

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS** Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1077.25 Online giving last month came to £4122 and £1032.7 from the card machine. St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £351.53 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 Guides - Tuesday - 7.45pm to 9.15pm Beavers - Wednesday - 6:00pm - 7:15pm Cubs Thursday 7.00 pm- 8.30 pm Scouts - Friday - 7:00pm to 8.45 pm

**Contact:** [samantha.panjeta@ladybrookvalleyscouts.org.uk](mailto:samantha.panjeta@ladybrookvalleyscouts.org.uk) or ring Samantha on 07748308514

**ONLINE PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

We now have an online calendar linked to the website - if you are looking to advertise an event through the newsletter, please can you email the office as usual and if you would like the event to go online please email the name of the event along with the dates and times to [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com)

**SCHOOL VACANCIES**

**ST PHILIP'S SCHOOL VISITS** for September 2026 are welcome. Please contact the Headteacher on 0161 483 0977 or email [natalie.holland@st-philips.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:natalie.holland@st-philips.stockport.sch.uk)

**ST SIMON'S Catholic Primary School**

**Open Afternoon** Wednesday 22nd October 2025 - 1.30 pm - 3 pm

**Open Morning** Saturday 15th November 2025 - 10 am - 12 noon

**VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE**

A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for the role of Clergy Welfare Support Worker. The role would be to support the Diocesan Welfare Nurse in her duties. **Hours:** 22.5 per week over 3 days, with a degree of flexibility. **Salary:** Competitive. For more details, please see the Diocesan Website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) **Closing date:** Friday 24 October 2025.

**PARISH CENTRE EVENTS**

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!** This time, we are calling all our "Soul" mates to keep Saturday 8th November free for our next event! We have an amazing soul and Motown singer coming to entertain us and is without doubt, an evening not to be missed. So save the date and book your ticket with Rita on 07483114783 %15 including food Doors open at 7.00 pm

**ST PHILIPS FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

Thanks to the Friday Friendship Group @ St. Philip's for their kind donation of £50 to the Foodbank. This group would also welcome anyone who would like to come along between 10 & 12 each Friday for refreshments, quizzes and a chat.

**FUNDRAISING AND FUN** Hazel Grove Inner Wheel warmly invites you to join us on *Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November* in Saint Peters Church Hall from *10.30 until 13.30*. Craft stalls, bric a brac, bottle stall, Raffle, cake, Home Scents, face-painting, family fun and more! All proceeds to Mary's Meals and Stockport Wellspring. (See poster in church.)

**ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB**

Our first recommendation, *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni is a coming-of-age novel about Sam Hill, a boy born with ocular albinism that gives him striking red eyes, leading to bullying and exclusion throughout his childhood in a devout Catholic community. Supported by his fiercely loving mother and loyal friends, Sam's journey explores themes of faith, identity, resilience and self-acceptance. Our second book is a debut - *The Names* by Florence Knapp. It is a reflective memoir with some heavy themes related to identity and the way personal and inherited histories influence who we become. Another recommendation is *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller - it is a satirical novel about a woman in a small Southern town who starts banning "inappropriate" books and unintentionally sparks a community-wide reckoning over censorship, hypocrisy and free expression. *You Are Here* by David Nicholls is a novel about two lonely, middle-aged individuals—Marnie, a reclusive London copyeditor, and Michael, a geography teacher recovering from a failed marriage—who are brought together by a mutual friend for a walking trip across northern England. There is a parish connection to our final recommendation - *Diary of Annie's War* by Annie Droege is a diary written by the great-aunt of Mark Rigg who moved to live in Germany with her husband just before the Great War. She spent the war in Germany under virtual house arrest. If you would like a copy please get in touch with Eileen Rigg. We will meet again on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 2026! If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Alison McGarr on 07792

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for **OCTOBER**  
For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace,

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST READING:**

**Exodus 17: 8-13;**

**Psalm: 120**  
**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth**

**SECOND READING:**

**2 TIMOTHY 3: 14-4**

**GOSPEL**

**ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL READING:**

**LUKE 18: 1-8**

**"GOD WILL GIVE JUSTICE TO HIS ELECT, WHO CRY TO HIM"**

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

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**ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXIX**

**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 18th October 2025—St Luke**

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Tommy and Kath Smart RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Maire Dillon  
*Readings:* 2 Timothy 4: 10-17; Psalm 144; Luke 10:1-9

**Sunday 19th October 2025 TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30 am Thanksgiving -Jackie Hampson **CHOIR**  
10.00 am Frances McGoran RIP **FOLK GROUP**  
10.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips **PIANO**  
6.00 pm People of the Parish  
*Readings :* Exodus 17: 8-13; Psalm 120; 2 Timothy 3: 14—4; Luke 18: 1-8

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSIONS**

**Monday 20th October 2025 - St Peter of Alcantara**

12 Noon Christina Nolan RIP  
*Readings:* Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 95; Matthew 13:47-52

**Tuesday 21st October 2025 - St. Callistus**

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Michael Burke  
*Readings:* Romans 5: 12. 15. 17-19. 20-21; Psalm 39; Luke 12: 35-38

**Wednesday 22nd October 2025 - St. John Paul II**

10.00 a.m. Peter Davies Davies RIP **NOTE TIME CHANGE**  
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
*Readings:* Romans 6: 12-18; Psalm 123; Luke 12; 39-48

**Thursday 23rd October 2025 - St John of Capestrano**

12 Noon Almut Livesey RIP  
*Readings:* Romans 6: 19-23; Psalm 1; Luke 12: 49-53

**Friday 24th October 2025 St Anthony Mary Claret**

12.00 Noon Doreen McAleer  
*Readings:* Romans 7: 18-25; Psalm 118; Luke 12: 54-59

**Saturday 25th October 2025**

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Terry Cunningham RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Kathryn Trueman Intention  
*Readings:* Romans 8: 1-11; Psalm 118; Luke 12: 54-59

**Sunday 26th October 2025 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30 am Barbara Binnie-Birthday Memories **PRAISE BE!**  
10.00 am People of the Parish **CHOIR**  
10.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm Ashley Gartside RIP **PIANO**  
*Readings :* Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

## Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED Michael Andrew Burke** whose Requiem Mass will be held here on Tuesday 21st October at 12.00 Noon **Bernard Pye** whose Funeral Service will be held at Stockport Crematorium on Friday 31st October at 11.30 am

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME** Terry Cunningham, Tommy Smart, Ken James, Bernard Cooke, Emile Ludwilla, Brian Burgess, Christina Nolan, France Wilson, Margaret Hargreaves, Bishop Brian Noble, Almut Livesey, Pat Melia, John Hand, Veronica Mulroy, Lathleen Coleman, Harry Hillier, Jeremiah O'Keeffe, Peter Dwerryhouse, Honoria Culshaw, Margaret Kane, George Wilson

### BAPTISMS

**BAPTISM COURSE** The dates for the next course are 9th Nov and 23rd Nov. 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.

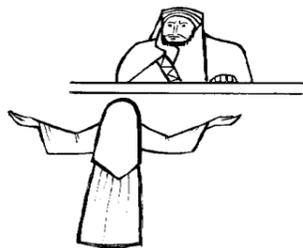
**THE SICK** Remembering all the sick in the Parish, especially those in our hospitals and nursing homes. We also remember those who are housebound and are unable to come to Mass

**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.

### GOSPEL Luke 18: 1-8

At that time : Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary" but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. What do you think are the thoughts and feelings of the begging woman?
3. What does the parable say to you about God?
4. How might this parable influence your prayer this week?



### For Conversation:

Your experience of persevering in prayer, of patiently continuing.

**LAMBS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP** will meet on Sunday the 26th of October between 4pm and 6pm in the parish centre. We will have our usual disco, crafts, and bingo all are welcome.

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next gathering will be on **Monday 3rd November** when we will be having Mass at 7.00 pm for the Holy Souls, along with families of those who have died in the last 12 months. There will be refreshments served afterwards in Church.

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.

**ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP (SPY)** SPY meets monthly on a Sunday after 6pm Mass in the Parish Centre and is open to all young people of high school age, year 7 and above. Any young people who are starting year 7 in September are welcome to join this friendly group. SPY is a great way to keep in touch with your faith and your friends, as well as making new friends, as you move on into your High School Years. SPY is also the step in place for anyone who is interested in being confirmed (year 8 and above) Come along for Faith sharing, friendship, lots of fun and of course food! (7pm - 8.30 pm) All welcome.

**Spy dates for this term:-** Sunday 19th October Sunday 9th November Sunday 23rd November - Spy will be involved in the 6.00 p.m. Mass for National Youth Sunday November 23rd, the Feast of Christ the King

**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 Wednesday 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

### HAND MADE CARDS

Birthday and occasion cards will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses 26 October (proceeds to support local families at Christmas). This is an ideal opportunity to donate to charity whilst gaining some benefit yourselves! Thank you for your ongoing support.

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

"Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Monday 8th to Thursday 11th June 2026. Estimated cost £450. Includes transport, half board accommodation and programme of processions & services. Deposit of £73 required by 1st November 2025. For further information contact Peter Henshaw, [peterhenshaw26@gmail.com](mailto:peterhenshaw26@gmail.com), 07845 711540."

Peter Henshaw would like to thank everybody who sponsored him on his walking pilgrimage to Walsingham. Together we raised £1,505 for the shrine."

**AUTUMN CHURCH GROUNDS CLEARANCE** will take place on Saturday 25th October from 9.00 am onwards. If you can help please put your name down on the sheet provided at the back of Church. Please bring, if you can any gardening tools, wheelbarrows will be very useful. Refreshments will be provided.

### MISSION SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER TODAY

Next Sunday there is Exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm. Please come and pray for the Missions and Peace.

### SHINE SHINE SHINE – CALL FOR ARTICLES

We're looking to produce the next issue of our parish magazine, Shine, in December 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 which 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 2 November**. If you haven't got Email don't let that stop you – just hand your papers and photos to Fr Philip in an envelope marked for Terry Thiele. It's time to Shine!

### CALLING ALL KNITTERS

We need your help. We would like to do a Christmas tree of bobble/beanie hats for men. After the Christmas tree festival in church, the hats will be donated to the Wellspring in Stockport and the Stella Maris seaman's charity. The hats can be any shade of green and knit in either double knit or chunky wool. If you need a pattern one can be found on the church website, or speak to Sharon Farr 07500 557429 or Ann Munnely 07881 614100 All knitters patterns can be found on the parish website on the St. Peter's Helpers link.

**ALPHA** is a (new) beginning, a refresh or a restart. It's the R.E. you feel you missed out on when you were at school. It's an opportunity to ask some of life's big questions. Things may have happened in your life and you want space and time to look at them. It's what you might want to do if your kids are being baptised or doing first communion or confirmation. Alpha's helpful if you want to explore becoming a Catholic. If you want to know more ask Deacon John. Could you let him know by WhatsApp or text on 07715362403 that you would like to come. Our next session is at St Philip's, Half Moon Lane, Offerton SK2 5LE at 7.30pm starting with drinks and snacks **this Tuesday 14TH OCTOBER** we finish at 9pm.

**NEWSLETTER** Please have any articles for the newsletter in the office by a Thursday at Noon, as it will now be printed on that day.

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### Health and Safety Workshop on Risk Assessment -for all volunteer Group Leaders

A presentation and practical session on the completion of Risk Assessments will be held in the Parish Centre on 6th November at 7.00 p.m. for 7.15 start. This should last approximately 1 hour. It should be noted that the diocese requires all our parish activities to have documented Risk Assessments so it is recommended that you attend to help in complying with this requirement.

### HEALING MASS

Once again, the Healing Mass and lunch was greatly appreciated by all of our guests - a huge thank you to all concerned. Special thanks to Fr Philip who celebrated his first Mass as our Parish Priest and to Canon John Rafferty and Fr Tony Myers who assisted him, also to Deacon John who made sure that that Mass ran smoothly. This event is always very successful and could not take place without a small army of volunteers from St Peter's Helpers and from the wider Parish community ably supported by the team from Reflections, High Lane, who provided the catering. THANK YOU.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** Please reply to Sandra on 07748684388 if you have had an invitation to the Christmas Lunch on 9th December 2025