

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1184.52 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £372.93

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 1 are on duty this week

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 **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 >> **stay with us** or contact 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 or 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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th 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 along with a link to the new online booking system.

CAR PARK

As you will be aware there has been considerable problems in our car park and on neighbouring roads recently with people attending the Easter services, Sunday masses and other events both in the church and the club. We propose to try and alleviate this congestion by re-introducing a strict one-way system and would ask for your help by adhering to it.

Vehicles should approach the church complex via Grenville Road and the yellow-gated entrance road off Green Lane, and once in the car park follow the direction-of-flow arrows painted on the surface. To leave the car park again, follow the direction-of-flow arrows through the black exit gates on to Charles Street before turning left on to Mount Pleasant. Please do not enter the car park from Charles Street and driving over the No-Entry sign. In this way we should avoid vehicles trying to squeeze past oncoming cars, making things safer and minimising the risk of damage to vehicles. Thank you for your co-operation.

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:
14.22-33

Psalms 16
**O Lord, you will
show me the
path of life**

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 1: 17-21

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

ALLELUIA,
ALLELUIA,
LORD JESUS, OPEN
THE SCRIPTURES TO
US; MAKE OUR
HEARTS BURN
WITHIN US WHEN
YOU SPEAK TO US
ALLELUIA

GOSPEL READING:

LUKE 24: 13-25

**'HE WAS
KNOWN TO
THEM IN THE
BREAKING OF
BREAD'**

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER PSALTER WEEK III

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

Monday 20th April 2026

12.00 pm Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Acts 6: 8-15; Psalm 118; John 6: 22-29

Tuesday 21st April 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Acts 7: 51-8: 1; Psalm 30; John 6: 30-35

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

12 Noon Service of Word of Communion
Readings: Acts 8: 1-8; Psalm 65; John 6: 35-40

Thursday 23rd April 2026 - St. George-Patron of England

12 Noon James Thomas RIP
Readings: Revelations 12: 10-22; Psalm 126; 2 Timothy 2: 8-13; 3: 10-12; Luke 9: 23-26

Friday 24th April 2026

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Marie Glennon
Readings: Acts 9: 1-20; Psalm 117; John 6: 52-59

Saturday 25th April 2026 - St Mark

12 Noon Sarah, Frank and Michael Parker RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's - Deceased Members of the McKenna Family
Readings: 1 Peter 5: 5-14; Psalm 88; Mark 16: 15-20

Sunday 26th April 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.30 am People of the Parish CHOIR
10.00 am Kath Ginkel—Birthday Memories ORGAN
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Michael Hanna RIP PIANO
Readings: Acts 2: 14. 36-41; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR VOCATIONS

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED 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's** Requiem Mass will be held here on Thursday 30th April at 12.30 pm followed by Cremation at Stockport Crematorium at 2.30 pm **Kathryn Trueman** (Margaret Purcell's Daughter)

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Patrick Reid, Harry Knowles, Rosalind Adthead, Kathleen Glazier, Kathleen Souter, Peter Heys, Michael Lawler, James Flynn, Alice Pastorelli, Elsie Carney, Jamesd Quinn, Patrick Campbell, Pope Francis, Blanche Bowlas Mary Rowbotham, Patrick Barrow, Laurence Kenny, John Carney, Elizabeth Donaghy, Colin McAlister, Angela Jones, Margaret Saunders, Bernard Powell, Marcus Park

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.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION DURING EASTER Congratulations to Lee Kan Hai, Tony Senior, Hannah Green and Richard Ellis who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and to Ivy Burns who was Baptised at the same time as her Great Grandad last Sunday.

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 Luke 24: 13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each

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.

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.

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

Hand made cards will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday 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.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our Healing Mass and lunch so successful. Our guests really value the opportunity to attend Mass, to be anointed and to eat lunch with their friends. We have had many messages of appreciation for the hard work of an ever-increasing group of volunteers who make this event possible. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE CONCERNED.**

Card making

The next session is on Thursday, 07 May from 10.00 am - 11.30 am in the Meeting Room. All are welcome but please let me know by Tuesday 5th April if you plan to attend so that I can make sure that there are enough materials available. ([m vbinnie@gmail.com](mailto:mvbinnie@gmail.com)) 01663 762974. There is no charge for attending but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to charity if you wish.

Cuppa and Chat

The next session is on Tuesday, 19 May in the Main Hall from 1.30 pm-3.00 pm. Donations of cakes would be very much appreciated.

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.

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.

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>

SPY The next SPY meeting will be on Sunday 10th May after the 6.00 pm Mass

English Language support

Our Chai and Chat regular group is looking for new helpers to join our small team. We support people with their English skills and conversation practice. This opportunity would particularly suit someone with ESOL or primary level English teaching skills who can offer a couple of daytime hours at our sessions. Please get in touch for an informal chat by email stpetershelpers@gmail.com

LENTEN LUNCHESES

Thank you to everyone who generously attended, helped and donated to the Lenten lunches this year, and to Helen McDonald for the donation of her lovely Easter we made £317 for Stockport Food Bank.

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

LAMBS additional needs group will meet on Sunday the 26th of April at 4pm in the parish centre. There will be crafts, bingo, music and lots of food and fun all welcome.

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