

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to 1095.96St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £152.70 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

Team 6 are on duty this coming week

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.

The team did a great job over the cold spell and their hard work is very much appreciated

ST MARKS 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>

HEADTEACHER VACANCY St. Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School

St Peter's Catholic primary school are looking to appoint an inspirational and caring headteacher 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 and the application deadline is 12pm on 19th January.

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

Our first recommendation is **The Lies You Told Twice** by **Harriet Tyce** (the author is currently in The Traitors) which is a psychological thriller about a mother and a barrister who navigates her way through treacherous school-gate politics and a high-stakes legal case. Secondly, **The Land in Winter** by **Andrew Miller** is about two young married couples, one a village doctor and his wife, the other a farmer and his pregnant wife, who are grappling with unravelling relationships and hidden secrets during the brutal winter of 1962–63. **There are Rivers in the Sky** by **Elif Shafak** gives us three personal histories with Nineveh at their heart and it all begins with a rain drop that transcends time and follows the path of the Tigres all the way to the Thames. Finally, **The Women** by **Kristen Hannah** which is an epic on women in the Vietnam War and the difficult life they came home to. We will meet again on Tuesday 21st April - if you would like to join us please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

SPRINGFIELD SURGERY COMMERCIAL: ROAD

The surgery has a PPG group (Patients Participation Group) who meet every quarter. We normally have a speaker who gives an ½hr talk on medical related subjects and the Doctor and practise manager give up dates on any changes to working practises.

Our next meeting is on the 11th February at 7p.m. in the Surgery and all patients of the practise are welcome. We will let everyone know the details of the next talk.

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.

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 49: 2. 5-6;

Psalm 40:
Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will

SECOND READING:
CORINTHIANS 1: 1-3; JOHN 1: 29-34

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING:
JOHN 1: 29-34

'AND I HAVE SEEN AND HAVE BORNE WITNESS THAT THIS IS THE SON OF GOD'

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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Rev Kevin Hogan



ORDINARY TIME WEEK II PSALTER WEEK II

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

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

Praise Be!
Folk Group

Monday 19th January 2026—St Wulstan

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Beryl Griffiths
Readings: 1 Samuel 15: 16-23; Psalm 49; Mark 2: 18-22

Tuesday 20th January 2026 - Ss Fabian and Sebastian

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 88; Mark 2: 23-28

Wednesday 21st January 2026—St Agnes

9.15 am Mass at St Philip's Church - Ken Savage RIP
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Samuel 17: 32-33,37, 40-51; Psalm 143; Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday 22nd January 2026 - St Vincent

12 Noon Charles Lancashire Snr and Grace Lancashire RIP
Readings: 1 Samuel 18: 6-9.19: 1-7; Psalm 55; Mark 3: 7-12

Friday 23rd January 2026

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Peter Collins
Readings: 1 Samuel 24: 3-21; Psalm 56; Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday 24th January 2026-St Frances De Sales

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Daniel Jones RIP

6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - People of the Parish
Readings: 2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12,17,19, 23-27, Psalm 79; Mark 3: 20-21

Organ
TOAST

Sunday 25th January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 am Alfred Davies RIP
10.00 am Monica Beckitt Birthday Memories
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Margaret King RIP (Rememberance on Burns Night) PIANO
Readings: Isaiah 9: 1b-4; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13.17;Matthew 4: 12-13

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO THE WORD OF GOD

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED 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. Yvonne Casey

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: James Turner, Joan Bloomfield, Barbara Cauldwell, Kirstie Bain, Martha Nutt, Margaret Fosdick, Tony Sheehan, Patrick O'Callaghan, Anne Walter, Felix Norton, Joseph Cheetham, Joyce Worne, Carmel Panter, Maureen Joyce, Colette Sellars, Eileen Pritchard

BAPTISM We welcome into our Parish Community Frankie James Steed who was Baptised here last weekend.

BAPTISM COURSE

The dates for the next course are 8th and 15th Feb. If you would like to book on the 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 John 1: 29-34

At that time: Jesus saw John coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me" I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit,"' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Picture the scene, Jesus coming towards John...Imagine yourself there, listening to John, perhaps a disciple of John...How do you respond, how do those around you respond, hearing Jesus spoken about in this way?
3. Spend time with Jesus, *the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*, in quiet conversation.

For Conversation:

The people who have been witnesses of Jesus to you – and your response to them.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We will be meeting next on Friday 30th January at 2.00 pm in the Meeting Room, when we will be having an Unwanted Christmas Gift Raffle and a Winter Afternoon Tea. 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.

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

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!

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.

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.

SPONSORED WALK

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>

ST PETER'S HELPER

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

Handmade Cards

Hand made birthday and occasion (including a small number of Valentine cards) cards will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 am Masses on the second and fourth Sundays of each month i.e. 25 January, 08 and 22 February, 08 and 22 March. All proceeds from the sale of cards supports local charitable projects. This would not happen without your support. If you liked the hand made cards on the Piety stall in the last two weeks before Christmas come across to the Parish Centre to see what else is on offer! The cards are very reasonably priced and many can be personalised with names and/or ages on request. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Card Making

The next card making session is on Thursday, 05 February from 10.00 until 11.30 in the Meeting Room. All are welcome but please let me know if you plan to attend so that I have sufficient materials for everyone. There is no charge but there is an opportunity to make a voluntary donation if you wish.

Cuppa and Chat Tues 20th January 1.30-3.00pm

All are welcome to join us for our next Cuppa and Chat at our new timeslot on **Tuesday** once a month. We are in the main hall and would love to see you there. If you would like to join us but have trouble getting out and about, please let us know as we may be able to help.

We would also love your donations of cakes please! These can be dropped off from 12.15 onwards.

We welcome new volunteers (men and women) to participate to ensure people are welcomed and included, to serve hot drinks and cakes and bakers to make delicious treats for our guests, and people who are able to offer a lift. More information from stpetershelpers@gmail.com or leave a message with the office.

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 8th February 2026

THE LAMBS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP will meet in the Parish Centre on Sunday the 25/1/26. Between 4pm and 6pm in the parish centre. There is the usual disco crafts and food and good company everyone welcome.