

CHURCH CLEANING  
Team 2 are on duty this week

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1121.65 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £399.095 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**

## ST MARKS GOSPEL

**Exploring St Mark - Updating.** There is a change of dates because of other parish events. The revised dates before Easter are: **Wed. Feb. 25th Wed. March 4th & 18th.** All meetings begin at 7:30 in St Phillips Church. There will be another series after Easter.

## VACANCIES

**St Simon's Catholic Primary School** is a warm, welcoming school where Christ is the inspiration for all that we do. We are seeking an creative, and dedicated Reception class teacher to join our EYFS team and cover a period of maternity leave to begin in April 2026. For further information, please click on the link: <https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75781053> Visits to our school are warmly welcomed. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested in working at our fabulous school.

## DIOCESE

**Sales Ledger Clerk.** 20 hours per week, term time only contract. Hourly rate £14.60.

**Pilgrimage Booking & Customer Service Coordinator.** 20 hours per week, term time only contract with the possibility of some remote working. Hourly rate £14.60. CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date: Friday 20 February 2026.

**HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** has a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain. Please visit the School Website for further details – [www.harrytownschool.org](http://www.harrytownschool.org)

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 ½ hr 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**DISABILITY INCLUSION GROUP** Do you fancy getting involved in something that is really rewarding and very much appreciated by members of the parish? Our next planning meeting is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm. Come along, all are welcome.

Any questions please contact: Maura at: [inclusionstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:inclusionstpeters@gmail.com)

**FR BERNARD McDERMOTT** has written a book. News from Solihull. It is a collection of articles written weekly since Covid for All Saints Sale newsletter. It is priced at £5 to offset printing costs and any profit going to parish funds. If anyone is interested I could have copies delivered to St Peter's. Please call Pat on 07783503000.

## PILGRIMAGE

Rome, Monte Casino and Pompeii Pilgrimage 14 September 2026 for 8 days. We will be having a talk, 10–15 minutes with slides at Our Lady's Social Club Flint Street SK3 8BD on 5th February about this pilgrimage directly after 7 pm mass. If you wish to know more about it please come along.

## 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 FEBRUARY**  
FOR CHILDREN WITH UNCURABLE DISEASES  
LET US PRAY THAT CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM INCURABLE DISEASES AND THEIR FAMILIES RECEIVE THE NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE AND SUPPORT, NEVER LOSING STRENGTH AND HOPE.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**FIRST READING:**  
**Zephaniah 2: 3**  
**3: 12-13**

**Psalm 146**  
**Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

**SECOND READING:**  
**CORINTHIANS 1: 26-31**

**GOSPEL**  
**ACCLAMATION:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven**  
**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**MATTHEW 4: 12-13**

**BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN OTHERS REVILE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND UTTER ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY ON MY ACCOUNT**

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 Priest: Father Philip Atkinson  
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Rev Kevin Hogan



## ORDINARY TIME WEEK IV

### PSALTER WEEK IV

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

#### Saturday 31st January 2026 - St John Bosco

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon John Henaghan RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Mary Le Bon Intention  
Readings: 2 Samuel 12: 1-7, 10-17; Psalm 50; Mark 4; 35-41

#### Sunday 1st February 2026 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 am Jenny Love- Birthday Memories  
10.00 am Vito Angrisani - Birthday Memories  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish  
Readings: Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12-13; Psalm 146; Corinthians 1: 26-31; Matthew 5: 1-12a

#### DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### Monday 2nd February 2026 - The Presentation of the Lord

12 Noon Marie McNeill - Birthday Memories  
Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

#### Tuesday 3rd February 2026 - St Werburgh

12 Noon Maura Burke RIP  
Readings: 2 Samuel 15: 13-14, 30. 16: 5-13; Psalm 3; Mark 5: 1- 20

#### Wednesday 4th February 2026

9.15 am Mass at St Philip's Church - Robert O'Rourke RIP  
7.00 pm Mass for Missio – Margaret King RIP  
Readings: 2 Samuel 18: 9-10, 24-25, 30-19:3; Psalm 85; Mark 5: 21-43

#### Thursday 5th February 2026 - St Agatha

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Sonia Ellis  
Readings: 1 Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12; Psalm 1 Chronicles 29; Mark 6: 7-13

#### Friday 6th February 2026 - SS Paul Miki and Companions

12 Noon Andrew Burns Birthday Memories  
6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Readings: Ecclesiasticus 47: 2-11; Psalm 17; Mark 6: 14-29

#### Saturday 7th February 2026

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Tony Byrne RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - People of the Parish  
Readings: 1 Kings 3: 4-13; Psalm 118; Mark 6: 30-34

#### Sunday 8th February 2026 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 am Margaret King - RIP  
10.00 am Terry Turner Birthday Memories  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm Dorothy Johnson RIP  
Readings: Isaiah 58: 6-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Mathew 5: 13-16  
Matthew 5: 1-12a

#### DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

## Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED** **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** whose Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady and the Apostles Church in Shaw Heath at 11.15 on Friday 6th February. **Charles Stowman** whose Requiem will be here on Monday 9th February at 12 Noon **Mark Kirwan** whose Funeral Service will be here at 10.30 on Thursday 12th February. **David Harris** whose Funeral Service will be here at 1.15pm on Monday 16th February **Terry Simms** Requiem Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Stockport on Tuesday 24th February, at 12 noon. **Ellen Farrell**, **Paul Bumstead**.**Fr. Paul O'Grady**.

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Dorothy Jones, Bernadette Sharp, Peggy Bowden, Patricia Moris, Charistine Bartley, Anne Ostrowska, Sheila Hart, Thomas Dorrian, Neville Holt, Ken Lamb, Margaret Lappin, Ralph Jackson, David Horton, Eileen Murphy, Marie Smallgrove, John McCarthy, John Hand, Teresa Maguire, Rose Doherty, Peter Hanley, Michael Longdon, Christine Joyce, Anthony Byrne, Angela Truman.

## 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](mailto: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 5: 1-12a

At that time : Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them saying:  
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are all the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Details of our next meeting will be in the newsletter next week. If you would like any further information please contact the office [admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk](mailto: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 INVITATION 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](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk)

**Volunteers are needed** for the visit of Cardinal Marengo on Wednesday 4th February. Stewards needed for the car park, welcoming and help with refreshments. Please sign up at the back of church.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Many parishioners have noticed another steep rise in the car park being full, or very difficult to find a space in during the week, especially on a Sunday or at busy funerals. The PPT in conjunction with Fr Philip has discussed this on several occasions and you will have seen new notices going up around the car park warning people that parking is for church and parish centre use only and the **gates may be locked without notice at other times**. Please be aware of this, there is no need to worry if you are visiting church or the parish centre when there is an activity on as the gates will be open at these times.

**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!

## ROAD CLOSURE

Please be aware that contractors working on behalf of BT Openreach will be undertaking works to their apparatus on Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove. These works are scheduled to take place from 08.00 –16.00 and will require the use of a temporary road closure between Mirrlees Drive and Rutters Lane. A signed diversion will be in place.

## 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](mailto: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. 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.

**ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP (SPY)** Our next **SPY youth gathering** (year 7 up to and including college age) is on Sunday 8th February after 6 PM Mass. All welcome for faith sharing, fun and food. Chance to get out of the house and meet other young people in a safe friendly environment. Bring a friend?

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2026.** There will be a short meeting for parents and their young people year 8 and above after 6 PM Mass **TONIGHT** Sunday 1st February in the parish centre. If you've missed out on your Confirmation in the past speak to Deacon John.

## JOIN US at FOOTSTEPS on TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY AT 7.30pm

We are really delighted to welcome back **Fr Eamonn Mulcahy** to the first event in our Footsteps programme of inspiring talks this year. He travels the world delivering his spiritual insight, guidance and jokes and he's landing in Hazel Grove to offer us his thoughts on "**Getting the best out of Lent.**" We're in for a real treat, so don't miss it.

**Unusually for us it's a Tuesday night this time** - and what's more it's Shrove Tuesday (aka Pancake Tuesday).

All are welcome to come to our informal, friendly event in a café-style setting in the parish centre where we serve light refreshments and nibbles along with a good sprinkling of humour. Footsteps provides a relaxed forum where we can listen to and reflect on various topics as we journey in our Christian faith. We hope to see you there.

Our other dates in 2026 are all Thursdays: 19 March, 14 May, 18 June, 3 September, 15 October and 12 November.