

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your generous offerings, last weeks collection came to £976
St. Philip’s Offertory amounted to £152.91
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

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.

RAMP Please note - As we are now planning to install a ramp off the side door of the side door of the church the Defibrillator has been moved. It is now positioned to the left of the main front door as you come in to Church

ST PETER’S BOOK CLUB
Our first recommendation is **The Brief by Simon Michaels** - based on real Old Bailey cases, this is a legal thriller about Charles Holborne, a young barrister from a troubled background who takes on a dangerous murder case involving powerful criminals while trying to build his career. Our next recommendation is still in Hardback - **A Far-Flung Life by M L Stedman** is a beautifully written epic that begins on a remote sheep station in Western Australia in the early twentieth century, where the harsh landscape shapes every aspect of family life. Finally, **Anxious People by Fredrik Backman** is a warm, funny and moving novel about a failed bank robber who accidentally takes a group of strangers hostage at an apartment viewing. We will meet again on Tuesday 22nd September - get in touch if you would like to join us, telephone Alison McGarr 07792 107152.

HOLY FATHER’S
PRAYER INTENTIONS
FOR SEPTEMBER
FOR THE CARE OF
WATER
LET US PRAY FOR A
JUST AND
SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT OF
WATER, A
VITAL SOURCE, SO
THAT EVERYONE
MAY HAVE EQUAL
ACCESS TO IT.

THE WORD
OF GOD

FIRST READING:
JEREMIAH 20: 7-9

Psalm 62

For you my soul
is thirsting, O
Lord,my God

SECOND READING:
ROMANS 12 1-2

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
MAY THE FATHER OF
OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST,ENLIGHTEN
THE EYES OF OUR
HEARTS,SO THAT WE
MAY KNOW THE
HOPE TO WHICH HE
HAS CALLED US
ALLELUIA

GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 16:
21-27

‘IF ANYONE
WOULD COME
AFTER ME,
LET HIM DENY
HIMSELF’

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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Father Philip Atkinson - Parish Priest
Father Kevin Hogan
Deacon John McKay

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

Ordinary Time Week XXII
PSALTER WEEK II

Saturday 29th August 2026 - The Passion of St John the Baptist
11.00 –11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament –followed by Benediction
12.00 Noon Seamus Gallogley RIP
6.00 pm Mass at Offerton - Fr Kevin Hogan Intention
Readings: Jeremiah 1: 17-19; Psalm 71: Mark 6: 17-29

Sunday 30th August 2026 - TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Marie Glennon RIP - Birthday Memories
10.00 am Jamie Smith RIP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm People of the Parish
Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27

Monday 31st August 2026 - St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne
12.00 pm Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Psalm 118; Luke 4: 16-30

Tuesday 1st September 2026
12.00 pm Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Corinthians 2: 10-16; Psalm 144; Luke 4: 31-37
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Wednesday 2nd September 2026
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Psalm 32; Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday 3rd September 2026 - St Gregory The Great
12.00 pm Enda Donegan RIP
Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-2, 57; Psalm 96; Luke 22: 24-30

Friday 4th September 2026 - St Cuthbert
6.00-8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00 Noon Wedding Anniversary Memories Sue and Brendan 50th
Readings : 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Psalm 36; Luke 5: 33-39

Saturday 5th September 2026 - St Theresa of Calcutta
11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12.00 Noon Freda Warburton
6.00 pm Mass at Offerton - St. Philip’s Foodbank - in thanksgiving for all the generous donations to the Foodbank
Readings: 1 Corinthians 4: 6-15; Psalm 144; Luke 6: 1-5

Sunday 6th September 2026 - TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Fr Stephen Bamber (newly ordained Priest)
10.00 am People of the Parish
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Jackie Morris RIP
Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED **Jaqueline Farr** whose Requiem Mass will be held at St. Peter's on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 12 Noon followed by private family internment at Mill Lane Cemetery

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Catherine May, Winefred Waring, Brian Trueman, Desmond Rochford, Frank Barry, John Barrow, Gilbert Ireland, Terry Cunningham, Veronica Hogan, Marie Hunt.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Parish Community Louie Jay Barry and Emilia Dela Cruz Villaroel who were Baptised here last Sunday.

BAPTISM PREPARATION The dates for the next Baptism Preparation sessions are 20th & 27th September @ 11am in the Parish Centre (after 10am Mass). If you would like to book on the September sessions please email stpetersbaptism1@gmail.com for the Baptism Application form. The aim of the sessions is to help parents prepare for the baptism of their child and to reflect on their role as the first teachers of the faith.

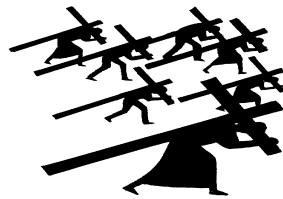
PRAYER INTENTION We have a team of 'prayer warriors' who will pray for your intentions, send them to the Parish Office and they will be forwarded. You can also light a 'virtual candle' on the Parish Website

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-27

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Place yourself in the scene....Notice your thoughts and feelings...when you hear Peter remonstrate with Jesus...when you hear Jesus describe the cost of discipleship.
3. Take time to talk with Jesus about the cross he carried, the cross you are called to carry.



For Conversation:

Times you have wanted to turn away from the difficulties of discipleship – what kept you carrying your cross.

JOIN US at FOOTSTEPS on THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER AT 7.30pm

What a great pleasure it will be to welcome back to Footsteps the **Bishop of Stockport, +Sam Corley** who'll be talking about 'Lessons in prayer from the South Pacific'. Always an engaging, entertaining and captivating speaker, Bishop Sam is bound to give us a very memorable evening, especially with an unusual and interesting theme like that.

We hope you'll come to our informal, friendly event which takes place in a café-style setting **in the parish centre**; we serve light refreshments and nibbles along with a good sprinkling of humour. Footsteps provides a forum for all denominations where we can listen to and reflect on various topics as we journey in our Christian faith. We look forward to welcoming you.

CARD MAKING The next card making session is on Thursday, 03 September, 10.00 - 11.30 in the Meeting Room. All are welcome but please let me know by Tuesday, 01 September if you plan to attend. All materials are provided and there will be an opportunity to make a voluntary donation to charity if you wish. Advance notice: The session scheduled for 01 October has been cancelled. mvbinnie@gmail.com, 01663 762974.

Hand made birthday and occasion cards will be available in the Parish Centre after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday, 16 August, 13 and 27 September, 11 and 25 October. Prices range from 50p to £2.50 and many can be personalised with names and/or ages on request. All proceeds are used to support local 'charities'.

The next Healing Mass and lunch is on Saturday, 17 October. **More details to follow later.**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th September at 7.00 pm in the Meeting Room when Deacon John and Peter Henshaw will be giving us a talk on their Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, we will also be welcoming Bridget, a Volunteer from the East Cheshire Hospice. If you would like any further information regarding the Bereavement Group 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.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE (Again...A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to our MPs - Lisa Smart and Tom Morrison - ask Lisa Smart MP to vote NO to assisted suicide, and please thank Tom Morrison for voting against the bill in its last passage through parliament here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

Your vote matters more than ever if you live in Hazel Grove as Lisa Smart MP previously voted in favour of the assisted dying bill. Tom Morrison MP for Cheadle voted against. Thankyou

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

THE SHROUD OF TURIN The Fifth Gospel. A date for your diaries. On **Thursday 26th November at 7.30 PM** at St Peter's Parish Centre, there will be an evening talk on The Shroud of Turin by Michael Kowalski, author of 'The Shroud of Christ: Evidence of a 2000-Year Antiquity' All welcome.

ALPHA 2026

ALPHA is a (new) beginning, a refresh or a restart. It's the R.E. you wished you hadn't missed when you were at school. It's an opportunity to ask some of life's big questions. Things may have happened in your life and you want space and time to look at them. It's what you might want to do if your kids are being baptised or doing first communion or confirmation. Alpha's helpful if you want to explore becoming a Catholic. If you want to know more ask Deacon John. If you would like to come, or are just curious come along on Tuesday 22nd September to the first session at St Philip's, Half Moon Lane, Offerton SK2 5LE at 7.30pm. We start with drinks and snacks. We finish at 9pm

St Peter's Youth Group (SPY) restarts after the Summer break on **Sunday 13th of September**. SPY meets monthly on a Sunday after 6PM Mass in the Parish Centre and all young people of high school age, year 7 and above (up to and including college age) are invited to come along. SPY is a great way to keep in touch with your faith and your friends, as well as making new friends, as you move on into your High School Years. SPY is also the place to come if you are interested in being Confirmed (year 8 and above) Come along for Faith sharing, friendship, lots of fun and of course food! (7pm - 8.30 pm) All welcome.

The Spy dates for this term are:-

Sunday 13th September

Sunday 11th October

Sunday 8th November

Sunday 22nd November - Feast of Christ the King/Youth Sunday - the young people will be involved in the Youth Mass at 6 PM

Sunday 13th December

FUTURE DATE FOR YOU: NEXT ACCESSIBLE MASS OCTOBER 4th 2026

St Peter's Inclusion Group wish you all a lovely holiday period but please put in your diary the date for our next Accessible Mass. This mass is suitable for all in the parish and we focus on ensuring every person's needs are met. We welcome anyone who might struggle with our regular masses, we will support you in anyway we can. We have a sensory activity incorporated into a shorter mass, with a relaxed atmosphere and finish with a cuppa and chat.

If you need more information, please contact: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

BREAKOUT MASS will be available again in the parish meeting room during the 10am mass on Sunday 6th September. Communion will be brought over, with colouring and craft available. We offer a space for anyone more comfortable here than in the main church, either for all or part of the service. Afterwards, the main hall will host refreshments and toys, and the craft may be available for a short time

PARISH CENTRE NEWS After over 29 years Helen is stepping down from her responsibilities regarding the Parish Centre. We are delighted to welcome Rachel Canovan who will be taking over as Parish Centre Co-ordinator as from 1st September. Her contact details are email: yasemin133@hotmail.co.uk mobile number :07584993062. We wish her every success, and support in her new role.