

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1034.95. St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £339.24. 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. Peter's, Hazel Grove or do a direct transfer to: **St. Peter's Hazel Grove at Lloyds Bank 30 15 52 54607668** or set up a Standing Order or for St. Philip's go to **St. Philip's 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 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 stpetershelp@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Platt who will be leaving St. Peter's Primary School to take up a position with the Shrewsbury Diocese as Deputy Director of Schools, he will be starting his new role in the Summer Term. Our best wishes and thanks go with Mr. Platt for all the hard work he has done and for his dedication to both the school and the Parish. Please keep the Governing Body at St. Peter's School in your prayers, as they being their

MAGGIE'S MANCHESTER

I was on a Breast Cancer journey in the 90s and, unfortunately, again just after I retired from the Christie Hospital in 2017 but happy to be able to say, I am still here despite the tough regime one way or another!! I have now volunteered to be part of Maggie's Rock Choir at an upcoming event to raise money for Maggie's Manchester and have been selected to model some clothes on the catwalk at this event as well as singing in the choir on 29th November.

It would be wonderful if you could please support us by donating some much needed money as it would be so beneficial to support Maggie's Manchester to cover therapies etc. If you are not already aware, Maggie's offers support for cancer patients, a space to be together with support specialists. A Sponsorship Form is at the back of Church if you would like to donate. Grateful thanks Tricia Byrne. 07504865210

MARRIAGE COURSE 2026

The Alpha Marriage Course is being run at St. Peter's from 15th January to 26th February. This is a 7-week course held on Thursday evenings for couples who wish to invest in their marriage. Each session will comprise a candle-lit dinner, informative video presentations and couples only discussions. If you are interested in joining this course or wish to know more information, please contact on lauradavidsmall@outlook.com for further details.

CHRISTMAS MASSES Please would our welcomers sign up to welcome at the Christmas Mass that they are coming to if possible. We will need extra stewards at the busier Masses if anyone is able to help out? Please sign up on the list at the back of church.

MASSES WILL BE

Christmas Eve	
6.00 pm at St. Peter's Childrens Mass	10.00 pm Midnight Mass at St. Peter's with Carols from 9.30pm
8.00 pm at St. Philip's	11.30 pm Syro Malabar Mass at St. Peter's
Christmas Day at St. Peter's	
8.30 am	11.30 am
10.00 am	NO EVENING MASS

WINTER WEATHER TEAM As the weather turns colder, we have boosted our stocks of rock salt this week and have even acquired a grit bin to be prepared for when the snow/icy weather comes. We are reaching out to see if we can recruit a team of volunteers who may be available to help clear snow/treat surfaces in the event of a snow fall or icy weather. If you would be willing to join the Winter Weather WhatsApp group, please let us know. This would give us chance to communicate easily when help is needed, and people could step in when they were available. Please sign up on the list in the porch if you are able to help out in this way. Many thanks.

TEAS AND COFFEES A big thanks to everyone who supports the Sunday morning Teas and coffees in any way, whether that's by brewing up and serving on one of the teams; restocking the biscuits and provisions that we consume or by coming along to join the chat and community time after 10 AM Mass. The money raised at Teas and Coffees restocks the cupboard and any surplus is sent at regular intervals to Mary's Meals. Thanks to your support, we have been able to send £200 this week to Mary's Meals. As part of their Double The Love appeal, the donation will be matched, doubling the donation. We've had a thank you letter from Mary's Meals that is on the noticeboard at the back of church. Thanks for your generosity which not only creates a welcoming environment for our parish, but will also help some of the world's poorest children. Many thanks.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:
Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm: 121:
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

SECOND READING:
ROMANS 13: 11-14A

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA ! SHOW US, O LORD, YOUR MERCY, AND GRANT US YOUR SAVATION Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING:
MATHEW 24: 37 - 44

'STAY AWAKE SO THAT YOU MAY BE READY'

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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ADVENT WEEK 1

DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK I

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

Saturday 29th November 2025

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Angela Clarke RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Christopher Kan Hai RIP
Readings: Daniel 7: 15-27; Psalm Daniel 3; Luke 21: 34-36

Sunday 30th November 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30 am Cyril, Vera and Joshephine Atherton RIP ORGAN
10.00 am Betty Baynes RIP FOLK GROUP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm People of the Parish CHOIR
Readings : Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24; 37-44

Monday 1st December 2025

12 Noon Catherine King RIP
Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 121; Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday 2nd November 2025

12 Noon Eddy Getty RIP
Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 71; Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday 3rd November 2025—St Francis Xavier

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - M.J. Varghese RIP
12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-10; Psalm 23; Matthew 15: 29-37

Thursday 4th December 2025 - St John Damascus

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Peter's with thanks from the Canning Family
Readings: Isaiah 26: 1-6; Psalm 117; Matthew 7: 21. 24-27

Friday 5th December 2025

12.00 Noon Kath Canning RIP
6.00-8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Readings: Isaiah 29: 17-24; Psalm 26; Matthew 9: 27-31

Saturday 6th December 2025

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Dermot O'Sullivan RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Fr. Peter's Intentions
Readings: Isaiah 30: 19-21. 23-26; Psalm 146; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 1. 5-8

Sunday 7th November 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30 am Matthew Brazier RIP CHOIR
10.00 am Terence, Kathleen and Joseph Muldoon RIP FOLK GROUP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm People of the Parish PRAISE BE!
Readings : Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED Mary Norton -will be brought into Our Lady's, Shaw Heath at 7.45pm on Thursday 4th. December A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Vincents, Bramhall, at 10.45am on Friday December 5th, followed by a service at the Rowan Chapel, Stockport Crematorium at 1pm. Family flowers only please. Any donations in Mary's memory will be greatly received and will be sent to the Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, **Joan Bell** whose Funeral Service will be at St. Philip's on Tuesday 2nd December at 12 Noon and Stockport Crematorium at 1 pm. **Vera Campbell** (wife of the late John Campbell who was the Chief Brancardier for the Shrewsbury Diocese in Lourdes)

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Colin Rudder, Dick Drain, Carmel Mitchell, Ann Burgess, Mary Selby, Matthew Brazier, Thomas Hazley, Winifred Hayes. Theodora Mowatt, Mary Brammer, Ann Kazio, Elizabeth Mulvey, Edmund Barry, Mary Kenny, David Byrne,

BAPTISMS We welcome into our Parish Community Nora Mae Britland who was Baptised here last Sunday.

BAPTISM COURSE If you would like more information about the Baptism 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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37—44

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and re-reading the passage. Note the words, phrases that draw your heart and mind.
2. What is Jesus saying to his disciples – to each of us – about waiting, being ready?
3. How might you prepare yourself for the coming of Christ – the Christ born in Bethlehem, the Christ in our world today, the Christ who will return in glory.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next event will be on 16th December at 7.00 pm in Church when we will be having an Advent Service and a Buffet afterwards in the Parish Centre with Entertainment from John and Peter.

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.

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

LAMBS additional needs group will meet again on the 30th of November , TODAY between 4pm and 6pm in the Parish centre. We will have our disco, a Christmas craft activity and bingo. It will be great to see you all every one welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 19th December at 7.30 in the Parish Centre. Only £5!! Bar available. Christmas favourites from our prize-winning choirs and instrumentalists, and your annual opportunity to join in with those Twelve Days of Christmas!

MUSIC AT SUNDAY MASSES

Again we are looking for people - individuals or groups - to provide music at Sunday Masses, as we are currently stretched to capacity. If you feel you can help, or just give it a try, please don't be backward at coming forward. Nobody expects perfection!

Please contact Eileen on 07766 405588 or emrigg@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to offer your services for this important ministry.

DISABILITY INCLUSION GROUP

Accessible Mass: Sunday 7th December 2.30 pm

Our next fully inclusive Mass is coming up, to celebrate the Christmas season. This service is suitable for all, with a focus on adults and young people who feel our regular services do not meet their needs. 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 where needed, followed by refreshments. Any questions, please contact: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

ST PETER'S HELPERS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

St Peter's Helpers will be hosting a Christmas lunch (turkey with all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding catered by Reflections, High Lane) on Tuesday, 09 December at 1.00 pm in the Parish Centre. There are still a few places left. There are some invitations at the back of church if you know anyone who would like to join us. Please phone Sandra on 07748 684388 by 25 November if you wish to attend. Please let her know if you have any special dietary requirements. There will be an opportunity on the day to make a contribution towards the cost of the meal if you wish. Thank you.

ST PETER'S HELPERS— WE NEED YOU!

There's something for everyone to get involved with and it's a great way to make new friends with other volunteers too. Contact Clare on stpetershelpers@gmail.com we need:

HAND MADE CARDS

Cards for many occasions, including Christmas, will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 am Masses on all Sundays in November. Thank you.

CARD MAKING

The next card making session is on Thursday, 04 December from 10.00 until 11.30 in the Meeting Room. We will be making Christmas cards and gift tags. Please let me know if you wish to join us. 01663 762974 or mvbinnie@gmail.com

ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP (SPY) SPY meets monthly on a Sunday after 6pm Mass **TONIGHT** 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.

The next **SPY** is on Sunday 14th December. It was inspiring to have all the young people involved in the Youth Mass last Sunday evening. Many thanks to all of you

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

Please see recommendations on the website. We will meet again on Tuesday 13th January 2026! If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Alison McGarr on 07792107152.

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

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

It's that time of the year again! We will be putting up the Christmas Trees on 19th December at 3.00—5.00 pm and 20th December at 10.00 am-11a.m

If you are part of a Parish Group and would like to put up a tree representing your group please contact Jacqueline on 07984340367. If anyone would like to bring a Crib it would be greatly appreciated, however the Church will be open so this will be at your own risk.

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It's here again, that season when as a parish we make a collective effort on a project for some great need - Our parish gift to the child in the crib. We have done some great projects in the past. Last year it was a target of 100 bags for the Food Bank. What will it be this year? Find out today at mass and then, over the four weeks, please support the project with your usual generosity