

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £955.04 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £400.00

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 week

ST MARKS GOSPEL Exploring St Mark's Gospel

Exploring St Mark - Updating. There is a change of dates because of other parish events. The revised dates before Easter are: **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.

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL has a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain. Please visit the School Website for further details – www.harrytownschool.org They also have a vacancy for an Office Administrator (part-time). Please visit the school website for more information – www.harrytownschool.org

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB Book choices and information on the Parish Website

We will meet again on Tuesday 21st April - if you would like to join us please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

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

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.

SPONSORED WALK Deacon John & Peter Henshaw are going on a walking pilgrimage (St. Oswald's Way, North-umbria) 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>

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE DEPAUL TRUST who work for homeless young people.

It has been a practice in our parish round this time of the year to collect for the De Paul Trust, an organisation looking after homeless young people in the North of England, At our request

this year De Paul has listed their needs as:

cutlery, plates, cups and bowls; new/ good quality towels and bedding for single beds, plus the whole range of toiletries, especially shampoos and shower gel. NO RAZORS PLEASE.

If you are able to contribute any item at all, the collection will be open from Sunday 8th March to Sunday 22nd March . Please respond with your usual generosity and leave your offerings at the back of Church. If you are unable to get them to the Church, please phone 483 8296 and we will arrange for collection. Thank you!

ADDITIONAL and SPECIAL

We have discovered that one of the local De Paul homes is desperately in need of one or two additional laptops as there is only one available for use by all the residents. Supporting their young people in completing CVs or applications for possible courses or employment is an essential part of helping them to find their feet.

If you have a working laptop just gathering dust or are currently thinking of upgrading to a newer model, please consider giving your unused or unwanted laptop a new home with DePaul. They would be enormously grateful. If your answer is yes please phone 483 8296

ST PHILIPS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

This group would also welcome anyone who would like to come along between 10 & 12 each Friday for refreshments, quizzes and a chat.

PARISH CENTRE EVENTS

Following on from last year's very successful and enjoyable evenings we are excited to continue with more of these events this year and would like to know what you would like us to put on next! Your suggestions are very welcome so please call or text us on 07483114783 or add your ideas on the list at the back of Church and we will get more of these evenings booked in! Thanks for all your support and we look forward to more great evenings together. Rita and Katy

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2026

MARCH

FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

LET US PRAY THAT NATIONS MOVE TOWARD EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT, PARTICULARLY NUCLEAR, AND THAT WORLD LEADERS CHOOSE THE PATH OF DIALOGUE AND DIPLOMACY INSTEAD OF VIOLENCE

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:

Genesis 12:

1-4

Psalms 32

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord

SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 1:

8-10

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father

GOSPEL READING:

MATTHEW 17:

1-9

'RISE' AND HAVE NO FEAR'

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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Parish Deacon: Rev John McKay
Rev Kevin Hogan

LENT WEEK 2

PSALTER WEEK II

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

Saturday 28th February 2026

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12 Noon Son's Death-1st Anniversary

6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Sean O'Dwyer RIP

Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19; Psalm 118; Mathew 5: 43-48

Sunday 1st March 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent

8.30 am Barbara Binnie RIP

PRAISE BE!

10.00 am People of the Parish

FOLK GROUP

11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips

6.00 pm Peter Davies RIP

CHOIR

Readings: Genesis 12: 1-4; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1: 8-10; Matthew 17: 1-9

Monday 2nd March 2026

12 Noon Kath Kipling RIP

Readings: Daniel 9: 4-10; Psalm 78; Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

12 Noon Kitty McCloughlin Intention

Readings: Isaiah 1: 10. 16-20; Psalm 49; Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday 4th March 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 18: 18-20; Psalm 30; Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday 5th March 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1: Luke 16: 19-31

Friday 6th March 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion

6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

Readings: Genesis 37: 3-4. 12-13. 17-28; Psalm 104; Matthew 21: 33-43. 45-46

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 7th March 2026 -Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12 Noon Sr Margaret Mary Intention

6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Paddy and Madeline Slane

Readings: Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Psalm 102; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday 8th March 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent

8.30 am Monica Beckitt

ORGAN

10.00 am Tony Kiely RIP

JUNIOR CHOIR

11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips

2.30 pm Accessible Mass

6.00 pm People of the Parish

PIANO

Readings: Exodus 17: 3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5: 1-2. 5-8, John 4: 5-42

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED

Barbara Goodier, Barbara's Requiem will be here at St. Peter's on Tuesday 17th March at 12 Noon, **Nora Waring's** Requiem will be at 12.15 on Monday 23rd March at St. Peter's **Kathleen Hibbert** whose Requiem will be here on Thursday 19th March at 12 Noon followed by Burial at Stockport Cemetery at 1.30 pm

If you are intending to attend Barbara's Requiem and the Reception afterwards in the Parish Centre, please put your name on the list at the back of Church

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Janet Maddocks, John Burgess, Peter Davies, Margaret Clayton, Kathleen Hirst, Mathew Bardsley, Kathleen Kipling, Bernard McCartney, Desmond Gallagher, Kathleen Polit, Tony Dean, Dorothy Johnson, Patrick Duffy, Austin McDonald, Margaret Wagstaffe, Bernard Donlan, Rosemary Negus.

BAPTISM We welcome into our who baptised here last weekend Noah George Philip Thornbury who was Baptised here last weekend.

BAPTISM COURSE The dates for the next course are 8th and 15th March . There will then be a further course 24th and 31st May. If you would like to book on either course please email justasec55@hotmail.com . There is a form to complete before starting the course .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 17:1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We are now entering into Lent so please join us for the Lenten Lunches on 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.

LENTEN LUNCHES

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.

24 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Following the midday Mass on FRIDAY 20th March, St Peter's church will be open for 24 hours of Adoration until the midday Mass on SATURDAY 21st March 2026. Everyone is invited to come and pray at any time over the 24 hours. The Sacrament of reconciliation will be available on Friday evening 6 PM - 8 PM and again on Saturday morning, 11 AM - 11.45 AM. We do not leave the Blessed Sacrament alone at any stage over the 24 hours, therefore we need at least two guardians to commit to being present in church at all times. If you are able to commit any time over the 24 hours, a sign up sheet is available at the back of church.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Eucharistic Adoration is simply about spending time in the presence of Jesus. We believe that the Eucharist, the communion bread and wine, through the power of the Holy Mass, becomes Jesus Christ, truly present in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In the form of the Eucharist, we can pray before Jesus, truly present before us. Eucharistic Adoration is how we grow in love by being in the presence of God, who is love. Through this, we receive God's grace and healing and can speak to Him in the quiet of our hearts. It is by this that we are renewed and strengthened for our Christian journey. It is a time of silence, waiting, and emptying ourselves in freedom so He may free and fill us.

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!

THE PIETY STALL has St. Patrick's Day, Mothers Day and Easter cards for sale. All at reasonable prices.

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

Healing Mass - Confirmation of date.

The next Healing Mass followed by lunch in the Parish Centre will be: **Saturday, 11 April** at 12.00 noon. More details to follow.

Hand made birthday and occasion cards (including some for Mother's day) and Easter cards) will be on sale in the Parish Centre after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on **22 Feb and 08 & 22 Mar**. The cards are very reasonably priced and many can be personalised with names and/ages on request. All proceeds are used to support local charitable causes. Thank you for your support.

Card making

The next session is on **Thursday, 05 March** from 10.00 until 11.30 in the Meeting room. All are welcome but please let me know by Tuesday, 3rd, if you plan to attend so that I can make sure that there are enough materials available. (mvbinnie@gmail.com 01663 762974) There is no charge for attending but there will be an opportunity to make a contribution to charity if you wish.

Cuppa and Chat - Reminder

The next Cuppa and Chat on Tuesday, 17 March will be at St Philip's School. More details to follow.

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

JOIN US at FOOTSTEPS on THURSDAY 19 MARCH AT 7.30pm

It is our pleasure and privilege to welcome **Mary Hardiman** to share her thoughts on "**The Cross before the Crown**" - a presentation where she will be asking are we Good Friday people or Easter Sunday people. Mary is a counsellor, teacher, author - and fellow parishioner, who is a speaker par excellence.

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 forum where we can listen to and reflect on various topics as we journey in our Christian faith. We hope to see you there.

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.

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.

ACCESSIBLE MASS Sunday 8th March at 2.30pm

Our next fully inclusive mass will celebrate the Easter Season. This service is suitable for all, with a focus on adults and young people who feel our regular services do not meet their needs. This mass is shorter, we have a breakout space, sensory activities and limited sensory input. We encourage participation in the service and movement around the church where needed, followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com