

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS** Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1386.86 St. Philip’s Offertory amounted to £357 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 **3** are on duty this week.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE 2026**

The Alpha Marriage Course is being run at St Peters from 15<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lauradavidsmall@outlook.com) for further details.

**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?

**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 web-site: [www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk](http://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](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

**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

**Father Philip and Deacon John thank you for your cards and generous gifts and wish you all a very happy 2026**

*Fr Peter says*

**‘Thank You ‘for all his cards and gifts and wishes you all a very happy new year.**

Holy Father’s Prayer  
Intentions for  
DECEMBER  
For Christians in  
areas of conflict  
Let us pray that  
Christians living in ar-  
eas of war or  
conflict, especially in  
the Middle East, might  
be seeds of peace,  
reconciliation and hope

**THE WORD  
OF GOD**

**FIRST READING:**  
**Sirach 3:**  
**2-6.12-14**

**Psalm 128**  
**Blessed are all**  
**who fear the**  
**Lord, and walk in**  
**his ways**

**SECOND READING:**  
**COLOSSIANS 3:**  
**12-21**

**GOSPEL**  
**ACCLAMATION:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia**  
**Let the peace of**  
**Christ rule in your**  
**hearts; let the**  
**word of Christ**  
 **dwell in you**  
**richly**  
**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**MATTHEW 2:**  
**13-15, 19-23**

**‘TAKE THE**  
**CHILD AND HIS**  
**MOTHER, AND**  
**FLEE TO EGYPT’**

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

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

**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 ORGAN  
10.00 am James Kennedy RIP BRASS GROUP  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm Jerry McGuire RIP PIANO  
Readings: Sirach 3: 2-6. 12-14; Psalm 128;Colossians 3: 12-21; Matthew 2: 13-15. 19-23

**Monday 29th December 2025 - St. Thomas Becket**

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Monica Beckitt  
Readings: Colossians 1: 24-29; Psalm 22; Luke 22: 24-30

**Tuesday 30th December 2025 - Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave**

12 Noon Martin Vaughn RIP  
Readings: 1 John 2: 12-17; Psalm 95; Luke 2: 36-40

**Wednesday 31st December - Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave**

9.15 am Mass at St. Philip’s - Deceased members of the Vaughn Family  
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: 1 John 2: 18-21; Psalm 95; John 1: 1-18

**Thursday 1st January 2026 -Mary the Mother of God**

12 Noon Bridget and John Kelly RIP  
Readings: Numbers 6: 22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4: 4-7;

**Friday 2nd January 2026—Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**

12.00 Noon Sr. Anne Marie Crowley RIP  
6.00 pm - 8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Readings: 1 John 2: 22-28;Psalm 97; John 1: 19-28

**Saturday 3rd January 2026 - Saturday of the Christmas Season**

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Charles Lancashire RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Raymond Long RIP  
Readings: 1 John 1 John 2: 29-3: 6, Psalm 97; John 1: 29-24

**Sunday 4th January 2026 - Second Sunday after Christmas**

8.30 am Agnes and Ron Bumstead RIP CHOIR  
10.00 am Sean Donellon RIP FOLK GROUP  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish PIANO  
Readings: Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2. 8-12, Psalm 147; Ephesians 1: 3-6. 15-18; John 1: 1-18

The newsletter this week is a double issue, the office will be closed from Monday 29th December to Monday 5th January. In an emergency it is always possible to contact the clergy by phone, messages will be checked daily. Non urgent matters will be responded to in the New Year.

<b>Holy Father’s Prayer</b> <b>Intentions for 2026</b> <b>January</b> <b>For Prayer with the Word of God</b> <b>Let us pray that</b> <b>Praying with the Word of God</b> <b>Be nourishment for our Lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church</b>		<b>Christmastide</b> <b>Psalter II</b>  <b>THE WORD OF GOD</b>
	<b>First Reading:</b> <b>Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2 8-12</b>  <b>Psalm 147:</b> <b>The Word became flesh and dwelt among us</b>  <b>Second Reading:</b> <b>Ephesians 1: 3-6.15-18</b>	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <b>Alleluia, Alleluia</b> <b>Glory to you, O Christ proclaimed among the nations.</b> <b>Glory to you, O Christ believed in throughout the world.</b>
<b>Gospel Reading</b> <b>‘The Word became flesh and dwelt among us’ John 1: 1-18</b>		
<b>Saturday 3rd January 2026 - Saturday of the Christmas Season</b> 11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction 12 Noon Sr Anne Marie Crowley RIP 6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Readings: 1 John 1 John 2: 29-3: 6, Psalm 97; John 1: 29-24 <b>Sunday 4th January 2026 - Second Sunday after Christmas</b> 8.30 am Agnes and Ron Bumstead RIP 10.00 am Sean Donellon RIP 11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips 6.00 pm People of the Parish Readings: Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2. 8-12, Psalm 147; Ephesians 1: 3-6. 15-18; John 1: 1-18  <b>Monday 5th January 2026 Monday of the Christmas Season</b> 12 Noon Daniel Begley-Birthday Memories Readings: 1 John 3: 11-21; Psalm 99; John 1: 43-51 7.00 pm Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord at St Philips - Vera Pupacic RIP Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3: 2-3. 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12 <b>Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Epiphany of the Lord</b> 12 Noon Ken Pryce RIP 7.00 pm Margaret King RIP Readings: 1 John 4: 11-18; Psalm 71; Mark 6: 45-52 <b>Wednesday 7th January 2026</b> 9.15 am Mass at St. Philip’s - Sr Irene McKean Intention 12 Noon Service of Word and Communion Readings: 1 John 4: 11-18; Psalm 71; Mark 6: 45-52 <b>Thursday 8th January 2026 - Thursday after Epiphany</b> 12 Noon Paul Saxon Readings: 1 John 4: 19-5:4, Psalm71; Luke 4: 14-22 <b>Friday 9th January 2026 - Friday after Epiphany</b> 12.00 Noon Shun Yau Cheug 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Readings: John 5: 5-13; Psalm 147; Luke 5: 12-16 <b>Saturday 10th January 2026 - Saturday after Epiphany</b> 11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction 12 Noon Elizabeth West 6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Daniel Jones RIP Readings: 1 John 5: 14-21; Psalm 149; John 3: 22-30 <b>Sunday 11th January 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord</b> 8.30 am Jodie Turton RIP 30th Birthday 10.00 am Edward McNeill RIP 11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips 6.00 pm People of the Parish Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-4. 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-38; Matthew 3: 13-17  <b>THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ENDS TODAY</b>		

<p><b>Your prayers are asked for:</b></p> <p><b>LATELY DECEASED</b> <b>Monica Becklitt</b> (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. <b>Maureen Pickup</b> whose funeral will be at 11.30 on Weds 7th January at St Vincent’s Bramhall, followed by cremation at Stockport Crematorium. <b>Margaret King</b>, whose Requiem Mass will be held here at St. Peter’s on Friday 16th January at 10.45 am followed by cremation at Stockport Crematorium. Margarets family have asked for any Parish photo memories to be Watsapped to her son Stewart on 07714155355 in preparation for her funeral.</p> <p><b>ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:</b> Agnes Cryer,Charles Hallsworth,Roy Engledow,Annie Kenny,Ary Pauline Morris,Winifred Hardman,Lawrence Cregan, Vernon Whitingham,Veroncia Chatterton,Christine Glazier, Robert Carter, Charlotte Bell, Lois Parker,Sean Donellon,Robert Gorden,John Killeen, Felicity Kane,Mary Hennigan,Richard Gavilett,Edna, Philomena Gavilet,Ian Gresty,Joseph Kan Hai.JOseph Dixon,Olive Newcombe,Bernard Collins, KieraN O’Tools, Otton Senn,Anna Senn,Mike Bews, Margaret Hester,m Alwyn Davies, Ken Pryce, Jimmy Flynn,Theophane Jones,Jack Edwards, Patrick Broadhurst,Colin Oldham.</p> <p><b>BAPTISM</b></p> <p><b>BAPTISM COURSE</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE SICK</b> 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.</p> <p><b>PRAYER INTENTIONS:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>BEREAVEMENT GROUP</b> 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.</p> <p><b>ST PETER’S YOUTH GROUP (SPY)</b> 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.</p> <p>The next <b>SPY</b> meeting is on Sunday 11th January 2026.</p> <p><b>ST PETER’S BOOK CLUB</b> 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.</p> <p><b>SYCAMORE</b> If you would like to continue your Alpha faith journey, understand more about our Catholic Faith, or prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter, you are welcome to join our Sycamore Programme which starts on Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm at St Philip’s. All are welcome.”</p> <p><b>NOTICE FOR ALL READERS</b> We are arranging a morning of reflection for all readers and those who would be interested in this beautiful and valuable ministry. It will be in the parish meeting room on Saturday 21st February. Tea and coffee will be served at 9.30am for a 10am start and we aim to finish in time for mass at 12, for those who wish to go. The morning will be led by Mary Hardiman. If you have any queries, please speak to Mary or to John McKay. We hope to see as many there as possible. It will be a gentle, reflective and fun morning with some group discussion and ideas to take away.</p>
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