggested that the pilgrimage to Lourdes this year be the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available on the pilgrimage website—shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. Travel is either by air or overland by coach. Our parish group will be staying in the **Hotel Helianthe** which although not listed in the brochure is available, just put **Helianthe** in the hotel section and **St Peters Hazel Grove** in the group section when you fill in your booking form. If you wish you can make your own travel arrangements. It is possible to make the journey in one day by train using Eurostar but you would have to make an early start from Edgeley Station. Fr Peter will be joining the pilgrimage after celebrating Fr Feeney's Golden Jubilee on July 26th.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE Pilgrimage to Medjugorje by air from Manchester 20th May, staying in a 4* Hotel in Medjugorje for 7 nights. Cost £749 sharing. Single room £879. Organised by Northern Star Travel with Fr. Pat Munroe as Spiritual leader. Further information: info@northernstartravel.com / 0161 773 2115 / pat.munroe@btinternet.com / 07711 428970 . Firm expression of interest required by 25th March.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

We had a good meeting on Thursday evening about the Assisted Dying Bill which is currently at the Committee stage of its journey through Parliament. It is expected to go back to the Commons in April for its Third Reading, probably on Friday April 25th—the Friday after Easter. The Committee stage has seen some of the so called 'safeguards' removed which means that some MP's who voted for the Bill last time may be more cautious this time. In fact we need to persuade around 28 of those who supported it last time to change their stance and that could defeat the Bill.

Please write to your MP and ask them to oppose the bill at the vote for its Third Reading. Write a letter and not an email. The second and more important weapon is prayer and we can use the '24 Hours for the Lord' next Friday/Saturday as a n opportunity to pray for the success of our campaign to defeat this sinister Bill.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

For families in crisis:

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences

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LENT WEEK 3

DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK III

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Saturday 22nd March 2025

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12 Noon Johanna Winter RIP

6.00 pm Mass at St Philip's, Offerton - Pauline Martin RIP

Readings: *Micah 7: 14-15. 18-20; Psalm 102; Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32*

Sunday 23rd March 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am People of the Parish ORGAN

10.00am Caroline Howard (sick) TOAST

11.00 am Syro Malabar Rite Mass in St. Philip's

6.00 pm Des and Anna Tuck Intention PIANO

Readings: *Exodus 3: 1-8. 13-15; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6.10-12; Luke 13: 1-9*

Monday 24th March 2025

12 Noon Special Intention

Readings: *Kings 5: 1-15; Psalm 41; Luke 4: 24-30*

Tuesday 25th March 2025 - The Annunciation of the Lord

12 Noon Warren Walton RIP

Readings: *Isaiah 7: 10-14. 8:10; Psalm 39; Hebrews 10: 4-10; Luke 1: 26-*

Wednesday 26th March 2025

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Peter Cafferty RIP

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: *Deuteronomy 4: 1. 5-9; Psalm 147; Matthew 5: 17-19*

Thursday 27th March 2025

12 Noon Jeanne Stockton RIP

Readings: *Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Psalm 94; Luke 11: 14-23*

Friday 28th March 2025

12 Noon Colin Rudder RIP

6.00-8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Readings: *Hosea 14: 2-10; Psalm 80; Mark 12: 28-34*

Saturday 29th March 2025

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12 Noon Daniel Begley RIP

6.00 pm Mass at St Philip's, Offerton - Thanks to St. Jude for prayers answered

Readings: *Hosea 5: 15-6: 6; Psalm 50; Luke 18: 9-14*

BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND MARCH 29/30 CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR TONIGHT

Sunday 30th March 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am Jenny Love RIP CHOIR

10.00am Margaret Fogarty RIP FOLK GROUP

11.00 am Syro Malabar Rite Mass in St. Philip's

6.00 pm People of the Parish PIANO

Readings: *Joshua 5:9. 10-12; Psalm 33; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32*

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

**EXODUS 3:
1-8.13-15:**

PSALM 102

**THE LORD IS
COMPASSIONATE
AND GRACIOUS**

SECOND READING:

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:
1-6.10-12**

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

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

**REPENT, SAYS THE
LORD, FOR THE
KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS AT HAND.**

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

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 13: 1-9

**'UNLESS
YOU
REPENT,
YOU WILL
ALL
LIKEWISE
PERISH'**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the Sacristy on each Friday and Saturday in Lent during Exposition

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED : Janet Martin whose funeral service will be at St. Peter's on 11th April at 10.30. Joan Hall and Colin Rankin (mother and brother in law of Margaret Drury)

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Geoffrey Alker, Terence Taylor, Glynn Davies, Mary Costagliola, Giovanni Costagliola, Frances Glancy, Les Yielding, Nellie Horan, Eleanor Hall, Peter Judge, Anne Healey, Teresa Chapmen, David Adamson, Margaret Fogarty, Arthur Philbin, Daniel Begley, James Perkins, Elsie Freeman, Jenny Love, James Hulme, Ann Sharples.

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.

A number of parishioners are in hospital at the moment so please remember them in your prayers. Please keep in your prayers our young people preparing for First Communion. Twelve of them received the sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time on Friday evening.

BAPTISMAL COURSE

The dates for the next course are 6th April/13th April. Please note there will be no Baptisms during Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March. If you would like to book on the course please email justasec55@hotmail.com. The aim of the course is to help parents prepare for the baptism of their child and to reflect on their role as the first teachers of the family.

GOSPEL Luke 13: 1-9

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. What does this passage tell you about Jesus?
3. 'Unless you repent'...take time to be with Jesus. What does he say to you?
4. What word does this have for the parish community?



For Conversation:

People you are called to be compassionate towards.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Please join us on 28th March and 11th April for a Lenten Lunch after the Midday Mass. The Spring/Summer Programme is available at the back of Church or we will have copies on the 18th. 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.

FROM SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY You are invited by Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to join them in prayer, saying the Rosary together via Zoom on Wednesdays during Lent. Details from secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

There will be an informal meeting on Wed 9 April at 7pm, in St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA to reflect on the role and purpose of the Hospitality, with a view to developing a more unified vision. All members are welcome. Please email secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk if you would like to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

The Spring tidy up of the church grounds will be on Saturday 10th May can you help? More details nearer the time.

LAMBS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP will meet in the parish centre on Sunday March the 30th From 4pm until 6pm. We will be decorating Easter hat, playing games and bingo. All welcome.

LENT A JOURNEY OF HOPE

This week sees the beginning of Lent during which there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday evening and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Forgiveness. In particular Pope Francis is inviting churches across the world to open their doors from the 28- 29 March to a time of prayer and reconciliation in this Year of Hope. **"24 Hours for the Lord - You are my Hope"** Following the midday Mass on **FRIDAY 28th March, St Peter's church will be open for 24 hours of Adoration until the midday Mass on SATURDAY 29 March 2025.** Church will be open for people to pray at any time over the 24 hours, The Sacrament of reconciliation will be available on Friday evening 6—8 00 p.m. and again on Saturday morning, 11 AM - 11.45 AM. A sign up sheet is available at the back of church if you can commit to being present for an hour. In the mean time we keep Pope Francis in our prayers during his illness and the situations in the various parts of the world torn apart by war. Note the days are different by a week to what was advertised last week.

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

My name is **Tim Smart** and I aim to complete the Big Lent Walk if you could sponsor me online <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/tims-fundraising-page1754>

Or if you pay cash put the money in an envelope marked Lent Walk and put it in the collection at Church.

Thank you

The CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection will be a Retiring Collection on Easter Sunday. You can give direct using the link cafod.org.uk/envelope

LENTEN LUNCHESES (Dates for your Diary)

This year there will be only two dates for the Lenten Lunches after the Midday Mass, these will be 28th March and the 11th April. There will be the usual homemade soup and a bun, plus tea/coffee and biscuits. We will be having a raffle over the two dates. The money raised will once again go to St. Philip's Foodbank.

FOOTSTEPS is a series of talks and reflections by a wide assortment of people from a variety of backgrounds and Christian denominations who can help us as we journey in our faith. Footsteps is for everyone of all denominations and walks of life. We started in 2018 and are delighted to continue to welcome speakers from a wide range of backgrounds to share with us their spiritual insight, their conviction and their sense of humour! Equally, we gladly welcome people from umpteen locations who make Footsteps their evening of choice! We hope to see you there.

FOOTSTEPS ON 3 APRIL – DON'T MISS IT!

Our next event in the Footsteps programme of helpful talks will be on **Thursday 3 April at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre** when we'll have the privilege of hearing again the **Bishop of Stockport, +Sam Corley**. He's called his talk **"God's big picture"** and in his own inimitable style, he'll be taking us on a whirlwind tour of the entire Bible, helping us to meet some of its key characters and to understand the significance of key events. As he walks us through the story, he promises to help us understand how the stories of old are actually the stories we and the world find ourselves in – now and in the future.

Bishop Sam is such an engaging, down to earth speaker – we're sure to be in for an inspiring and entertaining evening. Footsteps is for everyone of all denominations and walks of life. We'd love to welcome you again to our informal, café-style setting with drinks and nibbles a-plenty.

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB please see website for Book suggestions and for more information please contact Alison on 07792 107152

HAND MADE CARDS including Mother's Day and Easter cards are available after the 8 30 and 10 00 a.m. Masses on March 23rd and April 13th & 27th

HOLY YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

When I was introducing the Jubilee Year a few weeks ago I mentioned about the possibility of making a parish pilgrimage to St Joseph's in Stockport –one of the designated Diocesan Jubilee Churches and the Diocesan Eucharistic Shrine. I have been in touch with Fr Sean and agreed that we will go on Pentecost Sunday afternoon June 8th. Further details will be available in due course but keep this date free. We would plan to assemble in St Joseph's at 2 30 in the afternoon for a Jubilee Service—not Mass—which will last for about one hour. There should be an opportunity to have a brew and a chat after the service before making our way back home. I will give more details in due course and especially if any wish to walk to St Josephs.

NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BOOK LAUNCH

On March 28th at **Our Lady and the Apostles church in Stockport (SK3 8BQ)**, the Stations of the Cross at 7pm will use a new set of reflections by local author, Brenda Ackroyd. Jesus Speaks on the way of the Cross'. Afterwards in the Parish Centre there will be a book launch and sale of the new stations, as well as Brenda's other books (one of stories and one of poems on religious themes), along with tea, coffee and chat. All welcome! Proceeds from the evening will be donated to Fr. Martin's Outreach Project.