

CHURCH CLEANING
Team 4 are on duty this week

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 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

NEW HEADTEACHER The Governors at St Peter's RC Primary School have appointed **Mr Michael Glynn** as the schools new Headteacher, we send him our congratulations and wish him every success in his new appointment.

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.

EVERYTHING IS COMING UP ROSES please see the poster on the notice board at the back of Church for details about this concert, Musically Directed by our very own choir organist/accompanist Christopher Ellis

DRAW NEAR Stockport Ecumenical Lent Course 2026. Life giving habits for Lent. Everyone is welcome to join us as we chat and learn together how we can develop a rhythm of life to help us grow as disciples of Christ. Every Monday from 23rd February to 23rd March. 7:30 to 9:00pm. At the Strawberry Gardens, Offerton SK2 5BS. For details contact raj.patta@methodist.org.uk or revmarieflint@gmail.com. Poster also at the back of Church

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Romiley have a vacancy for an Office Administrator (part-time). Please visit the school website for more information – www.harrytownschool.org

LAMBS additional needs group will meet in the parish centre on the 22nd of February at 4pm until 6pm. We will be having music craft bingo and refreshments all are welcome.

LENTEN LUNCHESES

We will be doing Lenten Lunches again this year on Fridays 27th February, 13th March and 27th March At 1.00 pm after the midday Mass. All proceeds will be sent to St. Philip's for the Stockport Food Bank. If you would like make a pan of soup one week please contact Helen on 07854928072.

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.

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.

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:
Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20:

Psalm 119:
Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING:
1 CORINTHIANS 2: 6-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 5: 17-37

'IT WAS SAID TO THOSE OF OLD, BUT I SAY TO YOU'

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the Sacristy on Friday evening and 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 VI PSALTER WEEK II

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

Saturday 14th February 2026—Sts Cyril and Methodius

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Ken Myers RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Valerie Jones
Readings: Acts 13: 46-49; Psalm 116; Luke 10: 1-9

Sunday 15th February 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 am Mike Fogarty RIP PRAISE BE!
10.00 am Peter Banks RIP FOLK GROUP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm People of the Parish CHOIR
Readings: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20; Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10; Matthew 5: 17-37

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Monday 16th February 2026

12 Noon Liju John RIP
1.15 Funeral Service for David Haris
Readings: James 1: 1-11; Psalm 118; Mark 8: 11-13

Tuesday 17th February 2026

12 Noon Mary O'Brien RIP
Readings: James 1: 12-18; Psalm 93; Mark 8: 14-21

Wednesday 18th February 2026 - Ash Wednesday

9.15 am Mass at St Philip's Church - Elizabeth Baynes RIP
12 Noon Eugene McGoran Intention
7.00 pm Pauling and John Ramsden Intention
Readings: Joel 2: 12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5: 20-6:2; Matthew 6: 1-6. 16-18

Thursday 19th February 2026

12.00 Winnie McDermot RIP
Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Psalm 1: Luke 9: 22-25

Friday 20th February 2026

12 Noon Paul Colgan RIP
6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-9; Psalm 50; Matthew 9: 14-15

Saturday 21st February 2026

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Letitia and Nick Shaw Intention
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Ann Blythe RIP
Readings: Isaiah 58: 9-14; Psalm 85; Luke 5: 27-32

Sunday 22nd February 2026 - First Sunday of Lent

8.30 am Domonic McGoran and Family PIANO—Chloe
10.00 am Matthew Coleing RIP JUNIOR CHOIR
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm People of the Parish PIANO—Barbara
Readings: Genesis 2: 7-9,3: 1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED 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, Ellen will be brought into Church at 8.00 pm on Thursday 26th February and her Requiem Mass will be at 12 Noon on Friday 27th February.
Paul Bumstead ,Fr. Paul O'Grady. Barbara Goodyear, Barbara's Requiem will be here at St. Peter's ,more details next week.

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Joyce Humphreys,James Mullaney,Mary O'Donahue,Michael Fogarty,Danile Mulkeen, Thomas Conboy,Mary Ann Kan Hai, Anthony Mulcahy,John Buttle,Colin Carter, Dennis Byrne,Patricia Mariarty, John Henaghan, William Grace,Theresa Maher,Sheila Pye,Lilian Richards, Margaret Brqadwell,Michael Melia.

BAPTISM

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: 20-22a,27-28,33-34a,37

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement, But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement.

You have heard that it was said "you shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent had already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No", anything more than this comes from evil.'

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We are now entering into Lent so please join us for the Lenten Lunches on 27th February, 13th March and 27th March, after the 12 Noon Mass or 1.00 pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

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>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 6TH MARCH AT 2.00 PM

THEME "I WILL GIVE YOU REST, COME"

Prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria.

The service will be held at Tiviot Dale Methodist church,

Tiviot Dale, Stockport, SK1 1TA,

From this year we are combining with Stockport churches as it is proving difficult to get representation from all the Hazel Grove churches.

Stockport churches have been very welcoming and it would be lovely if we can support them by attending the service, so joining our prayers with the rest of the world. All are welcome women, men young and old. As always teas and coffee will be served afterwards.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th—18th March 2026, please see the notice at the back of Church or contact the office or scan the QR Code on the poster.

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. If you have a copy of a Sunday Missal please bring it with you.

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 Will recommence on the 3rd March at 7.30 pm at St. Philip's Church

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

ST PETER'S HELPERS - LIGHT LUNCH AND CHAT TUES 17TH FEB 1.00-2.30PM

We have a small number of spaces available for our popular light lunch and chat (homemade soup and sandwiches) in the main hall. If you would like to come (first come, first served subject to available spaces) then please contact Sandra on 07748 684388 or Clare on 07892 880577 or email stpetershelpers@gmail.com. If you would like to join our fabulous team of helpers, for this or other events, please get in touch, we would love to welcome you to the team!

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.

ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP (SPY) Our next **SPY youth gathering** (year 7 up to and including college age) is on Sunday 15th March after 6pm 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?

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.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.