

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings over the Christmas period which amounted to £5127.36 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £893.53 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

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>

SPONSORED WA

Deacon John & Peter Henshaw are going on a walking pilgrimage (St. Oswald's Way, Northumbria) on 26th April 2026. The pilgrimage is 97 miles (156km) and will take 6 days to walk. We are seeking sponsors with all donations going to East Cheshire Hospice. To donate visit the JustGiving page <https://justgiving.com/page/peter-and-johns-st-oswalds-way-sponsored-walk>

Pilgrimage to Rome, Monte Casino & Pompeii. Join us on a profound Pilgrimage of Catholic faith to the heart of the Catholic Church in Italy. We will travel to Rome, Monte Cassino and Pompeii absorbing our Catholic history, 14th - 21st September 2026 from Manchester. Cost £1845 single room. £1550 per person for two sharing. Extra cost Rome Tax approx £6 per day payable to hotel on arrival. For more information about the trip or to book, please email unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com

An invite from Missio.

Ever wondered what Mission looks like in Mongolia, home to the youngest Catholic community and church in the world? This is your chance to find out.

Missio invites you to an evening, here at St Peter's, with His Eminence Cardinal Giorgio Marengo – a Consolata Missionary, the Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar and the second youngest member of the college of Cardinals.

When: 7pm-9pm on Wednesday, 4 February 2026

What: Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm, followed by a short talk at 7.45pm and refreshments

Where: St Peter's Catholic Church, Hazel Grove, Green Lane, Stockport SK7 4EA.

It would help if you could let us know whether you will be joining us by emailing: redbox@missio.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to this special gathering of the Missio family.

Fr. Philip and Deacon John would like to thank you for your generosity, kind wishes, gifts and cards that they have received. They wish you a very Happy New Year

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2026

JANUARY

FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD
LET US PRAY THAT PRAYING WITH THE WORD OF GOD BE NOURISHMENT FOR OUR LIVES AND A SOURCE OF HOPE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, HELPING US TO BUILD A MORE FRATERNAL AND MISSIONARY CHURCH

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:
Isaiah 42: 1-4.6-7.

Psalm 29
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING:
ACTS 10:34-38

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia
The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son; listen to him'. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 3: 13-17

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED'

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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Parish Deacon: Rev John McKay
Rev Kevin Hogan



CHRISTMASTIDE, ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

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

Saturday 10th January 2026 - Saturday after Epiphany

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

Sunday 11th January 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord

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

ORGAN CHOIR

PRAISE BE!

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ENDS TODAY

Monday 12th January 2026 - St Aeired of Rievaulx

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Hebrews 1: 1-6; Psalm 96; Mark 1: 14-20

Tuesday 13th January 2026 - St. Hilary

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 9-20; Psalm 1 Samuel 2; Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday 14th January 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20; Psalm 39; Mark 1: 29-39

Thursday 15th January 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Samuel 4: 1-11; Psalm 43; Mark 1: 40-45

Friday 16th January 2026

10.45 am Requiem Mass for Margaret King
Readings: 1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22; Psalm 88; Mark 2: 1-12

Saturday 17th January 2026 - St Anthony

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon K.V. Sebastian RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Sr Eileen McGarry (Sister of Mercy) RIP
Readings: 1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19. 10: 1; Psalm 20; Mark 2: 13-17

Sunday 18th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 am Christine Long RIP
10.00 am People of the Parish
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Charles Lancashire Snr and Grace Lancashire
Readings: Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3; John 1: 29-34

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED Margaret King, 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. **Beryl Griffiths** whose Requiem Mass will be on Monday 19th January at 12 Noon Peter Collins whose Requiem Mass will be on Friday 23rd January at 12 Noon **Sonia Ellis** (Holy Spirit Marple) her Requiem Mass will be here at St. Peter's on Thursday 5th February at 12 Noon Celebrated by Fr. Stephen Roberts. **Peter Collins** whose Requiem Mass will be on Friday 23rd January at 12 Noon

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Wilhelmine Mitchell, Robert Gorden, Bob Smith, Anthony Mulvaney, Sarah Duffy, James Adshead, Gerard White, Sarah Kelly, Brenda Bowden, Edith Pratt, Jacqueline James, Daniel Ryan, William Cartwright, Bridget Barnfield, James Holtom, Sheila Carter, Julia Knott, Mary McClumsky, James Turner, Joan Bloomfield, Barbara Caudwell.

BAPTISM We welcome into our Parish Community Maeve Annie Yates who was Baptised here last weekend.

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: 13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.



1. Read, reread the passage noting which words/phrases draw your attention.
2. Imagine the scene...Jesus journeying to the Jordan...John baptising.... their conversation....Jesus' baptism....
3. Note where you are in the scene...what you see,,,hear,,,think..feel.
4. You find yourself beside Jesus...talk with him about his baptism...your baptism, what it means to you.
5. Imagine the words 'This is my beloved son/daughter being spoken about you...Talk to God about your response...

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We will be meeting again on Tuesday 13th January at 2.00 pm in the Members Lounge, when we will be having Reflection and Refreshments and a visit from Rev Kevin Hogan. 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.

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. (tonight)

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

Please see recommendations on the website

We will meet again on Tuesday 13th January 2026 for a meal, If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Alison McGarr on 07792107152.

NOTICE FOR ALL READERS

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.

ST PETER'S HELPERS

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

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 stpetershelpers@gmail.com

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.

WE'VE MADE IT - with your TRULY MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE!

The response to last Sunday's appeal to take our £2800 total for our Advent project, over the line to £3000 was nothing short of awesome.

As a result this week we will be sending **£4043** to 'Aid to the Church in Need' to help move Fr Peter of Sudan out of his mud hut and into a simple brick presbytery. Thanks to your amazing generosity his life will be made easier and he will be able to carry out his work among thousands of refugees more effectively. God bless you for your kindness and compassion.

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

THANK YOU ALL KNITTERS A TREE-MENDOUS EFFORT

A big thank you to everyone who knitted hats for the Christmas tree. 120 hats were produced which will be donated to The Wellspring and Stella Maris. The tree was certainly a talking point.

Over the last year we have continued to knit baby clothes for Early Essentials, a charity providing starter packs for vulnerable mums and babies, warm lap blankets for Age UK and baby hats for Rwanda. All of these charities are so appreciative of these lovely products.

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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.

SYCAMORE

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." Please speak to Deacon John if you want more information.

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