

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1053.19 St. Philip’s Offertory amounted to £231.47 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 **6** 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 auradavidsmall@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. Philip’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 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, between 4pm and 6pm In the Parish centre.
We will be having some special visitors singing dancing and lots of fun.
All are welcome.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
At St Philip’s this Tuesday 9th December at 7.00 pm we have a Reconciliation Service, where people can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the opportunity for individual confession with Fr. Philip or Fr. Blaise.

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.

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 11:1-10

Psalm 72:
In his days shall
justice flourish,
and great peace
for ever.

SECOND READING:
ROMANS 15:4-9

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION:
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.
PREPARE THE WAY
OF THE LORD, MAKE
HIS PATHS STRAIGHT;
ALL FLESH SHALL SEE
THE SALVATION OF
GOD.
ALLELUIA

GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 3:1-12

‘REPENT,
FOR THE
KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
IS AT
HAND’.

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 2
DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK II

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

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 December 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
14:30 pm Disability Inclusive Mass
6.00 pm People of the Parish PRAISE BE!
Readings : Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12

Monday 8th December 2025 –THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12 Noon Irene Hopkins RIP
Readings: Genesis 3:9-15. 20; Psalm 97; Ephesians 1:3-6. 1-12; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday 9th December 2025– St John Diego Cuahtlatatzin
12 Noon Thanksgiving Wedding Anniversary
Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 95; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday 10th December 2025— Our Lady of Loreto
9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Alan Goulden RIP
12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 102; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday 11th December 2025 - St Damasus
12 Noon Jodie Turton RIP
Readings: Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 144; Matthew 11:11-15

Friday 12th December 2025– Our Lady of Guadalupe
12.00 Noon Winnie McDermott RIP
6.00-8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Readings: Isaiah 48: 17-19; Psalm 1; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday 13th December 2025– St Lucy
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 48:1-4. 9-11; 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

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.

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: David Byrne, Irene Entwistle, Francis Scholey, Mary Frances Cannally, Catherine Ryan, Charlie Brassington, Hazel Simmons, Alan Goulden, Elizabeth Joxy, Eileen Jones, Joyce Sadler, Jodie Turton, Mary Mulkeen, Fred Ford, Patricia Taylor, Frances McCartney, Peter Parkes, Terence Smith.

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

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'. For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight'. Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire'.

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.

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.

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. All are welcome to come and join in with our friendly group - no experience necessary!

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

DISABILITY INCLUSION GROUP **TODAY**

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 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.

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