

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your generous offerings, last weeks collection came to £1197.24 St. Philip’s Offertory amounted to £156.73 Card machine donations amounted to £700.62 for September 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 2 are on duty this week

‘OPEN THE WINDOW - OUR ADVENT RETREAT DAY’
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 called '**Open the window**' where she will explore how we open the window to Christ, allowing his humility, love and compassion to guide us towards Christmas. She'll be looking at what the Bible says about the coming of the Messiah and how we can apply that to our preparations. 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 really popular, so do plan to come and enjoy both the spiritual and the social elements. All are welcome.

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 **25th October** between 4.00 and 6.00 pm. There will be the usual disco, crafts food and good company.
Future dates for **LAMBS** are: 29th November,13th December,31st January, 28th February, 28th March, 25th April, 30th May, 27th June, 25th July

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE 80’s and Motown Night
Put on your dancing shoes and join us for an evening packed with unforgettable classics, iconic 80’s anthems and smooth Motown hits! Saturday 7th November from 7.00 pm Tickets £10 each including light anacks and nibbles. Bring your friends,grab a drink and make it a night to remember. Call Rita on 07483114783 for tickets but be quick,its bound to be a sell out.

ST SIMONS - HLTA Post
We are seeking an enthusiastic, highly skilled, and adaptable Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) to join our team. Working alongside class teachers and the leadership team, you will play a central role in delivering high-quality learning across the school.
The details can be found on Greater Jobs Stockport and our Website: <https://www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk/>

THE ANNUAL BABY MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY is hosted in partnership with [Stockport Sands](#) and is held at St. George’s Church (28 Buxton Rd, Stockport, SK2 6NU at 2.00 pm on 11th October
This special service offers a quiet, supportive space for families, friends, and anyone affected by the loss of a baby to come together, reflect, and remember alongside the local [Stockport NHS](#) chaplaincy team.

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.

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

VACANCY
A vacancy has arisen for a Cleaner in the parish halls of Ss Peter & Raphael. **Hours:** 4 per week, spread over two sites (with a potential for more hours in the future). **Rate of pay:** £13.45 per hour. Interested parties should send a CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Further details can be obtained via the Diocese Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers/parish-hall-cleaner-stalybridge **Closing date:** 20 October 2026.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY
LET US PRAY THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY BE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH,HELPING TO OVERCOME THE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:
ISAIAH 25: 6-10

Psalm 22:
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for length of days unending

SECOND READING:
PHILIPPIANS 4: 12-14.19-20

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 22:1-14

‘INVITE TO THE WEDDING FEAST AS MANY AS YOU FIND’

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 XXVIII
PSALTER WEEK IV

Saturday 10th October 2026
11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12.00 Noon Terry Cunningham RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip’s - People of the Parish
Readings: Galatians 3: 22-29; Psalm 104; Luke 11: 27-28

Sunday 11th October 2026 - TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Peter Geyerhosz RIP PIANO
10.00 am Sheila and Alan Appleby Intention JUNIOR CHOIR
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philip
6.00 pm Eileen Gladstones Intention PIANO
Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4: 12-14. 19-20 Matthew 22: 1-14

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Monday 12th October 2026 - St Wilfrid
12.00 pm Tom and Claire Dolan RIP
Readings: Galatians 4: 22-24,26-27,31-5:1,Psalm 112; Luke 11: 29-32

Tuesday 13th October 2026 - St Edward the Confessor
12.00 pm Kathryn Trueman RIP
Readings: Galatians 5: 1-6; Psalm 118; Luke 11: 37-41

Wednesday 14th October 2026
9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Thanksgiving Dunn Family
12.00 pm Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Galatians 5: 18-25; Psalm 1; Luke 11: 42-46

Thursday 15th October 2026 - St Theresa of Avila
12.00 pm Jaqueline Farr RIP
Readings: Ephesians 1: 1-10; Psalm 97; Luke 47-54

Friday 16th October 2026
12.00 Noon Philip Kemball RIP
Readings : Ephesians 1: 11-14; Psalm 32; Luke 12: 1-7

Saturday 17th October 2026 St Ignatius of Antioch
11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed b y Benediction
12.00 Noon Healing Mass for the Sick and Housebound
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip’s - Ann Kelly—Recovery from Surgery
Readings: Ephesians1: 15-23;Psalm 8; Luke 12: 8-12

Sunday 18th October 2026 - TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Jack Kirwan RIP CHOIR
10.00 am Michael and Elizabeth Burke RIP FOLK GROUP
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philip
6.00 pm Isabelle Parry RIP PRAISE BE!
Readings: Isaiah 45: 4-6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1-5;Matthew 22: 15-21

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSIONS

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED **Ian Frame** whose Funeral Service will be held at St. Peter's at 1.30 on Tuesday 20th October, **Stephen Farrar** whose Funeral Service will be at Stockport Crematorium at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 13th October

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Kathleen Leigh, Therese Bailey, Bernadette Shahanan, Terry Cunningham, Ann Scholey, Barbara Lea, Patrick Greene, Terry Maguire, Kathleen Kay, Margaret Ord, Christopher Purcell, John Warren, Catherine Kennedy, Alfred Heald, Barrie Hart, Roy Mahon, Ada Parkes, Veronica Driffield, Alice Brook, Teresa Dakin, Elizabeth Miskell, Kenneth Burgess

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.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October at 7.00 pm in the Members Lounge 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@stpetersshazelgrove.org. You are welcome no matter how recently or how long ago you lost a loved one.

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>.

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/2020/12/11/2020-prisons-week/) at 7:30 in the Parish Centre.

HAZEL GROVE CHURCHES TOGETHER The Christian communities in Hazel Grove are re-launching Hazel Grove Churches Together. The ecumenical group will seek to find ways of working and worshipping together. We are looking for people who would be willing to represent St Peter's in this important endeavour. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Kevin for further details.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY This year marks 100 years of World Mission Sunday. With your help, missionaries are still reaching out, all around the world, with practical and spiritual care for all. Join us throughout the month and especially on Sunday 18 October to support missionaries and help share God's love with everyone, everywhere. At 3pm on Sunday 18th October please join us at St Peter's church for an hour of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer and reflection.

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.

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

ST PETER'S HELPERS

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.

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'.

HELP NEEDED

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.

SENSORY 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

SAINT PETER'S BOOK CLUB

Our first recommendation is **The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd** - this is the story of Ana, the daughter of Matthias, who lived in first century Galilee and has been allowed to learn to write, in a time when very few women were taught this skill. Our second recommendation is **Poor by Katriona O'Sullivan**. Through this memoir the author speaks about her hardship growing up as a child of parents who were drug addicts, and how often it was school and kind teachers that taught her that she deserved more than what she had. Finally, **Theo of Golden by Allen Levi**, is a heartwarming story about the power of kindness when a mysterious older man moves to the small Georgia town of Golden for one year. Our next meeting is on the 19th January - please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152 if you would like to join us.

FOODBANK

Thank you so much to those wonderful parishioners who quietly and persistently fill our food bin at the back of the Church so that we have a constant flow from St Peter's to the Foodbank at the Baptist Church. Currently there is a particular shortage of tinned potatoes and rice pudding, though other items are still very acceptable. We have also been asked to appeal especially for Advent calendars that contain a daily surprise for busy fingers. There is great joy when these are added to food parcels for needy families especially where there are young children. Please help us respond to this appeal if you can. Good bless you for your continuing kindness.. Thank you

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!

ALPHA

Next meeting 13th October

How can I have Faith?

There's a seat for you. St Philip's, Half Moon Lane 7.30

ROSARY FOR PEACE

On Thursday 22nd October at 3pm Pope Leo invites Catholics all around the world to join together in saying the Rosary for Peace. The event will be live streamed in church on the day. If you are able to join us in church for the Rosary please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. The event will also be live streamed on the church's Webcam via Church Services TV. If you are unable to take part in either of the above but would still like to participate in the World Rosary for Peace you can register as an individual at <https://hcfm.org/pray-for-peace/>