

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1116.55 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 from the last two weeks hasn't been counted yet!! 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 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

**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

#### FROM ST PHILIP'S 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 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)

St Philip's are looking to organise a Community Culture Festival and would love your help! If you feel that this is something which you are able to support with then please contact the school at [headteacher@st-philips.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-philips.stockport.sch.uk). A meeting will take place at the school on Wednesday 7th May at 5.30pm

**ST PETERS BOOK CLUB** A book we recommended last time, **Stone Yard Devotional** by **Charlotte Wood**, which is a story about a woman who retreats to a convent in the Australian outback and goes on a journey of self-discovery, was really enjoyed by the group.

For this time, we are returning to a favourite author, **Tracey Chevalier** and her most recent novel, **The Glass Maker**. The story traces a family of glassmakers from Venice over a period of 500 years. **Yellowface** by **R F Kuang** comes highly recommended as a satirical exploration of the world of publishing when a white author steals the manuscript of a dead Chinese author. **The Rose Code** by **Kate Quinn** is a story that focuses on a group of code breakers who meet at Bletchley Park and is apparently a great piece of historical fiction set between 1940 and 1947. We have also decided to feature a 'blast from the past' - a book that we read and loved that we are happy to read again - **Captain Corelli's Mandolin** by **Louis de Bernieres** was written over 30 years ago and is a World War II story set on the island of Cephalonia.

We will meet again in July - if you would like to join us please get in touch. Alison McGarr 07792 107152

**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

**LOURDES HOSPITALITY** Following a very positive meeting held early April, where we explored the role of the Hospitality, you are invited to continue this reflection at a further meeting. We hope to build on the previous lively discussions and consider areas for further development. The meeting will take place on Wed 21st May at 7pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. Confirm your attendance at [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

#### Fr Peter writes

We arrived back from Rome last Monday lunchtime after a rewarding pilgrimage to the Eternal City and to Assisi as well. We certainly got more than we bargained for when planning the pilgrimage but it was a special time to be in Rome and some of the group were able to visit St Peters to look at and pray for Pope Francis for the last time. We travelled up to Assisi on the Friday so we watched the funeral on television, like, I suppose, many of you. One of the 'casualties' from the death of the Pope was the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the teenager who was born in London and died from Leukaemia in Milan and had a great apostolate promoting devotion to the Eucharist via the internet. He should have been canonised last Sunday. No doubt his canonisation will be amongst the first to be rescheduled when the new Pope begins his ministry.

The conclave begins on Wednesday and we are asked to keep the College of Cardinals in our prayers. There are some leaflets available with prayers for Pope Francis and a prayer for the conclave so do pick one up and use it over the next few days. By next Sunday we may well have a new Pope, let's hope so!

Meanwhile the boys are assured of a place in the play offs and I missed one of the most exciting games of the season on Easter Monday! Have a good week.

*Fr Peter*

#### POPE'S INTENTIONS

MAY

**For working Conditions:**

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised

#### THE WORD OF GOD

**FIRST READING**  
**ACTS 5:27-32.**  
**40-41**

**PSALM 29:**  
**I WILL EXTOL YOU,**  
**LORD, FOR YOU**  
**HAVE RAISED ME UP**

**SECOND READING:**  
**APOCALYPSE 5:**  
**11-14**

**GOSPEL**  
**ACCLAMATION:**

**ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN,**  
**WHO CREATED ALL**  
**THINGS AND HAS**  
**SHOWN**  
**COMPASSION ON THE**  
**HUMAN RACE.**  
**ALLELUIA**

**GOSPEL READINGS:**  
**JOHN 21: 1-19**

#### 'FEED MY LAMBS'

#### 'TEND MY SHEEP'

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 II

#### DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK II

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

#### Saturday 3rd May 2025 - Ss Philip and James

11—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Peter Carrahar RIP with anointing of the sick  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's - Gibbons and Cusack Families  
*Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8; Psalm 18; John 14: 6-14*

#### Sunday 4th May 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Mary Drinkhill and Christine Haines RIP ORGAN  
10.00am Bill and Muriel Christie RIP FOLK GROUP  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Rite Mass at St. Philip's  
6.00 pm People of the Parish CHOIR  
*Readings: Acts: 5 27-32.40-41; Psalm 29; Apocalypse 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19*

#### Monday 5th May 2025

12 Noon Tom and Claire Dolan RIP  
*Readings: Acts 6: 8-15; Psalm 118; John 6: 22-29*

#### Tuesday 6th May 2025

10.00 am Hughie Brown RIP NOTE TIME  
11.30 am Funeral Service for Juan Perez at Stockport Crematorium  
*Readings: Acts 7: 51-8: 1; Psalm 30; John 6: 30-35*

#### Wednesday 7th May 2025

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Florence Donahue RIP  
12 noon Requiem Mass for John Hazeldine  
*Readings: Acts 8: 1-8; Psalm 65; John 6: 35-40*

#### Thursday 8th May 2025

12 Noon Gilbert O'Brien  
*Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 65; John 6: 44-51*

#### Friday 9th May 2025 -

11 30 a.m. Requiem Mass for Victor Bradley NOTE TIME  
*Readings: Acts 9: 1-20; Psalm 116; John 6: 52-59*

#### Saturday 10th May 2025 - St John de Avila

11- 11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Kath Thiele RIP Birthday Memories  
1.30 pm Wedding Service for Bethan Dorsett and Paul Tickner  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's - Norah Connelly  
*Readings: Acts 9: 31-42; Psalm 115; John 6: 60-69*

#### Sunday 11th May 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Austin Roy Intention ORGAN  
10.00am Ruth Thompson RIP TOAST  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Rite Mass at St. Philip's  
6.00 pm People of the Parish CHOIR  
*Readings: Acts: 13: 14. 43-52; Psalm 99; Apocalypse 7: 9. 14-17; John 10: 27-30*

#### SPRING TIDY UP OF CHURCH GROUNDS

**Saturday morning 10<sup>th</sup> May from 9 o'clock. Can you help?**

Please bring garden tool, trugs, wheelbarrows saws brushes, etc. Sausage butties and drinks served mid morning! Please sign the list at the back of church if you are able to come.

### 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. **Gerry Clarke** whose Requiem Mass will be here on Monday 19th 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:** Bishop Joseph Gray, Kenneth Lupton, Helga Bartley, Sheila Durdey, Pamela Autherson, Jose Matos, Margaret Barrow, Mary Jackson, May McCormack, William Gingell, Cecilia Hillier, Josephine Sherry, Stella Brennan, Mary Hewett, Francis Boote.

### 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 Web-site.

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

### GOSPEL - John 21: 1-19

*Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.*

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage.
2. Note the words/phrases that draw your attention.
3. Place yourself in the scene noticing what you see, hear, think, feel.....
4. You find yourself in conversation with Jesus...What do you say to him...? What does Jesus say to you...?
5. What Gospel word/phrase might be your 'motto' for this week?

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th May at 7.00 pm in the Members Lounge - The theme will be Mental Health and Wellbeing with refreshments and a bit of fun!

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.

### 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 today!**



### 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.

### Spv 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

**VE Day 80 - Thursday 8th May - 7pm onwards Fish and Chip Supper from a Mobile Chippy Van**

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. **We need to know numbers for catering by Monday 5th so if you would like to come please put your name on the list at the back of Church, email the Parish Office [admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk) or call Helen on 07854928072**

### SHINE SHINE SHINE – CALL FOR ARTICLES

We're looking to produce the next issue of our parish magazine, Shine, in July before the schools break up. So, now is the time start getting your information and stories together and sorting out your photographs. You'll see in previous issues of Shine that are available on the website, that it's a great way of sharing what's going on in our parish communities in Offerton and Hazel Grove, what hobbies you might have, what your parish group has been doing, etc.

Please send your articles and photos to [terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk) by **Sunday 1 June**. If you haven't got Email don't let that stop you – just hand your papers and photos to Fr Peter in an envelope marked for Terry Thiele. It's time to Shine!

### FOOTSTEPS ON 15th MAY

Our next event in the Footsteps programme of talks will be on **Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre** when **Mary Hardiman** will be making a welcome return to Footsteps. Teacher, counsellor, author, Mary is always a most captivating and thought provoking speaker. She will be talking about the **Jubilee year of hope** and in particular she'll explore **what jubilee means and how we can experience the hope and freedom that God offers**. 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.

### 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:**

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### SHROUD OF TURIN

An evening talk on the Shroud of Turin on Thursday 26th June at 7.30 PM in St Peter's Parish Centre.

Michael Kowalski is the editor and author of the British Society for the Turin Shroud. Matt Burke from St Philip's recently attended this talk and has kindly arranged for Michael to give the same talk for us at St Peter's. This 60-minute presentation (including Q&A) provides an overview of evidence revealed by a century of scientific and historical research. It focuses in particular on the astounding findings revealed by scientific examinations of the image markings visible on the Shroud, which undermine the claim that a medieval artist could have simply "faked it up and flogged it". It also explains why, after examining the Shroud's image markings and bloodstains, several forensic scientists have concluded that this is the true cloth that wrapped the body of Jesus Christ between His death and resurrection. Free entry although opportunity for donations to contribute towards expenses.

Refreshments will be available