

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1044.28 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £169.80

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 3 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.

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. On 11th February De Aldellagh will be giving a talk about Cholesterol.

FR BERNARD McDERMOTT would like to say 'Thank you' to anyone who has ordered a book, they have all now sold!

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.

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

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:

Isaiah 58: 6-10

Psalm 112

A light rises in the darkness for the upright

SECOND READING:

CORINTHIANS 2: 1-5

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING:

MATTHEW 5: 13-16

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS'

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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ORDINARY TIME WEEK V

PSALTER WEEK I

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

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 ORGAN
10.00 am Terry Turner Birthday Memories PRAISE BE!
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Dorothy Johnson RIP PIANO
Readings: Isaiah 58: 6-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Matthew 5: 13-16
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

Monday 9th February 2026

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Charles Stowman
Readings: 1 Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13; Psalm 131; Mark 6: 53-56

Tuesday 10th February 2026—St Scholastica

12 Noon Josephine Senior RIP
Readings: 1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30; Psalm 83; Mark 7: 1-13

Wednesday 11th February 2026 - Our Lady of Lourdes

9.15 am Mass at St Philip's Church - Mary and Gorden Young RIP
Readings: 2 Samuel 18: 9-10, 24-25, 30-19:3; Psalm 85; Mark 5: 21-43

Thursday 12th February 2026

10.30 Funeral Service for Mark Kirwan
12.00 John and Wladyslawa RIP
Readings: 1 Kings 11: 4-13; Psalm 105; Mark 7: 24-30

Friday 13th February 2026

12 Noon Peter and Mary Hanley RIP
Readings: 1 Kings 11: 29-32.12: 19; Psalm 80; Mark 7: 31-37

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

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED 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**, Ellen will be brought into Church at 7.00 pm on Thursday 26th February and her Requiem Mass will be at 12 Noon on Friday 27th February. **Paul Bumstead ,Fr. Paul O'Grady.**

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Dorothy Johnson, James Andrew, Nancie Sim, Josephine Senior, Christine Haines, Cliff Hallworth, Adrian Foy, David Snelgrove, Rosemary McArtney, Terence Riley, Mary Hanley, Leonard Mc Donough, Michael Newcombe, Joyce Humphreys, James Mullaney, Mary O'Donahue, Michael Fogarty.

BAPTISMS We welcome into our Parish Community Reuben Wayne Holland, Riley John Bennett and Jycynta Raine Arnfield who were 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 Matthew 5: 13-16

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand and it give light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

'In Memory of Margaret King' we will be re visiting the Missio evening that was so wonderfully celebrated last Wednesday in Church. We will meet in the Members Lounge at 2.00 pm. As usual there will be light refreshments and we will have a spare Red Mission Box for anyone who would like to make a donation. It was a very interesting evening with an incredible insight into the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries.

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

"Pope Leo XIV has bestowed upon Dr Kieran Moriarty the honour of Knight of the Pontifical Order of Saint Gregory the Great (KSG). This is in recognition of his 28 years as Medical Director to the Salford diocese Lourdes pilgrimage, his research that led to recognition of the cure of Jack Traynor as the 71st Lourdes miracle, and research, in collaboration with the late Archbishop Derek Worlock of Liverpool, that persuaded the then Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) to change Canon Law in 1995 and allow "gluten-free" communion wafers for people intolerant of wheat due to coeliac disease, leading to improved physical and mental wellbeing in the coeliac community worldwide, especially priests and regular communicants, who had previously been consuming significant amounts of gluten".

On behalf of the Parish Fr. Philip, Deacon John and Deacon Kevin would like to offer Dr. Kieran our sincere congratulations on receiving such a prestigious honour. A fitting tribute to his dedication to the Church, the Lourdes Pilgrimage and medicine.

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>

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.

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 8th February after 6 PM Mass. **TONIGHT** 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.

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.

MISSIO MASS The Mass Celebrated by Cardinal Giorgio Marengo, and his talk after Mass last Wednesday about life as a Missionary in Mongolia, was a wonderful, inspiring evening. Since St Peter's started the Red Box Collections we have raised a quarter of a million pounds. The late Margaret King worked so hard, along with her team, to make this possible. Please keep the Mill Hill Missionaries and Margaret in your prayers