

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1209.60 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £205.57

Offertory envelopes are now available at the back of Church for those who use them.

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 2 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 18th.** All meetings begin at 7:30 in St Phillips Church. There will be another series after Easter.

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

OUR SCHOOL STREET NEEDS YOUR HELP St. Philip's Primary School and Dial Park Primary School are setting up a School Street on Half Moon Lane Offerton and are looking for volunteers. Please see poster at the back of Church for more details.

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

WHO IS THE MAN OF THE SHROUD SUNDAY April 12th at Blackburn Cathedral - please see poster at the back of Church

EASTER REMEMBRANCE LILLIES The flower arrangers will be arranging the Easter Remembrance Lilies for Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one, please put their names on and envelope and hand it in a Mass of the office. The cost is £1 per name. The names will be entered in a Book of Remembrance.

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:

1 Samuel 16:

6-7.10-13

Psalm 22:

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 5:

8-14:

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus

GOSPEL READING:

JOHN 9: 1-41

“FOR JUDGEMENT I CAME INTO THIS WORLD, THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE MAY SEE”

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

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Rev Kevin Hogan

LENT WEEK IV

PSALTER WEEK IV

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

Saturday 14th March 2026

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Sister Brenda Intention
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Peggy O'Dwyer and Joan Boxen RIP
Readings: Hosea 5: 15- 6: 6; Psalm 50; Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday 15th March 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8.30 am Sr. Dolores (successful operation) CHOR
10.00 am Jane Eaton (sick) FOLK GROUP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm People of the Parish PRAISE BE!
Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1. 6-7.10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

Monday 16th March 2026

12 Noon Bill Needham Intention
Readings: Isaiah 65: 17-21; Psalm 29; John 4: 43-54

Tuesday 17th March 2026 - St Patrick-Patron of Ireland

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Barbara Goodier
Readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-9; Psalm 116; Acts 13: 46-49; Luke 10: 1-12.17-20

Wednesday 18th March 2026

9.15 am Mass at St. Philip's - Joan Bell RIP
12 Noon Requiem Mass for Enda Donegan
Readings: Isaiah 49: 8-15; Psalm 144; John 5: 17-30

Thursday 19th March 2026 St Joseph-Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Kathleen Hibbert
Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 4-5. 12-14.16; Psalm 88; Romans 4: 13. 16-18. 22; Matthew 1:16. 18-21.24

Friday 20th March 2026

12 Noon Sister Brenda Intention
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hour Adoration begins
Readings: Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22; Psalm 33; John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday 21st March 2026

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hour Adoration finishes followed by Benediction
12 Noon Anna and Des Tuck Intention
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Mary Norton
Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 7; John 7: 40-52

Sunday 22nd March 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.30 am John and Nora Waring RIP PIANO
10.00 am People of the Parish TOAST
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Maria and Bronistaw Wilczynski RIP PIANO
Readings: Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8: 8-11; John 11: 1-45

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, followed by Cremation at Stockport. **Enda Donegan** whose Requiem will be here on Wednesday 18th March at 12 Noon, followed by repatriation to Castlewellan, County Down, for Burial at Aughlisnafin Cemetery on Friday 20th March. **Kathleen Hibbert** whose Requiem will be here on Thursday 19th March at 12 Noon followed by Burial at Stockport Cemetery at 1.30 pm. **Nora Waring's** Requiem will be at 12.15 on Monday 23rd March at St. Peter's followed by Cremation at Stockport. **Colin Price** whose Funeral Service was here last Friday.

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: James Nutt, Matthew Byrne, Mary Ivory, Janet Martin, Sophie Oldham, Isabella McHale, Elizabeth Angell, Stella Farrell, Jaqueline Fish, Ken Myers, Hary Knox, John Burns, Minnie Swindells, James Eckersley, Stephen McCumsky, Frances Jodrell, Roy Nield, Doreen Whitcombe, Michael Marren, Bernard Cosgrove, Michael Mullen.

BAPTISM COURSE 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 John 9: 1-14

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." So I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' And they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

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 AND LUNCH - Saturday 11th April at 12 Noon

Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass but you MUST let us know if you want to join us for lunch. Menu: Hot Pot pie followed by Gateaux. Phone Clare 07974715976/ Sandra 07748684388 to reserve a place. Please let us know about any special dietary requirements when you book.

DEADLINE: Wednesday 25th March 2026

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 March**. 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.

Cuppa and Chat—St. Peter's Helpers and St. Philip's School

The next Cuppa and Chat on Tuesday, 17 March 1.30 pm -2.45 pm will be at St Philip's School. Half Moon Lane Offerton **SK2 5LB**. Please confirm your place by adding your name to the list at the back of Church or email stpetershelpers@gmail.com or call Sandra on 07748684388.

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.

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

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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next Lenten Lunch will be on 27th March, please join us 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. There is a Cuppa and Chat at St. Philips, details above. You are all very welcome to attend.

LENTEN LUNCHESS The last Lenten Lunch will be on 27th March after the 12 Noon Mass or 1.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Please join us for homemade soup and fresh bread to raise fund for St. Philips Foodbank, To help boost the funds we will be having an **Easter Themed Raffle**, to be drawn on 27th March. If you would like to donate a prize please bring on 27th or leave it in the Parish Office. Thank you