

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1175.06 Online giving last month came to £4122 and £1032.7 from the card machine. St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £362.60 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**

JUST A THOUGHT

Quite a number of parishioners in both of our parishes pay their Offertory contribution by Bankers Standing Order. It may be some years since you made the arrangement and perhaps it could be revised in line with increase in salary, pension and inflation. Above all thank you for your ongoing generosity. If you pay income tax you should also take out Gift Aid so that the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on your offerings. Just a thought!

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 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 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

CHARITY CONCERT by the Ladybrook Singers, featuring ST. PETER'S JUNIOR CHOIR - Saturday 18th October, 7.30 pm at Hazel Grove Methodist Church. Admission £10, under 16s free. Supporting Papyrus UK. See poster in the porch.

SCHOOL VACANCIES

ST PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL are looking for a new Business Manager Further details can be found on the school website -<https://www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk/vacancies-1/>

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is currently recruiting for various roles, including teaching, technicians and Learning Mentors. Please visit the school website for more information - www.harrytownschool.org

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.

ST PHILIP'S COMMUNITY FESTIVAL is fast approaching with this exciting event due to take place on Saturday 11th October from 3 - 5.30pm. From bollywood dancing to ice - cream, bilingual storytelling to a DJ, there will be something for everyone. Why not come along and get involved....all are welcome.

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

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese of Wrexham for the position of Personal Assistant to the Bishop. For further information, please follow this link [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#) (This position is based in Wrexham)

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 **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.

FROM FR PETER

This week sees the end of my time here at St Peter's and St Philip's and the beginning of Fr Philip's ministry—or should I say continuation as he was here for his first appointment as an assistant priest after his ordination in 1993. I am sure that you will give him a warm welcome and the same generous support that you have given to me over the past 19 years. I take with me many happy memories of what has gone on during my time here and St Peter's and St Philip's will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for all your support and kindness and I am sure that our parishes will continue to go from strength to strength in the coming years.

Fr Peter

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:
Habakkuk 1:
2-3; 2:
2-4

Psalm: 94
**O that day you
would listen to
his voice!**
**‘Harden not your
hearts.’**

SECOND READING:
2 TIMOTHY 1:
6-8.13-14

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
**The word of the
Lord remains for
ever and this
word is the good
news that was
preached to you**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING:
LUKE 17: 5-10

**“Be
uprooted
and
planted in
the sea”**

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

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXVII DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK III

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

Saturday 4th October 2025 - St Francis of Assisi
11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Prayers answered for Jane Bugeja and family
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - People of the Parish
Readings: Baruch 4: 5-12.27-29; Psalm 68; Luke 10: 17-24

Sunday 5th October 2025 TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Vito Angrisani RIP CHOIR
10.00 am Pat Dorrian RIP FOLK GROUP
10.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Fr Peter's Intentions PIANO
Readings : Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1: 6-8.13-14; Luke 17: 5-10

Monday 6th October 2025 - St. Bruno
12 Noon Elizabeth Bradley RIP
Readings: Jonah 1: 1-2:1.11; Psalm Jonah 2; Luke 10: 25-37

Tuesday 7th October 2025 - Our Lady of the Rosary
11 00 a.m. Requiem Mass at St. Philip's for Mary Higginbottom (Note Time)
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Acts 1: 12-14; Psalm Luke 1; Luke 1: 26-38

Wednesday 8th October 2025
9 15 a.m. Padraig Mills
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Jonah 4: 1-11; Psalm 85; Luke 11: 1-4

Thursday 9th October 2025 - St John Henry Newman
12 Noon 'Victoria' Intention
Readings: 1 Corinthians 2: 10-16; Psalm 144; Matthew 13: 47-52

Friday 10th October 2025—St Paulinus of York
12.00 Noon Nimi Netto Birthday Memories
Readings: Joel 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2; Psalm 9; Luke 11: 15-26

Saturday 11th October 2025 St John XXIII
11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Bridie Kearns RIP (*with Sacrament of the Sick*)
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - John and Jenny Love 50th Wedding Anniv Memories
Readings: Joel 4: 12-21; Psalm 96; Luke 11: 27-28

Sunday 5th October 2025 TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Emma Cooke R IP ORGAN
10.00 am Kevin Rooney RIP JUNIOR CHOIR
10.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm People of the Parish PRAISE BE!
Readings : Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1: 6-8.13-14; Luke 17: 5-10

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED The Sisters of Evron request your prayers for the repose of the soul of Sister Anne Marie Crowley, who died on 12 September aged 96 years. The Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of Sister Anne Marie will take place at St Bernadette's Brinnington on 8th October 2025 at 11 00 a.m. Mary Higginbotham whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th October at 11.00 **at St. Philips**

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME Clare Wroe, Michael Fogarty. Pat Dorrian, Vito Angrisani, Tom Dunstan, Maura Burnet, Regina MacPherson, Gerard Kenny, Nicoline Cooke, David Yates, Evelyn Simpson, Umberto Tavini, Philippa Cranwell, Christine Slater, Kathleen Leigh, Therese Bailey, Bernadette Shanahan

BAPTISMS We welcome into our Parish Community Harris Francis Gibson who was Baptised here last Sunday

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 . 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.

We pray especially for the **Jewish Community** in Crumpsall and all over Greater Manchester following the despicable attack on the synagogue the other day. We remember those who have died and those who were injured and the emergency services who risked their lives to bring protection to the other people who were there.

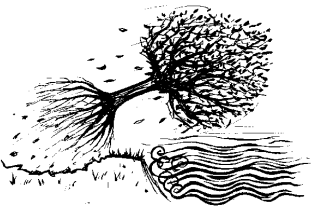
Let us also remember the **new Archbishop of Canterbury**, Sarah Mulally, Bishop of London. May God bless her ministry as head of the Anglican Communion.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10 'If you had faith.'

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty." '

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Place yourself with the apostles in conversation with Jesus. Notice your thoughts and feelings as you listen to Jesus.
3. Take time to talk with Jesus about what it is like for you to be one of God's servants.



What Gospel phrase might guide you through this week?

For Conversation:

The times when you find yourself praying
'Increase our faith'.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next meeting will be on 14th October when we will be having Reflection and Refreshments at 2.00 pm in the Member Lounge.

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.

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

FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country.

Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

HAND MADE CARDS

Birthday and occasion cards will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on 12 and 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.

HEALING MASS

The next Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick and lunch will take place **NEXT** Saturday, 11 October at 12.00 noon. The lunch will comprise Cottage Pie followed by Gateaux, catered by Reflections (High Lane) as usual. The Mass is open to everyone but you must let Margaret (07504 708 981) know by Saturday, 27 September if you wish to join us for lunch. Please let Margaret know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Numbers for the lunch are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. There will be an opportunity to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the meal and hand made cards (including Christmas cards) will also be available to purchase.

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 first session is at St Philip's, Half Moon Lane, Offerton SK2 5LE at 7.30pm starting with drinks and snacks **this Tuesday 16th September**. We finish at 9pm.

DISABILITY INCLUSION GROUP;our next Accessible mass is on **Sunday 5th October at 2.30pm.TODAY** This mass is particularly appropriate for anyone who struggles to join us in our regular services, with support for those with disabilities, young and old. This mass is shorter, we have a breakout space, sensory activities and limited sensory input. We encourage participation in the service and movement around the church as needed, followed by refreshments. Everyone Welcome. Please join us. Contact: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

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, 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."

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY RETREAT DAY

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 that help is needed. There will also be presentations from representatives of some of the apostolates already working in the diocese in support of marriage and family.

When: 11th October 2025 9.30am-4.00pm

Where: Parish Room **Shrewsbury Cathedral** - Entrance Address: Town Walls Shrewsbury SY1 1UE (Above the Cafe). Parking is limited but public car parks are available nearby

To Register and for More Information please contact:

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JOIN US at FOOTSTEPS on THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER AT 7.30pm

We are really delighted to welcome back **Sr Helen Costigane** to Footsteps. She is an engaging and captivating speaker and this time she's going to help us in "**Rediscovering Mary**". Sr Helen says: Linking Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the idea of 'girl power' might seem like bordering on the absurd. We all have different ideas and images of Mary in our mind and in our prayer life. Some have compared her to 'a quiet dove', or 'a gentle virgin mother', emphasising her obedience and compliance. This session aims to expand those horizons by proposing some further ways of viewing Mary in terms of her bravery, compassion and a 'girl with real power'.

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.

ST. PETER'S BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is at 7pm this coming Tuesday 7th October - we will be having a meal at Topkapi in Hazel Grove. If you would like to join us, please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.