

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1115.32 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £198.30

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**

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CHURCH CLEANING - Team 1 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.

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

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

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:

Exodus 17: 3-7

Psalm 94

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.'

SECOND READING:

Romans 5:

1-2,5-8

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Lord, you are indeed the

Saviour of the world; give me

living water, so that I will not be

thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you

are the Word of God

GOSPEL READING:

JOHN 4: 5-42

'A SPRING OF WATER

WELLING UP

TO ETERNAL

LIFE'

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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Rev Kevin Hogan

LENT WEEK III

PSALTER WEEK III

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

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

Monday 9th March 2026

12 Noon Maureen Pickup RIP

Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-15; Psalm 41; Luke 4: 24-30

Tuesday 10th March 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Daniel 3: 25, 34-43; Psalm 24; Matthew 18: 21-35

Wednesday 11th March 2026

9.15 am Mass at St. Philip's - Betty Baynes RIP

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1. 5-9; Psalm 147; Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday 12th March 2026

12 Noon Jean Pollington RIP

Readings: Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Psalm 94; Luke 11: 14-23

Friday 13th March 2026

12 Noon Marie McNeill RIP

6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

Readings: Hosea 14: 2-10; Psalm 80; Mark 12: 28-34

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)

CHOIR

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

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 Castlewelan, County Down, for Burial at Aughlinafin 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.

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: Mariette Hahn, Thomas Parker, Peter Keary, Mary Burke, Peter Ormerod, Keith O'Hara, May Wright, Vic Chesham, Alan Morgan, Margaret Parker, Arnold Riddiough, Michael Kane, Frederick Carr, Jacob Holmes, John Glancy, Ernest Marsden, James Nuttm, Matthew Byrne, Mary Ivory, Janet Martin

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 John 4: 5-42

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.'

Just then his disciples came back. They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you seek?' or, 'Why are you talking with her?' So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?' They went out of the town and were coming to him.

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.

THANK YOU To all Hat Tree Knitters. Thank you, from Stella Maris

Christopher Reynolds, the North Wales and North West England Chaplain for Stella Maris was very happy to collect the results of your labours that had clad our Christmas hat tree. In expressing his thanks he said that his congregations were always appreciative of useful gifts that had a personal touch as it reminded them that people ashore had not forgotten about them even when they were far from their home on trips of many months duration. Thank you all.

ROBIN SINGERS SPRING CONCERT—please see poster at the back of Church

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 biscuits. All are welcome

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

ST PETER'S HELPERS

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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 **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.

Cuppa and Chat - Reminder

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

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 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?

ACCESSIBLE MASS Sunday 8th March at 2.30pm TODAY

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

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.

LENTEN LUNCHESES

We will be doing Lenten Lunches again this year on Fridays 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.