

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1352.30 St. Philip’s Offertory amounted to £201.06 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 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

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE 2026

The Alpha Marriage Course is being run at St Peters 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 with Carols from 7.30 pm
11.30 pm Syro Malabar Mass at St. Philip’s

Christmas Day at St. Peter’s

8.30 am 11.30 am
10.00 am

10.00 am at **St. Philips**

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 Watts App 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.

ST MARK’S GOSPEL

There will be a short course to explore the meaning of St Mark’s Gospel for [today](#).It will be held at St Philip’s Church in Offerton on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in January (7th and 21st), February (3rd and 17th) and March (3rd and 17th) from 7.30 PM - 9 PM. For more information see the poster at the back of church. All welcome.

LAMB’S additional needs group will be having their Christmas Party on Sunday the 14th of December,**TODAY** between 4pm and 6pm In the Parish centre.
We will be having some special visitors singing dancing and lots of fun.
All are welcome.

GREEN HATS

Any green hats for the Hat Christmas Tree appeal can be put in the box marked “hats” at the back of church from this weekend until 14th December so we will then know how big a tree we need.

ROBIN SINGERS will be performing at Bramhall United Reform Church on Saturday 13th December at 2.30 pm, please see poster at the back of Church for more information.

SILENT AUCTION

Thanks to all those who made bids for the Robin/Wren/Hummingbird and Cross. £155 was raised for St.

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 35: 1-6

Psalms 146:
Come, Lord, and
save us.

SECOND READING:
JAMES 5:7-10

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of the
LORD is upon
me he has sent
me to proclaim
good news to the
poor. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 11:2-11

‘ARE YOU THE
ONE WHO IS TO
COME, OR
SHALL WE LOOK
FOR
ANOTHER?’

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 3
DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK III

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

Saturday 13th December 2025–

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon John and Wladslawa Williams RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Betty Costigan RIP
Readings: Ecclesiasticus 48: 2-4. 9-1; Psalm 79; Matthew 17:10-13

Sunday 14th December 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30 am Monica Beckitt RIP PRAISE BE!
10.00 am Christopher Kan Hai RIP JUNIOR CHOIR
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm People of the Parish PIANO
Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6. 10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
 Lourdes Benefactors and Hospitality

Monday 15th December 2025

12 Noon Michael Ruddy RIP
Readings: Numbers 24:2-7. 15-`7; Psalm 24; Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday 16th December 2025

12 Noon Latilava Shaw `
Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 71; Matthew 1: 1-17

Wednesday 17th December 2025

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Mary Hewellgn
12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 71; Matthew 1:18-24

Thursday 18th December 2025

12 Noon Mary O’Brien RIP
Readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Psalm 70; Luke 5-25

Friday 19th December 2025

12.00 Noon Lourdes Benefactors and Hospitality
6.00-8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Luke 1:26-38

Saturday 20th December 2025

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Tony Heywood RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - People of the Parish
Readings: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3: 14-18; Psalm 32; Luke 1: 39-45

Sunday 21st December 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30 am David McQuade RIP CHOIR
10.00 am Mary Norton RIP FOLK GROUP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Mary Bradbury RIP PIANO
Readings : Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1:18-24
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED Vera Campbell (wife of the late John Campbell, who was the Chief Brancardier for the Shrewsbury Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage). A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Vincent's, Bramhall at 11.00 am on Wednesday December 17th. **Monica Becklitt** (Parish Secretary to Fr. John Fr. Pat and Fr. Peter until her retirement in 2019) Monica's Requiem will be here on the 29th December at 12 Noon followed by Cremation at Stockport Crematorium. Family flowers only, if you would like to make a donation in Monica's memory they are requested for Francis House.

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Patricia Bracken, Bernard Davies, Nancy Hardiman, Anton McPartland, Cecilia Ratcliffe, Neil Davies, Sidney Broomfield, Peter Marsland, Mary McLoughlin, Graham Hancock, Tom Helicon, Pamela Brown, Stanley Macglashan, Leo Ellison, Daniel Blakeley, Anne Fahey, Mary Morrell, Colin Hyde.

BAPTISM We welcome into our Parish Community Adrian Rezaie who was Baptised here last Saturday

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 3:1-12

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?' And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. 'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

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@stpetershazलगrove.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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT Friday 19th December at 7.30 in the Parish Centre. Only £5!! Bar available. Christmas favourites from our prizewinning 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.

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 PETER'S HELPERS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas lunch on Tuesday so special. The event was very successful and much appreciated by all of our guests. The carols and Christmas songs from St Simon's and St Peter's were very well received so special thanks go to the children and their teachers for all their hard work. Thanks also to the pupils from St James' who helped throughout the afternoon: serving the meal, chatting to guests and selling raffle tickets. As usual, an excellent turkey dinner and Christmas pudding was prepared by staff from Reflections in High Lane. Other helpers from the Parish, too numerous to mention individually, contributed to a very, successful occasion. Last, but not least, thanks to our guests who make all the effort worthwhile.

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:

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.

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.

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.

ADVENT PROJECT

Don't forget our parish project to raise money to help remove Fr Peter out of his mud hut in worn-torn Sudan.

Aid for the Church in Need have promised to post a batch of gift aid envelopes to us so they should be available next week. You can also go onto their web page and donate but please write South/ Sudan/ Malakal 24/00131 on your submission to ensure it is added to St Peter's total. Meanwhile the boxes in the wall in the porch, the collection plates and Fr Philip's letter box are also happy to receive donations marked Sudan. If you wish to hand a donation envelope in we will send them all together.

KEVIN HOGAN

In early January we will be joined by Deacon Kevin Hogan, Kevin will be ordained as a Priest in the summer of 2026. He will be with us for about 6 months and for that time the Parish will be blessed with two Deacons as he will be joining Deacon John in the work of the Parish. Kevin will be ordained as a Deacon on 20th December at Oscott College in Birmingham. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE GROUP Please see the website for more information

CHRISTMAS CARDS The Piety Stall has plenty of beautiful christmas cards for sale, both packs and individual take a look

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The Parish Carol Service will take place on Sunday 21st December at 2.30. pm, when both of our Choirs will be performing.