

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your generous offerings, last weeks collection came to £1161
St. Philip’s Offertory amounted to £339.57

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 546746609**

CHURCH CLEANING - Team 3 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.

HAZEL GROVE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP We will be starting our Autumn programme on 23rd September 2022. A group of people with an interest in the history of the local area, and beyond, has been meeting here in the autumn and winter since 1988, and apart from an enforced break during the initial covid lockdowns, we carry on. We meet every Friday morning, 10am to noon, from September to Easter in the Meeting Room of St Peter’s Parish Centre to explore a wide variety of aspects of the history of the local area, with guest speakers and contributions from group members. There is a programme of optional visits to local places of historical interest in the Spring which adds to our enjoyment £30 for 10 meetings. Enrolment from 9.45am on 23rd September. Payment in cash or by cheque. For further information Contact the Group Leader on 0161 427 7285, or email wilshaw88@btinternet.com. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY - a date for your diary

We are delighted to offer an Advent Retreat Day on **Saturday 21 November** in the parish centre. **Mary Hardiman** will lead us in a special day of reflection before the busyness leading up to Christmas. Come and enjoy a bit of space and time to consider and prepare for the season of Advent, which starts the week after. Mary will be helping us explore how we can prepare for Christ's coming this Christmas. Come for a **9.30am start** (when the kettle will be on) in the parish centre; we’ll have Mass at noon in church. Back to the parish centre after Mass to eat **your packed lunch**, then hear Mary’s afternoon reflection. We aim to finish around 4pm. This is an annual event which is always popular, so do plan to come and enjoy both the spiritual and the social elements. All are welcome.

SPRINGFIELD SURGERY Commercial Road

The next meeting of the PPG will be on 23 September at 7.00pm in the surgery. The talk will be by Cody Pendlebury of Hone Instead on FALLS PREVENTION. This talk had to be cancelled in July due to illness. All registered patients are welcome.

LAMBS - MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On 27th September we are hosting a Macmillan coffee and cake sale, also a raffle, after the 10.00 am Mass, all donations are welcome, if you could drop them off after the 8.30 and 10.00 Mass in the Parish Centre. Thank you.

SENORY BAGS AND TOYBOX

There are a few bags with sensory activities and a box of children’s toys and books for use during Mass. These can be found at the back of church and the welcomers can assist you in locating them

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:
EZEKIEL 33: 7-9**

**Psalm 94
O that today you
would listen to
his voice!
‘Harden not your
hearts’**

**SECOND READING:
ROMANS 13: 8-10**

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION:**

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
GOD WAS IN CHRIST
RECONCILING THE
WORLD TO
HIMSELF, AND
ENTRUSTING TO US
THE MESSAGE OF
RECONCILIATION
ALLELUIA**

**GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 18:
15-20**

**‘WHATEVER
YOU BIND ON
EARTH SHALL
BE BOUND IN
HEAVEN’**

**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 Kevin Hogan
Deacon John McKay

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

**Ordinary Time Week XXIII
PSALTER WEEK III**

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) CHOIR
10.00 am People of the Parish FOLK GROUP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Jackie Morris RIP PIANO
Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

Monday 7th September 2026
12.00 pm Joan Kelleher RIP
Readings: 1 Corinthians 5: 1-8; Psalm 5; Luke 6: 6-11

Tuesday 8th September 2026 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12.00 pm Pauline McCarthy Intention
Readings: Micah 5: 1-4; Psalm 13; Matthew 1: 1-16. 8-23

Wednesday 9th September 2026
9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Rose Mullin RIP
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Corinthians 7: 25-31; Psalm 44; Luke 6: 20-26

Thursday 10th September 2026 - St Ambrose Barlow
12.00 pm Fr. Shaun Curch-25th Anniversary
Readings: 1 Corinthians 8: 1-7, 11-13; Psalm 138; Luke 6: 27-38

Friday 11th September 2026
12.00 Noon Andrew Ray RIP
Readings : 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-27; Psalm 83; Luke 6: 39-42

Saturday 12th September 2026 - Most Holy Name of Mary
11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12.00 Noon Jaqueline Farr RIP
6.00 pm Mass at Offerton - St. Philip’s - Fr Jonathan Bielawski RIP
Readings: 1 Corinthians 10: 14-22; Psalm 115; Luke 6: 43-49

Sunday 13th September 2026 - TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am People of the Parish PIANO
10.00 am Vera and Joe RIP JUNIOR
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Dorothy Johnson RIP PIANO
Readings: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7, Psalm 102; Romans 14: 7-9; Romans 14: 7-9
Matthew 18: 21-25

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: Veronica Hogan, Marie Hunt, Mary Hurst, James Gaffney, Grace Platt, Margaret Bennett, Celia Westhead, Norman Whittaker, Margaret Murphy, Christopher Henaghan, Ernestine Knott, David Stewart, Neil Hammond, Mary Earlam, Patrick Smith

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Parish Community Rosie Ann Longdon who was Baptised here last weekend.

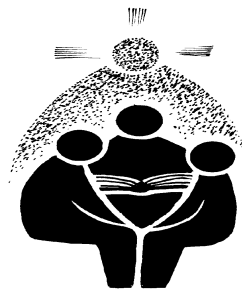
BAPTISM PREPARATION The dates for the next Baptism Preparation sessions are 20th & 27th September @ 11am in the Parish Centre (after 10am Mass). If you would like to book on the September sessions please email stpetersbaptism1@gmail.com for the Baptism Application form. The aim of the sessions is to 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 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Take time to reflect on how your faith affects your concern for social justice. Pray for guidance to discern how/where God wants you to become involved.
What word of hope does the passage offer you?



For Conversation:

One issue your parish community could work at to restore justice.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady, at Walsingham, Monday 24th May to Thursday 27th May 2027. Half board accommodation, transport & programme of processions & services. Estimated cost, ensuite accommodation £486, standard accommodation £420. Final cost known once transport arrangements finalised. Clergy will be either Fr. Philip or Fr. Kevin, Fr. Peter Burke & Deacon Steve Pomeroy (formally of St. Peter's). Information evening on Friday 11th September at 7pm in parish centre. Contact Peter Henshaw if interested, 07845 711540, peterhenshaw26@gmail.com.

ST PETER'S Cuppa and Chat Tuesday 15th September 1.30-3.00pm

Do come and join us for our first gathering back after the summer. It's a lovely way to chat to old friends and make new ones. Whether you're less able to get out and about than before, or would just enjoy a chat over hot drinks and delicious home made cakes, you're very welcome. Volunteers to make cakes, (drop off 1pm please), help set up (12.15 please) drive guests and help welcome and serve people (1pm please) are very welcome, get in touch with Clare stpetershelpers@gmail.com to set up an informal chat.

CARDS

Hand made birthday and occasion cards will be available in the Parish Centre after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday, 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 Breakout mass [today](#) (Sunday 6th September) available in the parish meeting room during the 10am mass. 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 will 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 Coordinator 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.