

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1006.36St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £179.75If 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 2 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.

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.

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 **Exploring St Mark's Gospel When? January 7th and 21st: February 4th and 25th: March and 18th.** Where: St Philip's Church, Half Moon Lane, Offerton, SK2 5LE. How Long? 7:30-9:00. How? Some input, reflection, sharing and raising questions. Who David O'Neill . . . and you?

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

VACANCIES

St Simon's Catholic Primary School

A main scale teacher to cover a maternity leave to begin in February 2026. For further information, please click on the link below:

<https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75772726>

Also there is a position for a Teaching Assistant

<https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75773866>

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School

St Peter's Catholic primary school are looking to appoint an inspirational and caring leader to support the continued success of our wonderful school. All recruitment documentation can be obtained from the school website: www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk under Our School/Vacancies.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Youth Mission

Vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a Programme Coordinator, Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. Further details regarding the 3 posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

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 7:10-14

Psalm 146:
Come, Lord, and save us.

SECOND READING:
ROMANS 1:1-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel— which means, God with us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 1:18-24

'JESUS WAS BORN OF MARY, WHO WAS BETROTHED TO JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID.'

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 4

DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK III

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

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

10.00 am Mary Norton RIP

11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips

6.00 pm Mary Bradbury RIP

Readings : Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Monday 22nd December 2025

12 Noon Cath McDonald—Get Well wishes

Readings: Samuel 1: 24-28; Psalm I Samuel; Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday 23rd December 2025

12 Noon Catherine King RIP

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4. 23-24; Psalm 24; Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday 24th December 2025 - CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 pm Children's Mass at St Peter's - Deceased members of the McNeill and Thiele Famalies

8:00 pm Mass at St. Philip's with Carols from 7:30 pm - Paddy and Madeleine Slane

10:00 pm Midnight Mass at St. Peter's with Carols from 9:30 pm - People of the Parish

11:30 pm Syro Malabar Midnight Mass at St. Philip's

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-7; Psalm 95; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Thursday 25th December 2025 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:30 am Mass at St. Peter's Matthew Brazier—Birthday Memories

10:00 am Mass at St. Peter's Seamus Gallogly RIP

10:00 am Mass at St. Philip's Elizabeth Baynes RIP

11:30 am Mass at St. Peter's Jodie Turton and Josephine Senior—Christmas Wishes

Readings: Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 96; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

Friday 26th December 2025 - ST STEPHEN

12.00 Noon Intentions of Alma Haughian

Readings: Acts 6:8-10. 7: 54-59; Psalm 30; Matthew 10:17-2

Saturday 27th December 2025 - ST JOHN

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12 Noon John Moore RIP

6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Patrick O'Grady RIP

Readings: 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 96; John 20:2-8

Sunday 28th December 2025 - THE HOLY FAMILY

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.00 am James Kennedy RIP

11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips

6.00 pm Jerry McGuire RIP

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:

ORGAN
BRASS GROUP

PIANO

13-15. 19-23

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED **Monica Beckitt** (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 the family wish this to be to Francis House. **Maureen Pickup** whose funeral will be at 11.30 on Weds 7th January at St Vincent's Bramhall, followed by cremation at Stockport Crematorium. **Margaret King**, Margarets family have asked for any Parish photo memories to be Watsapped to her son Stewart on 07714155355 in preparation for her funeral.

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Katherine Green, Alan Schofield, Elizabeth Magliocco, Mary Tallis, Maureen McConville, Sally Samways, Vera Rhodes, Brendan Holbery, John Toye, Jean Green, James Foley, Sheila Doherty

BAPTISM

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 1: 18-24

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband, Joseph, being just a man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things ,behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call him Jesus, for he will save people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which means, God with us.

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We will be meeting again on Tuesday 13th January at 7.00 pm in the Members Lounge, when we will be having Reflection and Refreshments. We wish you all a peaceful and comforting Christmas.

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.

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

The CAFOD Bollington Fun Run takes place on Saturday 27th December 2025 and I am drumming support so that we can hold this family event safely with as many volunteers as possible.

This year we are looking for volunteers to help out as course marshals and to help out at registrations etc.

In Particular:

If you have a little time to spare between 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. on the 27th to sit in the St Gregory's Hall and assist with the registrations then please reply back to me. You may be taking part yourself and could arrive at 10.00 a.m.

Chris Pimblott

01625 266552 (day)01625 611374 (evening)

THE LAMBS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP had a great Christmas Party last Sunday.Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it a huge success. We had lots of treats and fun, Father Christmas did good job with the Christmas gifts. We were so lucky to have entertainment provided by John and Rachel which was enjoyed by all. It was lovely to have a visit by Father Philip. There was joy peace and laughter in the room. Not forgetting the ladies from the parish who provide sandwiches and treats for everyone every month We really appreciate Thank you all

ST PETER'S HELPERS

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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 meeting is on Sunday 11th January 2026.

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.

ADVENT PROJECT

ADVENT PROJECT We are in our last few days of collecting to put a solid roof over the head of Fr Peter, an over- stretched priest working to alleviate the sufferings of thousands of his people in war- torn Sudan This is our special parish gift to the child in the crib. The total to date stands at just over £1000, Could we dare to challenge ourselves to raise it higher? If you have not already contributed to the fund there is still time! Collection boxes,(loose cash) Sunday collection plates and Father's letter box (envelopes marked Sudan) are all happy to receive your contributions.

We received the following from additional information from ACN: If parishioners are already benefactors of ACN and they are doing a bank transfer, they can use the reference SSM plus their postcode. That way we will know the donation is for South Sudan Malakal and we will be able to identify them.

If parishioners are not already supporters of ACN then they will need to provide us with a bit more information in order for us to claim the gift aid. I suggest they email us at acn@acnuk.org to let us know their name and address and the fact that they wish to gift aid the donation before it is sent.

Thank you for you continuing amazing generosity.

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 was 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

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Rosary Prayer Group - On Tuesday evening this week at 7.30pm, the Rosary Group will be gathering in the parish meeting room. We pray the rosary and relax into our God's loving presence.

No experience required

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, this afternoon ,when both of our Choirs will be performing.

Father Philip and Deacon John wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas