

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1168.28 St. 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 1 are on duty this week (being done by Team 5)

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

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 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

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.

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 6th February at 7.15pm. Come along, all are welcome.

Any questions please contact: Maura at: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

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.

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 9:1b-4

Psalm 27:
The Lord is my light and my Salvation

SECOND READING:
CORINTHIANS 1: 10-13.17

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people
Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 4: 12-13

'FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN'

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

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ORDINARY TIME WEEK III PSALTER WEEK III		
ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM www.churchservices.tv/stockport		
<p>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</p> <p>Sunday 25th January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30 am Alfred Davies RIP 10.00 am Monica Beckett Birthday Memories 11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips 6.00 pm Margaret King RIP (Remembrance on Burns Night) PIANO Readings: Isaiah 9: 1b-4; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13.17; Matthew 4: 12-13</p> <p>DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO THE WORD OF GOD</p> <p>Monday 26th January 2026 - Ss Timothy and Titus 12 Noon Mary Raw Readings: 2 Timothy 1: 1-8; Psalm 95; Luke 10: 1-9</p> <p>Tuesday 27th January 2026 - St Angela Merici 12 Noon Service of Word and Communion Readings: 2 Samuel 6: 12-15,17-19; Psalm 23; Mark 3: 31-35</p> <p>Wednesday 28th January 2026—St Thomas Aquinas 9.15 am Mass at St Philip's Church - Sal Colgan RIP 12 Noon Service of Word and Communion Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 4-17; Psalm 23; Mark 4: 1-20</p> <p>Thursday 29th January 2026 12 Noon Joseph Monaghan RIP Readings: Samuel 7: 18-19.24-29; Psalm 131; Mark 4: 21-25</p> <p>Friday 30th January 2026 12 Noon Eileen Duignan RIP Readings: Samuel 11: 1-10.13-17; Psalm 50; Mark 4: 26-34</p> <p>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 Readings: 2 Samuel 12: 1-7, 10-17; Psalm 50; Mark 4: 35-41</p> <p>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: 1Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12-1`3; Psalm 146; Corinthians 1: 26-31; Matthew 5: 1-12a</p> <p>DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE</p>		

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, Terry Simms, David Harris, Charles Stowman**

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Laurence Glazier, Eddie Holdaway, Peter Hinde, Joseph Munaghan, Elizabeth Purcell, Mary Hayward, John Ready, Margaret Gresty, Thomas Mercer.

BAPTISM We welcome into our Parish Community Inola Patricia Grommell 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 justassec55@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 4: 12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea,
Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of
death, on them a light has dawned.

From this time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers. Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets, and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention
2. Imagine yourself there, watching Jesus, listening to him...Repent...Follow me... What meaning do these words have for you today?

Take time in quiet prayer with Jesus about the way the Good News of the Kingdom is being proclaimed to day.

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

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 **TODAY** 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.