

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1008 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £152.86

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

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**

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.

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**

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.spiritual.careteam@stockport.nhs.uk

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2026
THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD
LET US PRAY THAT EVERYONE, FROM LARGE PRODUCERS TO SMALL CONSUMERS, BE COMMITTED TO AVOID WASTING FOOD, AND TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO QUALITY FOOD.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:

**Acts 6: 1-7
Psalm 33**

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 2: 4-9:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, SAYS THE LORD. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME
ALLELUIA**

GOSPEL READING:

JOHN: 14: 1-12

'LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED, BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME.'

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PSALTER WEEK I

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; John 14: 1-12

Monday 4th May 2026 - The English Martyrs

12.00 pm Attracta Murray RIP
Readings: Hebrews 11: 32-40; Psalm 31; Matthew 10: 17-22

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Tuesday 5th May 2026

12 Noon Mary Norton RIP
Readings: Acts 14: 19-28; Psalm 144; John 14: 27-31

Wednesday 6th May 2026

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Rosie Anderson RIP
11.30 am Funeral Service for Jean Mary Campbell (note time)
Readings: Acts 15: 1-6; Psalm 121; John 15: 1-8

Thursday 7th May 2026

12.00 pm Peter Carahar RIP Birthday Memories
Readings: Acts 15: 7-21; Psalm 95; John 15: 9-11

Friday 8th May 2026

12.15 pm Requiem Mass for Frances Burke (note time)
Readings: Acts 15: 7-21; Psalm 95; John 15: 9-11

Saturday 9th May 2026

12 Noon Rosie Anderson RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's - David Donnelly RIP
Readings: Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 99; John 15: 18-21

Sunday 10th May 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Mary Davies RIP PIANO
10.00 am Agnus Bumstead RIP JUNIOR CHOIR
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm People of the Parish PIANO
Readings: Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21

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. **Kathryn Trueman** (Margaret Purcell's Daughter) Jean Mary Campbell whose Funeral Service will be held here on Wednesday 6th May at 11.30 am. **Dr. Patrick O'Reilly** whose Funeral will be at Manchester Crematorium on Friday 15th May at 10.30 am

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Moira Drain, Catherine Straqtham, Kenneth Lupton, Helga Bartley, Sheila Durdey, Pamela Autheson, Jose Matosd, Margaret Barow, Mary Jackson, May McCormack, Peter Ratcliffe, Willia, Gingell, Cecilia Hillier, Josephine Sherry, Stella Brennan, Mary Hewett, Francis Boote

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.

GOSPEL John 14: 1-12

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Place yourself with the disciples, listening to their questions and Jesus' responses. With whom do you most identify?
3. What glimpses of the Father have you seen from Jesus?
4. In what ways is God asking you to trust him at this time of year/ Talk with Jesus about the things that trouble you.

For Conversation:

The ways your community might come to know more deeply Jesus as Truth.



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

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th. May when we will be Meeting in **CHURCH** at 2.00 pm for a reflection led by Fr, Philip. With refreshments afterwards, and we will have the Programme for the rest of the Spring/Summer.

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.

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

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) 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. SPY is for year 7 (up to and including college age) on a Sunday 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?

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.

LAMBS additional needs group will meet Today, Sunday 26th April at 4.00 pm in the Parish Centre. There will be crafts, bingo, music and lots of food and fun all welcome.

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB We would like to recommend **The Names by Florence Knapp** - this is a fantastic debut novel that follows three alternate versions of a child's life over 35 years, showing how a mother's single decision, what name to give her newborn son, profoundly shapes identity, safety and destiny for an entire family. Our next recommendation is **Vianne by Joanne Harris** which traces the childhood and young adulthood of Vianne Rocher as she is shaped by restless travel, inherited magic and loss, becoming the woman who will one day arrive in Lansquenet with chocolate. Our third recommendation is **Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown** which follows symbologist Robert Langdon as he races across Prague and beyond to uncover dangerous truths about human consciousness - this book is still in hardback. We will meet again in early July - if you would like to join us please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2026

Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026 are invited to attend the **Diocesan Mass for Marriage, which will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 13th June at Saint Columba's, Chester**. The Mass be followed by a buffet lunch for invited guests. To receive an invitation from the Bishop's Office, parishioners should contact their Parish Priest or Parish Secretary with the following information: names, address and which significant anniversary is being celebrated. Invitations will only be issued through parishes. The closing date to receive an invitation is Friday 22nd May.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY are holding a day of reflection on Saturday 23rd May at Shrewsbury Cathedral Chapter House. The day will include reflections from Father Sean Henry and Dr Kieran Moriarty. There will also be Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All Hospitality members and their guests are welcome to attend. Please confirm your attendance to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk