

Introduction

Community, communion, companions are all words that we use to remind us of what we are part of - namely the parish family of St Peter in Hazel Grove. As you look through these pages you will soon realise that we are a family that is involved in all sorts of activities that benefit either ourselves as a parish family, or beyond into the wider family of Hazel Grove and even further.

Some of the activities may come as a surprise; how often we hear people say, 'I didn't know that they did that at St Peter's.' There may be some activities that are not mentioned that you feel we should be doing, so there's a challenge!

Whatever the reaction as you read through these pages you will find all sorts of things going on so hopefully you may find something that you would like to get involved in. There is much more to being a member of the St Peter's family than just coming to Mass on a Sunday. So do get involved in our community and be a companion on the road.

My thanks to all who have helped compile this handbook and produced it.

Fr Peter Sharrocks
Parish Priest

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Parish Details

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Mass Times: Sundays: 8.30am
10.00am
11.30am
6.00pm

Weekdays: 12 noon

Holydays: 12 noon and 7.30pm

Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday to Friday at 8.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday between 11.00am and 11.45am and on request

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday between 11.00am and 11.45am

Baptisms: By arrangement

Weddings: By arrangement

Organists: Christopher Ellis - 07817 362 897
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A Loop System operates in the Church

Our Schools and Colleges

St Peter's Primary School
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Bosden Avenue
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St James' High School
St James' Way
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Web: www.aquinas.ac.uk

Parish Groups and Ministries

APF (Red Mission Boxes)

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith is an easy way of contributing to the mission work of the Church throughout the world. If you would like a red collecting box for those spare coins then please phone Margaret.



Contact: Margaret King - 0161 483 4584.

Altar Linen

Ladies who launder! That is - wash and iron the small cloths and purificators needed each week. Men or women needed for this very practical mission in our parish. Collect on Sunday, deliver back in pristine condition before the weekend - a simple but essential task well done.

Contact: Dorothy McPartland - 01625 873 600

Altar Servers

Now don't pretend you haven't acted out being an Altar Server when you were small. Well now you've reached that great time of receiving Jesus in Communion, you are able to join the real gang. Our servers do a great job supporting the priests at Mass and on big feast days. Wouldn't you enjoy joining our team? It's also a good way to get closer to Jesus by helping you to concentrate on what's going on around you.



Contact: Fr Jonathan - see page 4

Association of the Holy Family of Bordeaux

The Association caters for different ways of life or vocations within 5 groups who live their vocation through everyday lives. Regular prayer, the Word of God in Scripture, Mass and the Sacraments are central to their lives. Lay associates from our Local Pastoral area meet regularly and anyone who would like to know more about the Association please

*Contact: 01625 879 748, or visit
www.holyfamilybordeaux.org*

Beavers

For boys aged 6-8 years. Our motto is 'Friendship and Fun' so we meet on Wednesdays in term time in the Scout and Guide Hut from 5.30-6.45pm for fun, games, and interesting activities. These include first aid, and visits from policemen with their dogs.



We also have days out to theme parks such as Eureka and Gullivers World and to the pantomime at Christmas.

Contact: Christine Slater - 0161 292 6060

Brownies

Second Norbury Moor Brownies meet every Monday in term time in the Scout and Guide Hut between 6.30-7.45pm. Brownies are aged between 7 and 11 years and their motto is to 'Lend a Hand' which involves doing a good turn every day! Our activities are varied and range from having fun out of doors to making things and keeping healthy. We usually enjoy at least one trip a year and a weekend Pack Holiday. More helpers always welcome.



Contact: Elizabeth Gregg - 07717 315 837 or 0161 283 3032

CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration)

You are warmly invited to explore our faith in a relaxed atmosphere by coming along to one of the CaFE programmes. It is a flexible and enjoyable process designed to help Catholics meet in small groups in order to get more out of their faith and to find new ways of sharing the Good News with others. Watch the Newsletter for details.

Contact: John McKay - 0161 487 1659

Centering Prayer as taught by Fr Thomas Keating OCSO

Centering Prayer is prayer of the heart - God may be loved but not thought. Come and rest in Him. We gather every Tuesday in the Parish Centre at 10.15am. All are welcome.



Contacts: Carole McLachlan - 0161 456 7235

Mike O'Malley - 0161 292 2663

Children's Liturgy Toddlers' Liturgy Groups

The groups aim to explain the gospel stories to young children aged 3 to 10 years in ways that are meaningful to them. It operates during the 10.00am Sunday Mass in term time. The children process out of church; the tiniest may bring parents with them. After a short prayer and a thanksgiving for the week just gone, the children work with the day's gospel in a way suited to their age group (there are 4 groups). After the Homily they are welcomed back into Mass and will proudly display their art work to parents and congregation. New catechists may like to watch for a few



weeks; many are not career teachers, just adults who enjoy talking to and helping children learn.

Contact: Janice Omerod - 0161 456 6157

Explorers - Years 6, 7 and 8

Come and find out the way, what, and when of the gospels. Also at the 10.00am Mass on Sundays

Contact: Tony Thompson - 0161 456 4259

Children's Society

Over the years The Catholic Children's Society has ensured that many children who might not have done so, have in fact received excellent parenting and all the love and ability for trust that goes with it. The Society's concern for children and for quality family life remains at the heart of its work. Friends of The Society (home collection boxes) make a significant contribution to its income, and more importantly, it means that in our Diocese around 2,500 people are in touch with the Society and its work.



Contact: Margaret Hulme - 0161 456 8617

Choirs

The ***Junior Choir*** of 7 to 18 year olds performs usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the 11.00am Mass. Opportunities abound for performances at festivals and concerts, as well as at special services. Practices on Fridays 6.00-7.00pm during term time.



The **Adult Choir** sings at 11.30am Mass usually on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, plus special celebrations and feast days, often with the Junior Choir. We regularly take part successfully in concerts and festivals. Practices



are on Thursdays 8.00-9.30pm. There are no auditions for joining these long established and successful bedrocks of our worship, you just need to enjoy singing. You don't have to read music. Practices are enjoyable, especially when Eileen is in a panic about a forthcoming big event. Then it's crescendo time!

Contact: Eileen Rigg - 01625 872 948

Christmas Fayre

September 1st! That's possibly when you spot the first cards and decorations in the shops and the children hand in their first present list! It's around this time when a small group of parishioners get to grips with the organisation of our Christmas Fayre, held on the last weekend in November. This is the parish's largest fund-raiser, sometimes for a special project in our parish or schools, or for local charities. We would love fresh ideas and enthusiasm and your time and energy would be much appreciated for 2-3 months of the year. It is also a fun time, with lots of extra help on the day

Contacts: Tony Martin - 0161 483 7720

Helen Lyons - 01625 268 486

Fr Jonathan - see page 4

Church Cleaners

What a lot of sticky fingers we bring to Church! Never mind. Just as long as we can keep the cleaning team rotas beavering away, unseen and largely unsung by most of



us, we'll still be slithering off our benches come next Sunday. Hard work, but go at your own pace. It keeps you fit and is a wonderful niche for any parishioners who think 'I'd just like to do something practical to help.' Male and female help useful, especially around Christmas and Easter times.

Contact: Margaret King - 0161 483 4584

Confirmation

All young people in Year 9 and above are invited to put themselves forward for Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation involves a serious commitment to Christ and the Church. Young people should be encouraged to take this step, but the choice must be theirs. The immediate preparation for Confirmation is a seven week programme of spiritual groundwork mixed with fun activities.



Contact: Julie Williams - 0161 285 0244

Cub Scouts

Aged 8-10½. Our fun packed meetings are in the Scout and Guide Hut on Tuesdays from 7.00-8.30pm in term time.. Activities include games, camping, outdoor cooking, visits, drama, scouting fitness, helping others.



Contact: Maureen Snelson - 01625 873 565

CY (See Why) Group

CY has grown out of Youth CaFE and then Youth Alpha (see the parish website under youth group). We are a group for young people who meet to explore our faith in a relaxed, friendly and fun atmosphere. We recently visited the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal; we had a great day seeing their life amongst the marginalised people of inner-city Bradford. Watch the Newsletter for meeting times.

Contact: John McKay - 0161 487 1659

Julie Williams - 0161 285 0244

Ecumenism

Churches Together in Hazel Grove brings together representatives from the Christian Churches in our town for shared prayer, action and fellowship. Committee members meet regularly and help to organise such events as worship and scripture study at Christian Unity Week, Lent, Pentecost and other key moments, plus the Covenant Renewal Service, which commits the Churches to striving towards greater unity. Anybody interested is welcome to join our representatives on the Committee.

Contacts: Stephen & Christine Rudolfer - 0161 442 8360

Churches Together in High Lane arrange Ecumenical Services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, plus 'Praise in the Park' and 'Songs of Praise' Services. 2008 finds us involved in 'Hope 2008'. We are also involved in Christian Care, a transport service for hospital visits etc in High Lane, and an After School Club for 11-13 year olds. If you would be interested in being involved in general or joining the Committee please contact:

Contact: Margaret Gresty - 01663 763087

Eucharistic Ministers

We need approximately 60 parishioners to carry out this vital ministry on rota. Because of its central part in the Mass new ministers are commissioned by the Bishop and renew their commitment periodically. In addition some ministers volunteer to take the Eucharist to housebound parishioners. We are lucky enough to have several young people on our team. Post Confirmation young people are very welcome to speak to one of the priests if interested in this Ministry.



Contacts: Church - Tony Martin - 0161 483 7720
Housebound - Maureen Horton - 0161 483 1590

First Sacraments

Our primary schools and parents prepare children in Year 3 to celebrate Reconciliation and First Eucharist. For children at non-Catholic primary schools Catechetics classes in preparation for First Sacraments are given between October and May, usually on a Wednesday evening in the Parish Meeting Room. Details from Fr Peter or Diana.



*Contacts: Fr Peter - see page 4
Diana Henaghan - 0161 483 7372*

Flower Arrangers

These are seriously talented and creative people. Several different styles are seen; often modern and minimalist; sometimes Latin and opulent; always professional and uncluttered. What a wonderful variety they produce for us each week. They give large feast days and special celebrations a joyful setting for our worship. You probably need some creative fingers and/or experience to join this work, but all the teams are so friendly they'll give you a hand to know what's what.



*Contacts: Collette Christie - 0161 427 4982
Chris O'Hara - 0161 456 5975*

Grounds Clearing Group

Once or twice a year parishioners gather with clippers, shovels, brushes etc and black bin bags galore, to keep the church surrounds tidy(ish).



Contact: Watch the Newsletter

Guides

The Guides meet in the Scout & Guide Hut on Thursday evenings in term time from 7.30-9.15pm, when we have lots of fun. We follow the Guide Programme which involves sporty things, craft activities like baking and biscuit decoration, we go camping, visit places of interest like the Hat Museum and we also go ice skating and roller skating. Adult helpers always welcome.



Contact: Jane Stewart - 0161 483 6143

Hunger Lunches

Each Lent a small team gets together to serve soup-and-a-roll, with tea and coffee, after midday Friday Mass. It started a few years ago as a fund-raiser; now it's just as much a social occasion, although generous donations always bring us back to the primary aim of this Lenten event. (All soup is home made, so if you have a favourite recipe and a large pan, that might be your way to help for one day).



Contact: Helen Lyons - 01625 268 486

Irish Dancing

Mohan School of Irish Dancing hold classes every Saturday in the Parish Centre from 10.30am-1.30pm. This Manchester School has been established for over 16 years and qualified more than once for the National and World Championships. We accept new pupils aged 4 years and above.



Contacts: Janet (teacher) - 0161 789 8467

Donna - 0161 483 6411

Justice and Peace

The J&P group meets in the Parish Meeting Room at 8.00pm on the first Thursday of every month except August. The group aims to raise awareness in the parish about peace and justice issues including homelessness, global poverty, fair trade, racism, human rights, and many other issues. New members are always welcome.

Contact: David Small - 01625 260 892

Traidcraft Stall

Cups of tea and coffee and Fair Trade products are on sale in the Parish Centre after the 10.00am Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

Contact: Adele Shaw - 07711 800 154

Lambs (Less-Able in Mind and Body)

We have been running this happy social group one Sunday afternoon a month since 1994. Its main aim is to put the needs of the less-able before anything else. About 20-30 members are welcomed, along with their families, friends and carers. We laugh, we dance, we smile, we dance some more, we make new friends, we dance again and we eat delicious food donated by kind parishioners. This is a group which touches many individuals in our parish. Our celebrations for special occasions bring in many helpers, but if you can't get along, sending in some food is a great help to us. Meetings are on the last Sunday of each month (except Bank Holidays) from 4.00-6.00pm.



Contacts: Jackie Mackay- 0161 483 6348

Kath Coll - 0161 456 0881

Janet Mullen - 0161 456 2595

Library

A free lending library with a varied selection of spiritual reading material is housed in the cupboard at the back of Church (next to side door)



*Contacts: Carole McLachlan - 0161 456 7235
Ann Bonner - 0161 456 6152*

Little Fishes

Structured play and activities for older tots. Book in advance for each half-term as places are limited to 20. Lots of stimulating toys, art session, storytime and a very enthusiastic music session each week. Shared snack mat for kids plus a welcome cuppa for adults. Meets every Thursday 10.00-11.15am in the Parish Centre.



Contact: Anne-Marie Gallogly - 0161 456 1494

Lourdes Group

Are you in Year 11, or just left school? The Lourdes group meets throughout the year to plan for the July pilgrimage. Members come back year after year because they find it so rewarding, and great fun. As well as helping practically, you will be a companion to the pilgrims, whether they go seeking a cure or are searching for hope. Whether you are working on the wards, giving personal care, helping at mealtimes, or transporting pilgrims to services, you will be listening to new friends and supporting their spirits. You have to save some money, but all sorts of social events and sponsored activities help out, so if you can give of your time and spirit to help others in an atmosphere of great friendship do join us, usually on the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Meeting Room.



*Contacts: Ann Rogowski - 0161 285 8204
Helen Lyons - 01625 268 486*

Mums and Toddlers Club

The club, Tuesdays in term time at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre, provides a safe environment, in which children can play, meet other children and enjoy a wide variety of toys suitable for all ages.



Mums also have the opportunity to relax, make new friends and have a cup of coffee. There is fruit juice for the children and a biscuit for all (woe betide us if we run out of the favourite pink biscuits!) It can also be a social occasion for small babies who can enjoy and absorb all the activity whilst sitting on mum's knee. In no time at all they are able to take their first steps and join in the fun. We are now approaching our 25th year and would like to thank the ladies of the parish who have helped to make the Club so happy and successful.

Contact: Dorothy McPartland - 01625 873 600

Music Groups

Folk Group

We've been together now for 21 years (well some of us). We play/sing every Sunday, except August, at the 10.00am Mass. Young musicians usually join us after they reach Grade 3 in their instrumental exams. That way, we don't have regular weekly practices, as most members are able to pick up new pieces quickly. We also play and sing at big feast days and celebrations.



Contact: Steph Leyden - 0161 456 6285

The Choral Group

The group leads the liturgy at the 6.00pm Mass on 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. Rehearsals are held on the Tuesday prior to the Sunday from 8.15-9.15pm in Church. New members are always welcome.



Contact: Clare Walton - 0161 612 6450

Newspaper Collection

This is the life-blood of our Uniformed Youth (Scouts, Guides, Beavers, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Rainbows) and without this collection they would cease to exist. All paper materials are acceptable for collection and can be placed in the skips by the presbytery garage.

Contact: Any of the Uniformed Youth Leaders

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is used for many of our parish activities during the day and evenings. You can dance on Monday afternoons, on Tuesdays evenings (modern sequence with tuition beforehand), Wednesdays line dancing, and selected Saturday dancing. Tuition for children in ballet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and Irish Dancing on Saturday morning.

The Centre is used by the local community as a venue for: adult education, meetings of Stockport NHS Primary Care Trust, Stepping Hill Carer Support, Stockport Centre for Health Promotion, Stockport Heart Club and the National Blood Service operate regular blood donor sessions.

The Centre is also available for private hire for all social functions: christening parties, birthday parties, wedding receptions etc. Please check availability for bookings as follows:

Monday to Thursday and children's parties any day:

Contact: Helen Lyons - 07776 026 595

Bookings Friday to Sunday

Contact: Rosemary Crewdson - 07734 207 102

For help with catering

Contact: Christine Cunningham - 0161 483 8171

Meeting Room Bookings:

Contact: Helen Lyons - 07776 026 595

Piety Stall

The Piety Stall is open before and after each Sunday Mass. We would welcome extra helpers. Small items and cards for all occasions and available from the Sacristy.

*Contact: Maria Fitzpatrick
through the Presbytery - 0161 483 3476*

Rainbows

For girls aged 5-7 years. We meet in the Scout and Guide Hut on Fridays from 6.00-7.00pm. Every week we have different activities like nature trails, badges, cooking, baking, pizza making, games. And lots of fun. At snack time we have hot chocolate and biscuits.



Contact: Helen Gold—0161 483 5167

RCIA

This programme follows the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Faith. We call it the Enquirers' Group, and it is for any non-Catholic interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. Meets between September and Easter each year.

Contacts: Barbara Goodier - 0161 487 1940

Tony Martin - 0161 483 7720

Or one of the priests - see page 4

Readers

We are always looking for people to read at Sunday or weekday Masses. If you would consider putting your name on the rota for Sundays please contact one of the priests. Copies of the current rota are available from the Sacristy.



Contact: The Parish Office - 0161 483 3476

Rosary Groups

During May and October the Rosary is recited in Church at 11.40am (before midday Mass) Monday to Friday. The intentions are world peace and vocations to the priesthood. All are most welcome to join us.



Contact: Pat Smith - 0161 487 2625

The Thursday Rosary Prayer Group

Prays the Rosary using music and scripture on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.00pm in the Members Lounge of the Parish Centre. All welcome.



Contact: Laura Small - 01625 260 892

Children's Rosary Group

Open to children/young people of all ages and their parents. We pray the rosary then have some social/craft time. We meet on alternate Fridays at 6.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room



Contact: Laura Small - 01625 260 892

SVP

The Parish Conference meets on the first Monday of each month at 8.15pm. Members visit the elderly in residential homes and sheltered accommodation and offer practical help as well as friendship to older people in their own homes.



Special events and outings mean temporary help is always needed. This may suit any parishioners whose busy lives mean they can only give their time once or twice a year. Your giving in this way would be a great boon in what is one of the greatest commitments in our parish.

Contact: Roland Gingell - 0161 483 8480

Youth SVP

For young people aged 14-18 years who want to provide one-to-one help, support and friendship to people who are lonely or in need of help, in the local community. Meet every Monday at Shepley House - 7.00-7.15pm Group meeting; 7.15-8.15pm activities/visits with Shepley residents. Shepley House is a residential care home, in Hazel Grove, for the elderly. New members are always welcome.



Contact: Mary Binnie - 01663 762 974

Schools' Chaplaincy

The St Peter's parish family has a number of schools under its care. Catholic education is available for those who wish their children to be educated in a catholic faith environment. We are lucky enough to have two primary schools - St Simon's and St Peter's - in the parish. We also have a number of secondary schools the principal two being Harrytown Catholic High School and St James' Catholic High School. There is also a Catholic sixth-form college, the largest in the country - Aquinas College. All these educational establishments are served by staff committed to their Catholic faith, and who



have a spiritual input into the lives of the schools/college. All (except St James) have a priest-chaplain or lay-chaplain. Chaplains support the staff in delivering a catholic education to our young people and are involved in leading the schools'/college's liturgical life, as well as being available for advice, help and the pastoral care of staff and students.

Contacts: St Simon's - Fr Jonathan - see Page 4

St Peter's - Fr Peter - See page 4

Harrytown - Aisling McLoughlin (Lay Chaplain) - see page 5

Aquinas - Fr Jonathan - see page 4

Duncan Whelan (Lay Chaplain) - see page 5

Scouts

Aged 10½-15½ years. Meetings in the Scout and Guide Hut on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 9.15pm. We learn to abseil, cook, climb, shoot, sail. And if that isn't enough we go camping, hiking and pioneering.



Contact: Eamonn Reynolds - 07736 412 993

Scripture Study

Parishioners are invited to come together each Wednesday evening in the Parish Meeting Room at 8.00pm to read and reflect on the Scriptures. The Catholic Catechism says the following with regard to the centrality of Scriptures in our lives: “The Church ‘forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful ... to learn the



surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.' ” Our purpose on a Wednesday night is to deepen our understanding of God’s Word in an informal, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, and thus to engage more fully with God’s love for us as seen in the person and work of his Son, Jesus.

Contact: Tony McCabe - 0161 355 6395

Stepping Hill Chaplaincy

Stepping Hill Hospital falls within St Peter’s Parish and the parish clergy provide the emergency chaplaincy cover for Roman Catholic patients. The day to day chaplaincy duties are carried out by Jayne Lee who is part of the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Team at the hospital. Patients are also visited by the Chaplaincy team of chaplains



and volunteers. If someone you know is in Stepping Hill and would like to receive Holy Communion then you should contact Jayne on 0161 419 5889. Please remember that unless a patient or one of their relatives specifically asks for a visit from the Chaplain then they will not receive one. If a patient would like the Sacrament of the Sick then contact St Peter’s on 0161 483 3476 or in an emergency ask the ward sister to page the Catholic Chaplain. Mass is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 3.30pm in the Hospital Chapel, except in August. The Chapel is to be found on the ‘A’ corridor in the main hospital building.

Contact: The Presbytery - see page 4

Theatre Trips

Trips are arranged at frequent intervals to theatrical productions in Manchester. Return travel is by coach from the church car park to the theatre. Shows are advertised in the Newsletter and sign-up sheets for names of those who are interested are posted at the back of church.



Contacts: Tony Martin - 0161 483 7720

Thursday Club

A social group for our older parishioners and friends, male and female, from about 55 years. We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month (except August) at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. We have a range of activities: speakers, demonstrations, beetle drives, bingo, music and light-hearted quizzes. At Christmas and the end of the year we have lunch out and sometimes an occasional trip out. All activities chosen to please the members who are a very friendly and sociable group. Fr Peter comes in to share his thoughts at Advent and Easter. We try to make everyone welcome and comfortable.



Contacts: Teresa Chapman - 0161 483 3124

Kath Gingell - 0161 483 8480

Walking Club

We enjoy regular local walks of easy/medium difficulty one Sunday each month after 8.30am Mass. Stimulating exercise and friendly chat as we go. If we lose our way we soon get back on track. No hassle. Well behaved dogs welcome.



Contacts: Tony and Brenda Martin - 0161 483 7720

Welcomers

Not strictly a group at the moment simply parishioners who greet you when you come to Sunday Mass. Is there anyone who would like to co-ordinate this Ministry in the future?



Contact: Watch the Newsletter

Youth Club

For Years 7 to 9 (Year 10's are very welcome to stay on and help). Meet for informal chat with friends and for sports, games, art and craft, coaching in dancing and sport and many more. If you are attending the Catholic high schools you are welcome on Mondays 7.30-9.45pm in the Parish Centre. We are lucky enough to have lots of space to ourselves, so plenty of room to spread around and enjoy yourselves after school and homework. We have a number of dedicated volunteer adults to help but are still in need of more leaders, ***male especially***. In today's society youth clubs/centres are an essential part of a community and being a volunteer can be very rewarding.



Contact: Helen Lyons - 01625 268 486

Whether you are new to St Peter's parish community or have been here for some time, if you would like to know more about any of the groups or activities listed in this handbook, please contact the person named beside the group entry.

Gift Aid

What is Gift Aid? St Peter's Parish has what is known as "Charitable Status". Quite simply this means that the parish income - any money given to the parish is exempt from Income Tax. The income of Charities is not subject to Income Tax.

If you are giving money at the Offertory, money that comes from your own taxed income, then the parish can reclaim the tax that you have already paid. All that it requires is for you to let the parish know that you would like it to reclaim this tax - you do this by filling in a Gift Aid form. This year we have received nearly £15,240 from the Government.

You do not have to give a fixed amount, you do not have to give every week, month or year. Gift Aid is not a binding commitment - if your circumstances change in any way at all and you wish to be released from it, you only have to ask - you wouldn't even have to give a reason.

Boxes of envelopes, Standing Order forms and Gift Aid forms can be obtained from the Presbytery or by contacting:

Arnold Hillier - 0161 440 8834

Welcome Form

If you are a visitor, we hope you enjoyed being with us and we look forward to seeing you again.

If you are a new resident we welcome you to our parish community. It would greatly help us if you would please fill in the form below, giving your family details, and hand it in to the Parish Office.

Surname

Christian Name(s)

Name(s) of child(ren) and date(s) of birth

Address

Post Code

Telephone

Email