

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1039.29 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £348.80

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 3 are on duty this week

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.

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE DEPAUL TRUST who work for homeless young people. Last day to contribute TODAY

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

DIOCESAN VACANCY Due to retirement, a vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Health & Safety officer. **Salary** £32,000 - £38,000 dependant on experience. **Hours:** 25 per week, term time only, Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date** 10 April. Further details can be found on the Diocesan Website [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST PETER'S AND ST PHILIPS

Palm Sunday April 28th/29th usual Sunday Masses with Blessing of Palms

Monday 30th March ,Tuesday 31st March Wednesday 1st April Mass in St. Peter's each day at 12 Noon and on Wednesday at St. Philip's at 9.15 am

The Chrism Mass this is year is limited to two people per Parish, as it is to be held in the Cathedral. We have two Parishioners attending

Holy Thursday April 2nd , Mass in both Churches at 7.00 pm

Watching at the Altar of Repose in St. Philip's until 9.00 pm and in St. Peter's until 11.00 pm

**Good Friday April 3rd Stations of the Cross led by the Children at 11.00 am
Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00 pm in BOTH Churches**

Holy Saturday April 4th

**THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY
The Easter Vigil in St. Peter's only at 8.30 pm**

EASTER SUNDAY

**Masses in St. Peter's 8.30 10.00 and 11.30 (NO EVENING MASS)
Mass in St. Philip's at 10.00 am**

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:

Ezekiel 37: 12-14:

**Psalm 129
With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption**

SECOND READING:

Romans 8: 8-11:

GOSPEL

**ACCLAMATION:
GLORY TO YOU, O CHRIST, SON OF THE LIVING GOD. I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, SAYS THE LORD.
EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE.
GLORY TO YOU, O CHRIST, SON OF THE LIVING GOD.**

GOSPEL READING:
JOHN 11 1-45

'YES, LORD: I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, WHO IS COMING INTO THE WORLD.'

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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Parish Deacon: Rev John McKay
Rev Kevin Hogan

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

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

Monday 23rd March 2026

12.15 pm Requiem Mass for Nora Waring (NOTE TIME)
Readings: Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17. 19-30.33-62; Psalm 22; John 8: 1-11

Tuesday 24th March 2026

12 Noon Vernon Whittingham RIP 100th Birthday
Readings: Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 101; John 8: 21-30

Wednesday 25th March 2026 -The Annunciation of the Lord

9.15 am Mass at St. Philip's- Vera Campbell RIP
12 Noon Allan Nabb RIP and Maggie Nabb Intention
Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Psalm 39; Hebrews 10: 4-10; Luke 1: 26-38

Thursday 26th March 2026

12 Noon Michael Higginbottom RIP 1st Anniversary
Readings: Genesis 17: 3-9; Psalm 104: John 8: 51-59

Friday 27th March 2026

12 Noon Thanksgiving
6.00-8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Readings: Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalm 17; John 10: 31-42

Saturday 28th March 2026

12 Noon Philip Hampson—Special Intention
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - **Palm Sunday Vigil** - People of the Parish
Readings: Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Psalm Jeremiah 31; John 11: 45-56

Sunday 29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday

8.30 am Jenny Love RIP CHOIR
10.00 am Margaret Fogarty RIP FOLK GROUP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Daniel Begley RIP PRAISE BE
Readings: Procession: Matthew 21: 1-11—Mass Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2: 6-11; Matthew 26: 14 -27: 66

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED **Nora Waring's** Requiem will be at 12.15 on Monday 23rd March at St. Peter's followed by Cremation at Stockport. **Francis Kinsler** whose Requiem will be at St. Peter's on Monday 13th April at 12 Noon followed by Cremation at Stockport at 1.45

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: David Harding, Joan Mulcahy, Geoffrey Alker, Terence Taylor, Glynn Davies, Mary Costagliola, Michael Higinbottom, Giovanni Costagliola, Frances Glancy, Les Yielding, Nellie Horan, Eleanor Hall, Peter Judge, Anne Healey, Teresa Chapman, David Adamson.

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 : At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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

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 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.

THANK YOU

Enormous thanks to all the helpers, staff and children of St Philip's school, who made the Cuppa and Chat such a success. It was a delightful afternoon, meeting such confident and friendly children and enjoying their performances. These events take a lot of behind the scenes organising but are joyous! stpetershelpers@gmail.com

LENTEN LUNCHES 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

ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP (SPY) Our next SPY youth gathering will be on Palm Sunday at the 6.00 pm Mass when we will be joining in the readings and music

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.

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

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>

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.

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 Book of Remembrance.

SYCAMORE Will carry on at St. Philips on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm please see Deacon John for more details if you wish to join.