

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS** Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1046.86 Online giving last month came to £4122 and £1032.7 from the card machine. St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £339.18 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 1 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 Morning** Saturday 15th November 2025 - 10 am - 12 noon

**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.

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Dear All,  
You are cordially invited to a meeting on the completion of Health and Safety Risk Assessments. This will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday 6th Nov. starting at 19:00 with tea/coffee for 19:15 commencement, and will last approximately 1 hour. This will include a summary of the diocese H & S arrangements and how we, as volunteers fit into these arrangements with details of the Risk Assessment process and the opportunity to practice the completion of a Risk Assessment in a shared way with your other volunteer group leaders. Please take advantage of this opportunity as hopefully, it will aid you in demonstrating our commitment to the H & S of our Parish and all its parishioners.

Hope to see you there,  
Alec Mowatt  
H & S representative for the Parishes of St Peter's and St. Philips.

**JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS** with Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis. **on Saturday 15th November** at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Book a free place here: <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>

**ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB**

Please see recommendations on the website  
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 07792107152

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for **NOVEMBER**  
For the prevention of suicide  
Let us pray for those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST READING:**  
**Apocalypse 7: 2-4.9-14**

**Psalm: 23**  
**Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord**

**SECOND READING:**  
**1 JOHN 3: 1-3**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord and I will give you rest Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**MATTHEW 5 1-12**

**'REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR YOUR REWARD IS GREAT IN HEAVEN'**

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 XXXI**

**DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK III**

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

**Saturday 1st November 2025**

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Deceased members of the Begley, Smyth and Mannion Families  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Owey Dullaghan RIP  
Readings: Romans 11: 1-2. 11-12. 25-29; Psalm 93; Luke 14: 7-11

**Sunday 2nd November 2025 -ALL SAINTS**

8.30 am Irene Hopkins RIP CHOIR  
10.00 am Rita Moore RIP FOLK GROUP  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish PRAISE BE!  
Readings: Apocalypse 7: 2-4.9-14; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12

**Monday 3rd November 2025 -COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

12 Noon Brian Connelly RIP  
11.00 am Funeral Service for Mary Little at St. Philips  
7.00 pm All the Faithful Departed  
Readings: 2 Maccabees 12:43-45 ;Philippians 3: 20-21;Psalm 63;Luke 7: 11-17

**Tuesday 4th November 2025—St Winefride**

12 Noon Damien Byrne RIP  
Readings: Song of Songs 8: 6-7;Psalm 44;Matthew 25: 1-13

**Wednesday 5th November 2025**

9.30 am Mass at St. Philips - Paul O'Sullivan RIP  
12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Romans 13: 8-10; Psalm 111; Luke 14: 25-33

**Thursday 6th November 2025**

12 Noon Ged Newcombe RIP  
6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Readings: Romans 14: 7-12; Psalm 26; Luke 15: 1-1

**Friday 7th November 2025—St. Willibrord**

12.00 Noon Margaret King Intention  
6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Readings: Romans 15: 14-21; Psalm 97; Luke 16: 1-8

**Saturday 8th November 2025**

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Barbara Smart  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Sr. Bernadette O'Dwyer  
Readings: Romans 16: 3-9.16. 22-27; Psalm 144; Luke 16: 9-15

**Sunday 9th November 2025 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer**

8.30 am Peg and Jack Kenny RIP PRAISE BE!  
10.00 am P.J. Sweeney RIP JUNIOR CHOIR  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish PIANO  
Readings: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 45; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11.16-17; John2: 13- 22

## Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED Mary Little** whose Funeral Service will be at St. Philips on Monday 3rd November at 11.00 am  
**Edith Dove** whose Funeral Service will take place on Thursday 13th November at Stockport Crematorium at 11.30. **John Dolan** whose Requiem Mass will be here on Monday 17th November at Noon. **Elizabeth (Betty) Baynes.**

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME** Rose Revie, Angela Rhodes, Anne Davidson, Margaret Wills, Gerard Morrell, Thomas Simmon, Irene Heap, Florence Bradshaw, Bernard Gibbs, George Normansell, Patricia Roper, Ged Newcombe, Ted Nestor, Bernard O'Gara, Mazgaret Kenny, Damien Byrne, Mary Box, Bernard Smith, Frank Scholey, William Keenan, Winifride Cartwright.

**BAPTISMS** We welcome into our Parish Community Mabel Grace Masiak Sharif 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](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 Matthew 5: 1-12

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Allow yourself time to pause for reflection after each of the phrases.
3. Take time to talk to Jesus about the different people who come to mind.
4. Which one phrase might be your 'motto' for this coming week?

### For Conversation:

The Saints you've encountered who have been an inspiration to you.

Rejoice and be glad.

### 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 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

### 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

Alpha takes a break this week (28th October) for half term. We meet again on Tuesday 4th November.

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### ST PETER'S HELPERS

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

### COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFULL DEPARTED

There will be a Mass for the families of all those who have lost a loved one in the past 12 months on Monday 3rd November at 7.00 pm followed by refreshments in Church. All are welcome.

### FOOTSTEPS on THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm

Our last event in the 2025 programme of inspiring talks in our informal, café-style setting will be with **Sister Alicia Perez** who will be taking us on a pilgrimage - the famous Camino de Santiago. She is involved in the Camino Companions, which is a project of the Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus in Santiago de Compostela to serve English-speaking pilgrims who arrive in Santiago after their long Camino journey. This group of Sisters and other volunteers welcome, listen to and accompany pilgrims as they share their unique stories and reflect on their experiences of the Camino. Sr Alicia has spent several summers in this ministry and will be speaking about the pilgrimage, its history and enormous growth in recent decades. She will also share the motivations and experiences of pilgrims today. You don't have to bring your hiking boots or rucksack – just yourself (and maybe a friend) to hear her talk about "**Being a pilgrim**". Footsteps provides a forum where we can listen to and reflect on various topics as we journey in our Christian faith. We hope to see you there, **in the parish centre** for a **7.30pm** start.

### DISABILITY INCLUSION GROUP

Join us for our next planning meeting on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm in the parish meeting room. Everyone Welcome.

Our next Accessible Mass will be celebrating the Christmas liturgy. A totally relaxed, joyful service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. All are invited.

### REIMAGINING BAPTISM

Following two very successful one-day conferences in London, the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis for the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Baptism Collaborative are organising a similar opportunity for northern-based clergy, catechists and all interested to *Reimagine Baptism*.

It is taking place on **Friday 28 November 2025 for Clergy** and repeated on Saturday 29 November 2025 for all others. It will be held at **St Joseph's Catholic Church, Tatton Street, St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EJ**.

To book a place please complete the attached booking form and return to [Monika.Golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Monika.Golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

The Keynote talk will be given by **Abbot Hugh Allen O.Praem.**, the recently appointed Mission Director at the Bishops' conference.

Baptism is not only transformative for the individual being baptised, but it is an opportunity to begin to transform their families. Reawakening a baptismal mindset in families and thus the parish community is at the heart of Reimagining Baptism. The day is not just about preparation for the celebration of the Baptismal rite but to offer an opportunity for all those in ministry