

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £51105 t. Philip's Offertory amounted to £215.25

**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**

**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)**

#### **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.

**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.

#### **PLANT SALE**

The Inner Wheel Club of Hazel Grove is holding a charity plant sale on 16th May at 55 Broadway Bramhall SK7 3BU from 10.30 to 1.30. Wide range of plants available including bedding, perennials, vegetables and shrubs, all at reasonable prices. Te/Coffee and cake also available. All proceeds to Walthew House Stockport and Ronald McDonald House Manchester Children's Hospital.

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Due to the sad loss of her Daughter, Margaret Purcell has to home two lovely 8 year old cats. Ideally together but each on their own if necessary. Margaret can be contacted on **07587 126396**

**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 :  
14.36-41**

**Psalms 23:  
The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want**

#### **SECOND READING:**

**1 Peter 2:  
20-25**

#### **GOSPEL**

#### **ACCLAMATION:**

**ALLELUIA,  
ALLELUIA,  
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SAYS THE LORD, I KNOW MY SHEEP AND MY OWN KNOW ME ALLELUIA**

#### **GOSPEL READING:**

**JOHN: 10: 1-10**

**TRULY, TRULY,  
I SAY TO YOU  
I AM THE  
DOOR OF THE  
SHEEP**

**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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Parish Priest: Father Philip Atkinson

Parish Deacon: Rev John McKay

Rev Kevin Hogan

[admin@stpetershazलगrove.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpetershazलगrove.org.uk)

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

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **PSALTER WEEK IV**

#### **Saturday 25th April 2026 - St Mark**

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

#### **Sunday 26th April 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8.30 am Deceased Member's of the McKenna Family **CHOIR**  
10.00 am Kath Gingle—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 THROUGHTOUT THE WORLD FOR VOCATIONS**

#### **Monday 27th April 2026**

12.00 pm Caroline Howard RIP  
Readings: Acts 11: 1-18; Psalm 41& 42; John 10: 1-10

#### **Tuesday 28th April 2026**

12 Noon James Flynn RIP birthday Memories  
Readings: Acts 11: 19-26; Psalm 86; John 10: 22-30

#### **Wednesday 29th April 2026 - St Catherine of Siena-Patron of Europe**

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Young family loss of Husband Ian—Intention  
12.30 pm Funeral Service for Sarah Cryne Kirkpatrick (**Note Time**)  
Readings: 1 John 1: 5-2:2; Psalm 102; Matthew 11: 25-30

#### **DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE**

#### **Thursday 30th April 2026 - St. Pius V**

12.30 pm Requiem Mass for Dorothy Hillier (**Note Time**)  
Readings: Acts 13: 13-25; Psalm 88; John 13: 16-20

#### **Friday 1st May 2026 - St Joseph the Worker**

12 Noon Barbara Martin RIP  
Readings: Acts 13: 26-33; Psalm 2; John 14: 1-6

#### **Saturday 2nd May 2026 - St Athanasius**

12 Noon Margaret King RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's - Derek Hamaby RIP  
Readings: Acts: 44-52; Psalm 97; John 14: 7-14

#### **Sunday 3rd May 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8.30 am Monica Beckitt RIP **PRAISE BE!**  
10.00 am Peter Carrahar RIP **FOLK GROUP**  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish **PIANO**  
Readings: Acts 6: 1-7; Psalm 33; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; 14: 1-12

### Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED** 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) Jean Mary Campbell whose Funeral Service will be held here on Wednesday 6th May at 11.30 am.

**The families of Frances Burke and Dorothy Hillier would like to know how many of you would like to attend the Funeral Reception after their Requiems in the Parish Centre. Please sign the appropriate sheet at the back of Church.**

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Gerry Earlam, Dom Dunstan Bumstead, Peter Wilkinson, Margaret Harding, Gerry Clarke, Ernie Ball, Sheila Pierse, Barbara Dunstan, Eileen Massey, Winifried Copp, Peter Bramall, Maureen Howarth, Bill Christie, Joan Whittam, Edward Gaughan, Therese Hanson, George Thornley, Frances Oulton, Maura Burke, Barbara Martin, Doris Head, Elizabeth O'Reilly, Maureen Kennern, Alexander Murphy, Roy Shorrocks, Terence McConville, Tony Devoy, June Whittaker, Stanley Mitchell, Peter Carrahar

**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.

**BAPTISM AND 1st HOLY COMMUNION** We welcome into our community Suet Fei Pak (Fiona), Kin Man Lee (Desmond) Pak Hei Lee (Jake) Sheldon Pak Yin Lee (Sheldon) Ka Yi Leung (Gloria) Ching Tong (Kayze) Michela Mak (Michaela) who were Baptised last at St. Peter's last Saturday and also Chung Josette Hermione (Josette) who made her First Holy Communion.

#### **GOSPEL John 10: 1-10**

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

#### **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.

#### **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](mailto: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.

**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

**BETHLEHEM ART** Rana from Bethlehem Art will be selling beautiful religious items after Mass at St. Philip's on Saturday evening 25th and after 8.30 and 10.00 Mass on Sunday (TODAY) Please support this very worthy cause if you can.

**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 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.

#### **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 May if you plan to attend so that I can make sure that there are enough materials available. ([mvbinnie@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.

#### **FOOTSTEPS**

Our next event in this year's programme of inspiring talks in our informal, café-style setting will be on **Thursday 14 May at 7.30pm** when we'll have the pleasure of welcoming again **Fr Chris Thomas** from Liverpool. His theme will be a timely one as he invites us to share "**Glimpses of resurrection**" - a chance, he says, to see what the four Gospels say about Jesus' resurrection.

Do come and join us in the **parish centre** for drinks, nibbles and guaranteed spiritual refreshment on our Christian journey! You will be very welcome.

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

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#### **THANK YOU -DEPAUL TRUST**

We have received this from the Depaul Trust:

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation to our service. Your support makes a meaningful difference to the young people we work with who are experiencing homelessness. Thanks to contributions like yours, we are able to continue providing a safe and supportive environment that they can truly call 'home'.

Thank you once again for your kindness and for the wonderful work you do.

Warm regards,  
**Ramon Barquin**

#### **SPONSORED WALK**

Peter Henshaw, Deacon John McKay & Nora, John's pet dog, are going on a walking pilgrimage along St.Oswald's Way in Northumbria, starting Monday 27th April. All money raised is going to East Cheshire Hospice To follow Peter, John & Nora's progress the following blog will be updated daily during the pilgrimage, <https://peter-and-johns-st-oswalds-way-pilgrimage.mystrikingly.com/> The blog also has details of how to donate.