

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £2451.20 online giving last month came to £3995 and £376.91 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 (again!) but check your own bank statements. St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £188.00 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**

The new set of envelopes begins this weekend so make sure you have your set.

**CHURCH CLEANING IN ST PETERS** Team 3 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

**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

**FROM ST PHILIPS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

In September 2023, Bishop Mark and Diocesan Trustees confirmed the vision for Catholic education in the Diocese of Shrewsbury - that all diocesan schools would become members of one of the already established Catholic Multi Academy Trust Companies. As a result, the governing board of St Philip's Catholic Primary School will be conducting a statutory stakeholder consultation which will complete on 9th May 2025. To find out more please visit <https://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/academy-conversion/157856>

The governing board of St Philip's Catholic Primary School is looking to recruit a Health and Safety Governor to support with the continued strategic development of their wonderful school. If you would be interested in finding out more then please email the school at [admin@st-philips.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-philips.stockport.sch.uk)

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK**

My name is Tim Smart and I have walked 290km doing the Big Lent Walk and received over £1600 in sponsorship up to now. You can continue sponsoring me as I will continue my walk throughout Lent. My online page is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/tims-fundraising-page1754>

**The Joy of the Lord is my Strength** (Nehemiah 8:10) - All are welcome to join us for a time of Scripture & live worship music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD on Sunday 4th May 2025, 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

**Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday 13th May 2025 from 7pm to 9pm** - You are welcome to an evening of hearing the message of Fatima, hymns, Eucharistic Adoration, Marian devotion, and veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. **Beginning with the celebration of Holy Mass at 7pm at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's Catholic Church**, Green Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 1LD. Free parking on Green Lane from 6.30pm and nearby in the Rex Car Park, SK9 1NX

**PARISHES TACKLING POVERTY—see poster at the back of Church for more details**

**SUPPORTING THE VOCATION TO MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:**

Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help.

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm

**Where:** Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG

**To Register and for More Information please contact:**

Monika at [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07549226794 or Jane at [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07517 906435

Fr Peter writes

Thank you to all who have helped with Easter ceremonies and a special thanks and welcome to Anthony, Aimee and Rashidat who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. On Monday a group of 31 of us are off to Rome for the Holy Year Pilgrimage. Unfortunately our audience on Wednesday morning has been cancelled because of the Holy Father's health. We will be in Assisi next weekend when Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised. His body is enshrined in Assisi. Next weekend it could be Fr Myers who will be here but he is unwell at the moment so it could be Canon Rafferty or Fr Peter Burke or a combination of all three! Somebody will be here.!!

**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**  
**ACTS 10: 34.37-43**

**PSALM 21:**  
**THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE;LET US REJOICE IN IT AND BE GLAD.**

**SECOND READING:**  
**COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!**

**CHRIST OUR PASSEVER LAMB,HAS BEEN SACRIFICED:LET US THEREFORE CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL IN THE LORD ALLELUIA!**

**GOSPEL READINGS:**  
**JOHN 20: 1-9**

**'HE MUST RISE FROM THE DEAD'**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Will be celebrated in the Sacristy on Saturday morning during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter**

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**EASTER WEEK I**

**DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK I**

**ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM**  
[www.churchservices.tv/stockport](http://www.churchservices.tv/stockport)

**Saturday 19th April 2025 - Holy Saturday**

9.00 am Syro Malabar at St. Philip's  
12. Noon Blessing of Food in Polish in St. Peter's  
8.30 pm The Easter Vigil - People of the Parish  
*Readings: Luke 24: 1-12*

**Sunday 20th April 2025 - EASTER SUNDAY**

8.30 am Michael Higginbottom ORGAN  
10.00 am Mass at St. Philip's - James Flynn  
10.00am Sarah, Frank and Michael Parker RIP FOLK GROUP  
11.30 am Canon John Roper RIP JUNIOR CHOIR  
*Readings: Acts 10: 34.37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-9*

**Monday 21st April 2025 - Monday of the Easter Octave**

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Mass for Donal McDermott (to be said in Rome)  
*Readings: Acts 2: 14. 22-23; Psalm 15; Matthew 28: 8-15*

**Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Tuesday of the Easter Octave**

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Mass for Liz Donaghy and Angela Clarke to be said in Rome  
*Readings: Acts 2: 36-41; Psalm 32; John 20: 11-18*

**Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - Wednesday of the Easter Octave**

12 noon Service of Word and Communion  
Mass for Moira Williams Int to be said in Rome  
*Readings: Acts 3: 1-10; Psalm 104; Luke 24: 13-35*

**Thursday 24th April 2025 - Thursday of the Easter Octave**

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Mass for Michael Higginbottom to be said in Rome  
*Readings: Acts 3: 11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24: 35-48*

**Friday 25th April 2025 - Friday of the Easter Octave**

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Mass for Catherine Jones Int to be said in Rome  
*Readings: Acts 4: 1-12; Psalm 117; John 21: 1-14*

**Saturday 26th April 2025 - Saturday of the Easter Octave**

12 Noon Deceased members of the McKenna family  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's Santana Antomo Mascarhenas RIP  
*Readings: Acts 4: 13-21; Psalm 117; Mark 16: 9-15*

**Sunday 27th April 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter**

8.30 am Kathleen Maddocks and Family ORGAN  
10.00am Eமானuella Omegio and Family CHRIS AND EILEEN  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Rite Mass at St. Philip's  
6.00 pm



### Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED** :Victor Bradley whose Requiem Mass will be at St. Peter's on Friday 9th May at 11.30 am, Juan Perez whose Funeral Service will be in the Rowan Chapel in Stockport Crematorium on 6th May at 11.30, John Hazeldine whose requiem Mass will be here on 7th May at 12 Noon. Richard Dearman whose Funeral Service will be here at 10.00 am on Thursday 22nd May .

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Kathleen Souter, Peter Heys, Michael Lowler, James Flynn, Alice Pastorelli, James Quinn, Patrick Campbell, Blanche Bowlas, Mary Rowbotham, Patricia Barrow, Laurance Kenny, John and Elsie Carney, Elizabeth Donaghy, Angela Jones, Margaret Saunders, Bernard Powell, Marcus Park, Gerry Earlam, Dom Bumstead OSB, Peter Wilkinson, Margaret Harding, Ernie Ball.

### BAPTISM COURSE

The dates for the next course are 25th May and 1st June . If you would like to book on the course please email [justasec55@hotmail.com](mailto: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 faith.

**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.

Please keep in your prayers our young people preparing for First Communion.

### GOSPEL John 20 1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### For Conversation:

The things for which you want to shout. Alleluia! Praise God!



1. Spend some time reading and rereading the passage, pausing at the words/phrases that draw your attention
2. attention

Imagine the scene... A new day dawning after some terrible events ... read through the passage slowly, placing yourself with Mary, with Peter ...notice your feelings, your responses...

*He saw and he believed.* Take time in prayer of adoration before the Risen Lord.

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th May at 7.00 pm in the Members Lounge - details to follow. If you would like any further information please contact the office [admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk](mailto: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.

### LENTEN LUNCHES

Thank you to all who supported and donated to the Lenten Lunches, we raised £331 for St. Philips food bank, they are very grateful and wish to express their thanks.

**The CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection will be a Retiring Collection on TODAY** You can give direct using the link [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

### ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE - POSTCARDS AVAILABLE

Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims.

**Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP to-day!**

**ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB** please see website for Book suggestions and for more information please contact Alison on 07792 107152. We will be meeting on 29th April at Topkapi in Hazel Grove 7.00 pm

### 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.

### 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.

**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 11th May

Sunday 15th June

Saturday 21st June - Savio House Away Day

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL** - Please see notice at the back of Church

**THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** meet every Tuesday morning in the meeting room in the parish centre. We start at 11 15am and finish at 11 45am. This is a silent prayer group and if you feel this might be for you why not join us next Tuesday or indeed any Tuesday. All are welcome.

**THE SCRIPTURE GROUP** meet on the second and fourth week of each month. We read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. We start at 7 30pm and finish at 9 30pm with a cup of tea and biscuit. All are welcome. Our next meeting is on Wednesday the 9th of April.

### VE Day 80 - Thursday 8th May - 7pm onwards

On 8 May 2025, we mark the historic **80th anniversary of VE Day**, with the peoples, families and communities of our great nation coming together to unite and celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe. To commemorate this national event, we will be **hosting a fish and chip supper** in the parish centre from 7pm. The cost will be £10 per person. Please sign up at the back of church. Payment will be required in advance and the payment options will be on the sign-up sheet (cheque payable to St Peter Hazel Grove, cash in an envelope with your name on it, or bank transfer bank transfer reference VE DAY TO St Peter Hazel Grove Sort Code 30-15-52. Account No. 54607668 At 9.30pm, we will then go out onto the lawn, and like thousands of people around the country, **light a Lamp of Peace**. We will come together in prayer to show our gratitude for the many sacrifices that secured our freedom.

### LAMBS

Lambs will meet on Sunday the 27/4/25 between 4pm and 6pm in the parish centre . We will have music bingo and crafts all are welcome.

### ST PETER'S HELPERS

Thank you to all our star bakers, makers, packers and deliverers who put together little goody bags of joy for so many people! Particular thanks to the children and staff from St Peter's, St Simon's and St Philip's schools who made beautiful cards and gifts and to our friends from the Chai and Chat group (open to all migrant people) for their delightful cards too. The cakes looked delicious and our recipients were very happy! If you want to get involved with any of our projects, please get in touch [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com)

### HEALING MASS AND LUNCH

St Peter's Helpers are hosting a Healing Mass (with the Sacrament of the Sick) on Saturday, 03 May at 12.00 noon. This will be followed by lunch (Hot Pot pie and gateaux, catered by Reflections of High Lane) at 1.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass but you must let Margaret (07504 708981) know by Wednesday, 23 April, if you wish to join us for the meal. Numbers are limited so places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. As usual, there is no charge for attending but there will be an opportunity for you to make a contribution towards the cost of the meal if you wish.

### CARD MAKING

The next card making session is 10.00 - 11.30 in the Meeting Room on Thursday, 08 May. Please **let Mary know** if you wish to attend so that sufficient materials are available. There is no charge for this activity but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to charity if you wish. Thank you. (01663 762974 or [mvbinnie@gmail.com](mailto:mvbinnie@gmail.com))