OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your generous offerings, last weeks collection came to £ 1115.93
St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £184.00 (2 weeks)
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**

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CHURCH CLEANING - Team 2 are on duty this week

LAMBS additional needs group will meet in the Parish Centre on Sunday 29th November the between 4.00 and 6.00 pm Any parishioners you like join us at 4-30 would be most welcome.
Hopefully we will be having our bingo session and food and refreshments.Future dates for **LAMBS** are: 13th December,31st January,28th February, 28th March, 25th April, 30th May, 27th June, 25th July.

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.

INCLUSIVE ACCESSIBLE MASS: Sunday 6th December at 2.30pm
We are currently planning our final Accessible mass of the year. This mass is a very special service, providing support for those who need it, it is shorter, we have breakout spaces, sensory prayers, low sensory input, freedom to move around church and we have lots of joy. Please put the date in your diary.
We are also looking for helpers to act as welcomers, and serve teas and coffees, please let us know if you feel you can help.
Contact: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

ADVENT COURSE

Prepare for Christmas with an Ecumenical **Advent Course**. The Advent journey means slowing down and stepping aside in spirit and body to engage with the words of Scripture that reveal the real good news at the heart of the Christmas story.
In the **Strawberry Gardens** (SK2 5BS) on **Mondays in Advent at 7:00pm** (Nov 30th: Dec 7th, 14th and 21st). Everybody is welcome.

PAT TESTING
The Annual Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) will be taking place on Tuesday 24th November. If you need to use any portable electrical appliance in Church or the Scout Hut please ensure it is available for testing.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM - Would you like to help make a difference in our parish? Please approach Fr Philip if you'd like to join the Parish Pastoral Team. We meet 4–5 times a year to share ideas, discuss pastoral needs and explore ways we can support and strengthen our parish community.

CHURCH GROUNDS
Thank you to everyone who turned up on Saturday morning and again on Tuesday afternoon. Two skips of garden rubbish were cleared and the grounds look much tidier for your efforts. Well done.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness ,it may always be put at the service, the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34 11-12,15-17

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26,28. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! ALLELUIA !

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25: 14-30

'Before him will be gathered all the Nations'

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday morning 11am – 11.45am **during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or on request**

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ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
www.churchservices.tv/stockport
Ordinary Time Week XXXIV
Psalter Week II

Saturday 21st November 2026 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12.00 Noon Edith Harper RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St Philips - People of the Parish
Readings: Zechariah 2: 10-13; Psalm Luke 1; Matthew 12: 46-50

Sunday 22nd November 2026 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8.30 am	Philip Glennon RIP	CHOIR
10.00 am	Christopher Kan Hai RIP	TOAST
11.00 pm	Syro Malabar Mass in St Philips	
6.00 pm	People of the Parish	PRAISE BE!

Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-12,15-17;Psalm 23: 1-2a,2b-3,5,6; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26.28 Matthew 25: 31-46

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday 23rd November 2026
12.00 pm Catherine and Frank May and Lisa
Readings: Apocalypse 14: 1-5; Psalm 23; Luke 21: 1-4

Tuesday 24th November 2026 - St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
12.00 pm Special Intention
Readings: Apocalypse 14: 14-19; Psalm 95; Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday 25th November
9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Margaret Birch RIP
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Apocalypse 15: 1-4; Psalm 97; Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday 26th November 2026
12.00 pm Bernard Smith RIP
Readings: Apocalypse 18: 1-2.21-23, 19: 1-3,9;Psalm 99;Luke 21: 20-28

Friday 27th November 2026
12.00 Noon Marie Glennon RIP
Readings : Apocalypse 20: 1-4, 11-21:2, Psalm 83; Luke 21: 29-33

Saturday 28th November 2026
11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12.00 Noon Deceased Members of the Begley,Brennan and Marshall Families
6.00 pm Mass at St Philips - Special Intention
Readings: Apocalypse 22: 1-7; Psalm 94; Luke 21: 34-36

Sunday 29th November 2026 First Sunday of Advent

8.30 am	Francis Binnie Birthday Memories	PIANO
10.00 am	Krystyna Schmitt RIP	FOLK GROUP
11.00 pm	Syro Malabar Mass in St Philips	
6.00 pm	People of the Parish	CHOIR

Readings: Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1. 3-8; Psalm 79; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9;Mark 13: 33-37

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED: Michael Gallagher whose Requiem will be at St. Philip's Church on Thursday 3rd December at 12.30 pm followed by burial at Southern Cemetery at 2.15 pm.

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME Joseph Blacklock,Mary Inman,Rosanna Walton,Edith Lord,Ford Ryan,Peter Hayward,Thomas Clarke,Margaret Grayson, Bernard Cavanagh,Catherine Mayock,John Coakley,Mary Knaggs, Anthony Noon.Alessandro Di Chiara,Norma Taylor, Eileen Fleming,Irene Dalton,Sylvia Lyndale,Eileen Mullen,Christina Douglas,Ella Rose Heath,Clair Briggs.

BAPTISM PREPARATION The dates for the next Baptism Preparation sessions are 24th and 31st January 2027@11am in the Parish Centre (after 10am Mass). If you would like to register for the January 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.

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 25: 14-30

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

NEW SYCAMORE COURSE If you want to know more about our Catholic faith, why not join us for Sycamore starting in early January in the period leading up to Easter.? The meetings are open to everyone but are particularly aimed at those who would like to be baptised, complete the sacraments of initiation or be received into the Catholic Church if baptised in another Christian denomination. If that includes you or someone you know, or you would simply like to know more please speak to Fr Kevin or Deacon John. > The meetings usually start with a bite to eat, a chance to chat, a video produced and presented by Bishop Stephen Wang and a discussion in a small group where you can share experiences and ask questions about the Faith. > The meetings will be held at St Philip's from 7.00pm until 9.00pm every Tuesday up to Easter starting date is 19 January 2027.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next event will be on Friday 27th November at 1.30 pm when we will be having a Winter Lunch in the Members Lounge .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.

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.

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.

SPY

St Peter's Youth Group (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 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

YOUTH MASS. All young people are invited to join us for 6 PM Mass on Sunday 22nd November when we will be celebrating World Youth Sunday. This is an international initiative celebrating the place of young people in the life and mission of the church. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to be involved in the Mass with reading, prayers, music, offertory or have any other ideas, then please speak to Deacon John or Fr Kevin

ALPHA

Alpha continues at St Philip's, Half Moon Lane, Offerton SK2 5LB this Tuesday at 7.30 There's a place for you

ST PETER'S HELPERS

St Peter's Helpers - Cuppa and Chat 'Thank you'
Enormous thanks to everyone involved in our Cuppa and Chat last week, thank you to everyone who helped on the day and behind the scenes, and to everyone who came along. It was a lovely afternoon, with great company and delicious cakes.

Card making

The next session is Thursday, 03 December 2026, 10.00 - 11.30 in the Meeting Room. We will be making Christmas cards and gift tags. Please contact Mary: 01663 762974, mvbinnie@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

Cards

Birthday, occasion and **Christmas** cards will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on: 15, 22 and 29 November, 06 and 20 December. There is a very varied selection of cards including both religious and non-religious Christmas cards and cards suitable for children. As usual, all of the proceeds will be use to support local good causes.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Tuesday, 15 December 1.00 - 3.00 Main Hall

Addressed invitations are available at the back of Church for people on the St Peter's Helpers or Bereavement Group guest lists. We need help to deliver some of these. Please take any that are near to your home and just post them through the letter box. There are also a few spares if you know anyone else who would like to be invited.
Numbers are limited to 80 and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You must book if you want to attend and please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

RSVP BY THURSDAY, 03 DECEMBER 2026 TO:

Sandra 07748 684388, Clare 07892 880577 or stpetershelpers@gmail.com

Catering (turkey with all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding) will again be provided by Reflections, High Lane. There is no charge for attending but there will be an opportunity to make a contribution towards the cost (£14) of the meal. All three of our Primary schools will be sending choirs to entertain us with Christmas Carols and songs and St James' students will be helping to serve the meal. Goody bags will be distributed to guests after the meal so, this year, we will only be delivering to those people who are unable to attend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Confessional has now been brought back into service for the Sacrament of Reconciliation .
The Confessional offers the possibility of the face to face confession or the use of the screen.