

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £2551.52 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to (details next week)

### 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 6 are on duty this week

## SCHOOL VACANCIES

### ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Peter's Catholic Primary is an outstanding school committed to providing the highest standards of education for all of its pupils. The governors are seeking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic fixed term 1:1 Teaching Assistant to their welcoming school. Further details can be found via our website [Vacancies](#)

### ST SIMON'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Class Teacher with TLR for September 2026 - Permanent** The governors of St Simon's are seeking to strengthen the Senior Leadership Team by awarding a TLR 2a to a teacher who will have responsibility for the development of our Key Stage Two provision; leading on curriculum and assessment, and significantly contributing to school improvement. We are looking for an outstanding teacher with a passion for learning and teaching who shares our vision for quality education rooted in faith. The successful candidate will be welcomed into a leadership team committed to continually raising standards and upholding the distinctive ethos of this Catholic, friendly, high achieving, inclusive school

**Class Teacher 0.4 (M1 - M6) for September 2026 - Permanent** St Simon's Catholic Primary School is a warm, welcoming school where Christ is the inspiration for all that we do. The governors of this successful school invite applications from highly motivated and organised individuals, with energy and likeminded vision, to join this lively and enthusiastic team as a class teacher, working two days a week, to job share with another teacher. Visits to the school, prior to application, are warmly welcomed. Further information can be found on Greater Jobs Stockport

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES** Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a **Programme Coordinator** and **Youth Mission Team Member**. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) **Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.**

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT** Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> **stay with us** or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

### YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. **Interested?** Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> **join the team**

### STEPPING HILL HOSPITAL

#### CHAPLAINCY AND SPIRITUAL CARE

#### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Are you a good listener?

Interested in exploring Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care?

From 7/5/26 to 11/6/26 we are offering a six-week course (one afternoon per week) which will introduce people to the principles and practice of hospital chaplaincy for volunteers

If you are interested in attending the course or would like more information please contact the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Team on 0161 419 5889 or email [chaplaincy.spiritualcareteam@stockport.nhs.uk](mailto:chaplaincy.spiritualcareteam@stockport.nhs.uk)

# St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM  
[www.churchservices.tv/stockport](http://www.churchservices.tv/stockport)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER PSALTER WEEK II

### Saturday 11th April 2026 Saturday of the Easter Octave

12 Noon Healing Mass-Margaret King RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's  
Readings: Acts 4: 13-21; Psalm 117; Mark 16: 9-15

### Sunday 12th April 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Nora Waring  
10.00 am Terry Turner RIP  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish  
Readings: Acts 2 : 42-47; Psalm 118; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### Monday 13th April 2026

12.00 pm Requiem Mass for Francis Kinsler  
Readings: Acts 4: 22-31; Psalm 2; John 3: 1-8

### Tuesday 14th April 2026

12 Noon John Mercer RIP  
Readings: Acts 4: 32-37; Psalm 91; John 3: 7-15

### Wednesday 15th April 2026

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Ken Savage RIP  
12 Noon Service of Word of Communion  
Readings: Acts 5: 17-26; Psalm 33; John 3: 16-21

### Thursday 16th April 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Acts 5: 27-33; Psalm 33; John 3: 31-36

### Friday 17th April 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
1.15 pm Funeral Service for Vincent Thompson  
Readings: Acts 5: 34-42; Psalm 26; John 6: 1-15

### Saturday 18th April 2026

12 Noon Ian Hirst RIP  
2.00-4.00 pm Inclusion Group Open Day in Church  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's - For the Poor  
Readings: Acts 6: 1-7; Psalm 32; John 6: 16-21

### Sunday 19th April 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Morris Carrasio RIP  
10.00 am Anslem Alas Eroles RIP  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish  
Readings: Acts 2: 14.22-33; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 13-25

HOLY FATHER'S  
PRAYER INTENTIONS  
FOR APRIL 2026  
FOR PRIEST'S IN CRISIS  
LET US PRAY FOR PRIESTS  
GOING THROUGH  
MOMENTS OF CRISIS IN  
THEIR VOCATION, THAT  
THEY MAY FIND THE  
ACCOMPANIMENT THEY  
NEED AND THE  
COMMUNITIES MAY  
SUPPORT THEM WITH  
UNDERSTANDING AND  
PRAYER

## THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:  
Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm 118:  
Give praise to the  
Lord, for he is  
good, his mercy  
endures for ever.

SECOND READING:  
1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL  
ACCLAMATION:  
ALLELUIA,  
ALLELUIA,  
YOU BELIEVED,  
THOMAS, BECAUSE  
YOU HAVE SEEN ME,  
SAYS THE LORD.  
BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHO HAVE NOT  
SEEN AND YET HAVE  
BELIEVED  
ALLELUIA

GOSPEL READING:  
JOHN 20: 19-31

"DO NOT  
DISBELIEVE, BUT  
BELIEVE"

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

### Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED** 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 **Vincent Thompson** whose Funeral Service will be here on April 17th at 1.15 pm. **Marie Glennon** whose Requiem will be at 12 Noon on Friday 24th April, followed by burial at St. Mary's Church Disley at 1.45 pm. **Frances Burke** whose Requiem will be here on 8th May at 12.15 pm followed by Cremation at Stockport at 1.45 pm . **Sarah Cryne Kirkpatrick** whose Funeral Service will be held at

St. Peter's on Wednesday 29th April at 12.30 pm. **Dorothy Hillier**

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Tom Wagstaff, Evelyn Stewart, Bridgid Rowbotham, Maureen Butt, Conor Lyons Finch, Riachard Dearman, Ulich Burke, John Mercer, Johanna Connolly, Joanne Saunders, Ida Thorpe, Martin Lally, Francis Simpkin, Josephine Collier, Aileen Lim, Irene King, Ian Hirst, Helena O'Toole

**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](mailto: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 20: 19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**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

#### 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.

**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.

**St Mark's Gospel:** we resume our study of this gospel on **Monday April 13 at 7:30 in St. Philips.** There will be 4 sessions on consecutive Mondays. You are welcome to join us - even if it is your first time.

#### SPRINGFIELD SURGERY - Commerical Road

The next meeting of the PPG will be in the surgery on the 22nd April at 7.00. The speaker will be Dr Ambrose Smith who will talk about CLIMATE Change. All patients of the surgery are welcome to attend.

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**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!

### 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](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com)

**Hand made cards** will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday 12 and 26 April, 10 and 24 May, 14 and 28 June. The cards cover a variety of birthdays and other occasions and are very reasonably priced. Many can be personalised on request.

#### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Due to there being a 'lot going on' in the Parish at the moment our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th May when we will be Meeting in the Members Lounge AT 2.00 pm and we will have the Programme for the rest of the Spring/Summer. Apologies for the delay. 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.

**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.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY** For all those interested in supporting the Vocation of Marriage and Family you are invited to attend our Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat Day to help you find out more about what is involved and what help is needed. There will be presentations on the Mission of Marriage, a Reflection on the Book of Tobit and Holy Mass at Midday

**When : 18th April 2026**

**Where: St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Witton Street Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP**

**Time: 9.30pm to 4.00pm**

**Please Register with Monika Golembiewska** on 07549 226794 or email: [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

#### DISABILITY INCLUSION GROUP -Open Afternoon, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Please join us for an afternoon of celebration for our group and for our parishes. St Peter's has gained a reputation of being 'forward thinking' when it comes to inclusion, opening our doors to all and providing a safe and supportive place to worship. We have an afternoon planned of music, with a Sign choir and St Peter's Primary School Choir, of information gathering with local organisations, of reflection and of course refreshments. Please join us.

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

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

#### THE CROSS BEFORE THE CROWN

We would highly recommend you listen to the recording of the talk given recently by Mary Hardiman at Footsteps, entitled "The Cross before the Crown". It is available on our website by following this link: <https://stpeterscatholic.church/Parish-News-Events/#talks-section> or going to the **News/Events** page of the website and scrolling down to Footsteps recordings. Mary gave a most powerful insight into the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord and it will be especially beneficial to share it during Holy Week and the Easter period.

#### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) along with a link to the new online booking system.

**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>

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