

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your generous offerings, last weeks collection came to £1280.26

St. Philip’s Offertory amounted to £175.00 July/August paid by card £2583.41

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 6 are on duty this week

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.

STOCKPORT CONVENT CLASS OF 1967: We are having a reunion for our year group on Saturday 17th October at 2pm in Stockport. Please contact 26maryrobinson@gmail.com or 07443 841223 for more details.

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 by coach, programme of processions & services. Estimated cost, ensuite accommodation £486, standard accommodation £420. Final cost known once transport arrangements finalised. Clergy will be Fr. Philip, Fr. Peter Burke & Deacon Steve Pomeroy (formerly of St. Peter’s). Contact Peter Henshaw if interested, 07845 711540, peterhenshaw26@gmail.com.

LAMBS additional needs group will meet in the Parish Centre on Sunday the **27th September** between 4.00 and 6.00 pm. There will be the usual disco, crafts food and good company.

Future dates for **LAMBS** are:

25th October,	28th February,	27th June,
29th November,	28th March	25th July
13th December,	25th April	
31st January,	30th May	

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

We are seeking to appoint a Parish Safeguarding Representative for St Philip's. The person appointed would assist and advise the parish clergy on safeguarding matters and help to promote a robust safeguarding culture. Training will be provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and will take approximately 2-3 hours depending on existing knowledge of safeguarding procedures. No previous experience is required. This is a volunteer post. If you would like to learn more about this position, please contact Fr Philip, Fr Kevin or Deacon John.

PLEASE NOTE THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM THROUGH THE CAR PARK The entrance is off Green Lane, the exit via Charles Street.

AUTUMN GROUND CLEAR UP "A Date for your diaries! The autumn grounds clean up will take place on Saturday November 7th this year, commencing at 9.00am. Many hands make lightwork. Everybody welcome. Please bring gloves, loppers, spades,barrows, brushes, leaf blowers and other such useful implements. For catering purposes please add your name to the list on the notice board in the porch at the back of the church.

SPONSORED MARATHON - For St. Peter’s Bereavement Support

I am running the Majorca Marathon on October 18th in memory of two beautiful humans, Alex and Sarah,who passed away in a tragic event while hiking in Majorca in the summer of 2024, leaving a massive hole in their friendship groups and families. I am doing the run alongside Alex’s brother Stefan, and friends who were also on the hiking trip. This will be a massive personal event for us all. I am hoping that by raising awareness for the charity, this will give bereaved families and friends across Stockport and the North West the understanding that no fight has to be alone, ears are for listening and there is always help available. Thank you in advance, Luke Gaskell <https://gofund.me/3a138ccc3>.

SAVE THE DATE Calling all you **80’s and Motown Lovers!** Have we got a night planned for you! Our next parish event will be on Saturday 7th November when you can dance the night away to great music courtesy of our very own DJ Disco Dan. More details in the newsletter next week!

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 18: 25-28

Psalm 24
Remember your
compassion, O
Lord

SECOND READING:
PHILIPPIANS 2:
1-11

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
MY SHEEP HEAR MY
VOICE,SAYS THE
LORD,AND I KNOW
THEM, AND THEY
FOLLOW ME
ALLELUIA

GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 21:
28-32

**‘HE
CHANGED
HIS MIND
AND WENT’**

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 XXVI

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Saturday 26th September 2026 - Ss Cosmos and Damien
11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12.00 Noon Ruth - speedy recovery
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip’s - Barry Gooch RIP
Readings: Ecclesiastes 11: 9-12:8; Psalm 89; Luke 9: 43-45

Sunday 27th September 2026 - TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Hubert Hardiman RIP CHOIR
10.00 am People of the Parish PRAISE BE!
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Rita and John Kok Shun 40th Wedding Anniversary PIANO
Readings: Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2: 1-11;Matthew 21: 28-32

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST

Monday 28th September 2026
12.00 pm Ian Drury RIP
Readings: Job 1: 6-22; Psalm 16; Luke 9: 46-50

Tuesday 29th September 2026 Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels
12.00 pm Seamus Gallogley Birthday Memories
Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10. 13-14;Psalm 138; John 1: 47-51

Wednesday 30th September 2026 - St Jerome
9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Kathleen Yardley RIP
12.00 pm Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 2 Timothy 3: 14-17; Psalm 119; Matthew 13: 47-52

Thursday 1st October 2026 - St Theresa of the Child Jesus
12.00 pm Vincent Martin RIP
Readings: Isaiah 66: 10-14c; Psalm 131; Matthew 18: 1-5

Friday 2nd October 2026 - Guardian Angels
12.00 Noon Enda Donegan RIP
Readings : Exodus 23: 20-23; Psalm 91; Matthew 18: 1-5,10

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE NEEDY AND HUNGRY OF THE WORLD

Saturday 3rd October 2026
11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12.00 Noon Mathew Mathew
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip’s - William Green RIP
Readings: Job 42: 1-3.5-6.12-17; Psalm 118; Luke 10: 17-24

Sunday 4th October 2026 - TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Fonpass Daviny Porashcal CHOIR
10.00 am Vito Angisani RIP FOLK GROUP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philip
2.30 pm Inclusion Mass
6.00 pm People of the Parish PRAISE BE!
Readings: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4: 6-9; Matthew 21: 33-43

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED Joan Hales whose Requiem will be at Our Lady's on Tuesday 6th October at 10.30 am followed by Cremation at Stockport Crematorium at 12.00 pm .

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Michael Burke, Joan Kirkby, Ron Bumstead, Stewart MacPherson, Hubert Hardiman, Barry Gooch, John Grogan, Roase Higgins, Teresa O'Toole, Ian Drury, William de Beaufort Griffiths, Mary Philbin, Bill Cowan, Margaret Reeve, Pat King, Catherine Henebery, Mary Munroe.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION The dates for the next Baptism Preparation sessions are 18th & 25th October @ 11am in the Parish Centre (after 10am Mass). If you would like to register for the October sessions please email stpetersbaptism1@gmail.com for the Baptism Preparation Request form. The aim of the sessions is to help parents prepare for the baptism of their child & to reflect on their role as the first teachers of the faith.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Parish Community Theo Joshua Mathieson who was Baptised here last week-end.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October when we will be having 'Craft Remembrance' in preparation for November. If you would like more information about the Bereavement Group please contact Helen on 07854928072 or email admin@stpetershazelgrove.org. You are welcome no matter how recently or how long ago you lost a loved one.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - TODAY

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.

THANK YOU

The family of Jaqueline Farr wish to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and kindness, to everyone who attended her Requiem and to those who helped make it a special celebration of Jaqueline's life.

PRISONS WEEK is an annual, Ecumenical week of prayer for all touched by the criminal justice system.

The theme this year is 'All are invited' Matthew 22:1-14. See poster at the back of Church. It takes place 11-17 October.

Further details are available at www.prisonsweek.org / @Prisons week / #Prisons week

The themes of Prisons week will be among the thoughts shared at the Footsteps event on [12-11-2026](https://www.prisonsweek.org) at 7:30 in the Parish Centre.

JOIN US at FOOTSTEPS on THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER AT 7.30pm

We have the privilege of hearing **Joe O'Brien** share some of her thoughts and experiences on the captivating topic of "**Prayer: it's good to talk!**"

Joe is a nurse with over 40 years' experience, a home educator and avid reader. An evangelical who became Catholic, her own journey of faith has been one of questions, discoveries and a continuing search for truth. Joe is a relaxed seeker rather than someone who claims to have all the answers; she's particularly interested in discovering how prayer can become a joyful, life-giving conversation with a God who loves us.

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.

Remember, many of our talks have been recorded and are available on our parish website: <https://stpeterscatholic.church/Parish-News-Events/#talks-section>.

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!

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) 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 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

Healing Mass, Saturday 17 October at 12.00 noon

The Healing Mass will take place at St Peter's at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 17 October. It will be followed, as usual, by lunch in the Parish Centre catered by Reflections, High Lane. The Healing Mass is open to everyone, but you must book by Wednesday, 7th October if you wish to attend the lunch. (Menu: Cottage pie followed by gateaux).

Please phone Sandra 07748 684388 by 08 October if you wish to join us for the lunch. You should also let Sandra know if you have any special dietary requirements. There is no charge for the lunch but there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards the cost if you wish to do so.

This is always a very popular event in our calendar and we look forward to welcoming you at St Peter's on the day.

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

ST PETER'S HELPERS

Clothing and Umbrella appeal

We are in need of **good condition men's women's and children's coats, hats, scarves and gloves plus trainers and winter footwear please. No high heels or other items please.** We are also looking for **working umbrellas** you no longer have need of please. Please bring items to the rear flower sacristy in church until Monday **27th September**. Thank you for helping to support people in need.

Info: stpetershelpers@gmail.com

CARDS

Hand made birthday and occasion cards will be available in the Parish Centre after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday, 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'.

St Peter's Helpers Social and Quiz Evening

Friday 2nd October 7-9pm meeting room

Are you a current, past or prospective Helper? We would love to see you at our relaxed social evening and quiz. Tea, coffee, orange juice and nibbles provided, if you would like to, then bring your own alcoholic drinks. Please tell us if you can come stpetershelpers@gmail.com

We are always looking to welcome new helpers who can help to set up, serve, bake, drive, or help on a regular basis at our chai and chat group. Contact Clare for an informal chat via stpetershelpers@gmail.com or come along to our social and quiz night on 2nd October.

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