

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1730.86online 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 £154.51 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 6 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

ST SIMON'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking to recruit two permanent teachers, to begin in September 2025. One position is for a main scale teacher and the other is for a TLR, to lead Key Stage 1. For further information, please click on the link <https://www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk/vacancies-1>
Visits to our school are warmly welcomed. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested in working at our fabulous school

ABBA TRIBUTE calling all you Dancing Queens (and Fernando'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

RCIA

Next meeting will take place on Monday 31st March at 7.00 pm in the Sacristy

ALTAR SERVERS - MASSES FOR HOLY WEEK- Signup Sheets are in the Sacristy for the Masses during Holy Week - please signup for any Masses you can attend and offer your valuable service.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST PETER'S and ST PHILIP'S

Palm Sunday April 12/13. Usual Sunday Masses with Blessing of Palms at all Masses
Monday Tuesday and Wednesday, Mass in St Peters each day at 12 noon and on Wednesday at St Philip's at 9 15
Wednesday April 16th Chrism Mass at St Anthony's Woodhouse Park at 7 00 p.m.

Holy Thursday April 17th Mass in both Churches at 7 00 p.m.

Watching at Altar of Repose in St Philip's until 9 00 p.m, and in St Peter's until 11 00 p.m.,.

Good Friday April 18th Liturgy of the Passion at 3 00 p.m. In **BOTH** Churches

Holy Saturday April 19th

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Food in Polish at 12 noon in St Peter's

The Easter Vigil in St Peter's **only** at 8 30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses in St Peters 8 30, 10 00 and 11 30 a.m. (**NO EVENING MASS**)

Mass in St Philip's at 10 00 a.m.

SYRO MALABAR COMMUNITY

Holy Thursday Mass at 9 00 a.m.
Good Friday Liturgy at 10 00 a.m.
Holy Saturday at 9 00 a.m. and 8 30 p.m.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For the use of new technologies:
Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING
JOSHUA 5:9.10-12

PSALM 33
TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD

SECOND READING:
2 CORINTHIANS 5: 17-21

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION:

PRAISE AND HONOUR TO YOU, LORD JESUS. I WILL ARISE AND GO TO MY FATHER, AND I WILL SAY TO HIM, 'FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU'. PRAISE AND HONOUR TO YOU, LORD JESUS

GOSPEL READING:
Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32

'YOUR BROTHER WAS DEAD AND IS ALIVE, HE WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND'

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

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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LENT WEEK 4

DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK IV

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

Saturday 29th March 2025

24 Hours for the Lord continues

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction at 11 45
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

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

Monday 31st March 2025

12 Noon Patrick Walkin RIP
Readings: Isaiah 65: 17-21; Psalm 29; John 4: 43-54

Tuesday 1st April 2025

12 Noon Johanna Winter
Readings: Ezekiel 47: 1-9.12; Psalm 45; John 5: 1-16

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 - St Francis of Paola

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Bob Morrow Intention
12 noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Isaiah 49: 8-15; Psalm 144; John 5: 17-30

Thursday 3rd April 2025

12 Noon Clair-Intention
Readings: Exodus 32: 7-14; Psalm 105; John 5: 31-47

Friday 4th April 2025 - St Isidore

12 Noon Celia Bermingham Intention
6.00-8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Readings: Wisdom 2: 1. 12-22; Psalm 33; John 7: 1-2. 10.25-30

Saturday 5th April 2025 - St Vincent Ferrer

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Chacko K.C.
6.00 pm Mass at St Philip's, Offerton - Monica McManus
Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 7; John 7: 40-52

Sunday 6th April 2025 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am James MacGlashan RIP **ORGAN**
10.00am People of the Parish **FOLK**
11.00 am Syro Malabar Rite Mass in St. Philip's
6.00 pm Nimi Netto **CHOIR**
Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED : Janet Martin whose funeral service will be at St. Peter's on 11th April at 10.30. Egbert Le Bon whose Requiem will be at St. Philip's Church on 8th April at 10.00 am, and Michael Higginbottom

Anniversaries that occur around this time: James Hulme, Ann Sharples, Gerard Maher, Paul Hayward, Carol Collins, Catherine Marsland, Alan Bell, Carole McLachlan, Kathryn Lee, Irene Darcy, Marian Sheldon, Norman Anderson, John Irwen, Philomena Rooney, Richard Fitzgerald, Mary Normansell, Jean Cheetham, Fr. Tom Osbyrne Stan Pomeroy, Myles McGuire, John Tate, Albert Snelson, Lionel Grocott, Jean Hillier, John Begley, Eileen Loble, John Holdaway

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 15:1-3, 11-32

At that time the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

'And he arose and came to his father.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours, it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Please join us on 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.

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

"ASSISTED SUICIDE LETTER WRITING EVENT" : 6th April 2025

With just a few weeks to go until the final MPs' vote on the Assisted Suicide Bill, join us for a tea or coffee after Mass on Sunday 6th April in the Parish Centre to write a letter to your MP asking them to vote against the plans. All materials will be provided, just bring yourselves & your prayers. Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice heard!"

DISABILITY INCLUSION GROUP: Our next meeting is on April 11th at 7.15pm in the parish rooms. Help us plan our next event and continue to explore how we can make St Peter's accessible to all. All welcome.

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 the office. The cost is £1 per name. The names will be entered in a Book of Remembrance

LENT A JOURNEY OF HOPE

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 LUNCHES

This year there will be only two dates for the Lenten Lunches after the Friday Midday Mass. The next one will be on 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 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 **Anglican 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.

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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 April 13th & 27th

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.

BLESSING OF FOOD ON HOLY SATURDAY

Święcenie pokarmów odbędzie się w Wielką Sobotę 19- ego kwietnia o godz 12.00 w parafi Św Piotra w Hazel Grove.

The Polish Community will gather at 12 noon on Holy Saturday for the traditional blessing of food for the feast. All are welcome and thank you to Fr Roman Szczypa from the Salesians in Bollington who is coming to do this.

ST PETER'S HELPERS

Cuppa and Chat - Thank You to all our guests and helpers who made our last cuppa and chat such a happy afternoon! Our next gathering is for the Healing Mass with a light lunch

Goody bag packing and deliveries 13th April (9.30-11) Bakers, we need your help please! Please drop off baked goods (no nuts please) by 9.30am. Packing 9.30-11.00, deliverers collect 11am.

'5th Birthday Bash'. Thank you to everyone who came to mark this milestone. We had a great evening with a wonderful shared table, a quiz (one point between the teams!) and a delicious cake too. Thank you to everyone for their support over the years. If you would like to get involved with any of our activities, just get in touch stpetershelpers@gmail.com

Gathering of Groups

We had a great turnout from so many of our groups, thank you to every single person who came along and took part in the discussions. We are compiling an updated contacts list and will send an update soon.

ONLINE PARISH CALENDAR

We have a 'first draft' Online Parish Calendar which is temporarily hosted here <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/st-peters-parish-calendar>

All bookings for rooms and dates must still go to the Parish Administrator Helen Lyons, but entries for the Online Parish Calendar can be submitted here <https://forms.gle/NuDveL18hyfuxopm9> or you can send these into the parish office. Please note, the online calendar will only be updated every 1-2 weeks, please check before you travel. Groups who haven't yet given dates, please submit your dates through the form or contact the Parish Office.

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.

Booking forms are available on the pilgrimage website—shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. for this years pilgrimage at the end of July. Travel is either by air or overland by coach. Our parish group will be staying in the **Hotel Helianthe**. The flight is nearly full so book quickly if you want to fly.