

PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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First Sunday in Advent – Year C

It's a Wonderful Life II – Stopping Grinches from Stealing Our Gratitude

Fr Mark writes:

It's Advent! Which means that Christmas is just around the corner. For many of us, there will be lots of good and great things to do over the next few weeks. In fact, possibly so many that they can start to feel like a burden instead of a blessing. To help us stay focussed on the blessings, and grow in appreciation of them, we're sharing a message series that will take us through the season of Advent right up to Christmas Day. The series will be all about cultivating a spirit of thanksgiving: an attitude of gratitude. Last week we talked about three simple and necessary steps to help us grow in gratitude. The first step is that we actually learn to recognise the gifts and blessings that we are given. The second step is to turn our attention from the gift towards the Giver of the gift. The third step is simply to practice gratitude. Today we want to look at what can get in the way of us seeing our blessings and gifts from God – what Scrooges or Grinches can steal our gratitude. We are going to look at a passage from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus is warning the apostles about the future destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, with people

dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. (Luke 21:26)

People "dying of fear" is hyperbole. Jesus warns that people will be scared to death when the Temple is destroyed. The foundations of their faith would be shaken. We can lose sight of God's blessings when we are facing big problems or experiencing great big challenges or changes. These can make it difficult to be grateful for our lives. If you are facing some major problems right now it might be incredibly difficult for you to see the blessings and gifts God has given you.

- ❖ Maybe you are out of work and looking for a job. You're scared to death that you aren't going to find work.
- ❖ Maybe a loved one is facing major health issues right now. It might be very difficult for you to live with gratitude when you're scared to death about that.
- ❖ Maybe you are facing major financial problems or issues in your business. (This is what happens in the holiday film classic, *It's A Wonderful Life*. Everything is picture perfect in George Bailey's life until he suddenly owes a lot of money. The stress of that insurmountable debt erases any sense of gratitude or value for all the blessings of his life. It in fact leads him to desperation.)
- ❖ Your marriage may be struggling. You may be struggling to find a spouse. Maybe you find you're more disappointed than grateful.

The pain and problems of life can be all we see sometimes. Christ teaches that this does not have to be the case.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. (Luke 21:27-28)

The Son of Man was a title that Jesus used about himself because it described both his humanity and his divinity. Jesus is a hundred percent human. He understands the problems we have:

- ❖ what it means to be abandoned by friends, betrayed by those who are close.
- ❖ what it is like to be unpopular, to be criticised, to be in stressful situations.
- ❖ What it's like to be disappointed, to be alone, to be judged unfairly

As the Son of Man Jesus not only understands our problems, he also has the power to do something about them: to change them, or give you the strength to deal with them.

"Stand up tall". Faith means being grateful to God in advance. When it comes to great big problems, faith means being grateful in advance of the blessing. Big problems and pains can rob us of gratitude, certainly, but so can little ones. *Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. (Luke 21:34)*

Everyday little fears and worries, about time, money, family, friends, co-workers, classmates, work-stuff, school-stuff. The daily anxieties of life can trap us so that we lose sight of our reasons to be grateful.

And, the busier we are, the more we are doing, the more likely things are going to go wrong. And this can all become accelerated at this time of year. We can't slow down the world. We can't slow down the speed of the season, but we can slow down ourselves.

Firefighters are taught to rush to a fire, but to slow down once they get there. They slow down to assess the situation and figure out what is going on. So, slow down. Faith means being grateful for the blessings behind the burdens.

- ❖ Your school might be challenging, but thank God you have this opportunity to study
- ❖ Your commute might be a headache, but you've got things to do and a place to go.
- ❖ Your siblings might be a pain, but you really do love them.

Thank God

- ❖ for the job, even though it is currently a headache
- ❖ for the house, even though it's a mess
- ❖ the children, even though they're driving you crazy

We can be grateful in our problems. We can be grateful for the big ones because they are opportunities for God to show his faithfulness and come through for us. We can be grateful during our big problems because we know that God will use them in a big way to change and transform us. We can be grateful for the small ones because they often spring from blessings – blessings that we often take for granted or lose sight of.

Often we can miss out on gratitude because we think we are entitled to a trouble free life. But we're not. The greater our sense of entitlement, the more difficult it is going to be to grow in gratitude. God never promised a problem-free life. Scripture nowhere suggests we will be insulated from adversity or misfortune. The promise is that adversity and misfortune, pain and problems, worries and anxieties, can help grow gratitude in our hearts.

Elsewhere in Scripture, Paul writes, *Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5.18)*

If we can learn to see our blessings no matter the circumstances, we're going to recognise more and more blessings because...we tend to see what we're looking for.

Welcome..... If this is your first time reading the newsletter, then you are particularly welcome. Please get in touch - we'd love to tell you about everything that's going on here, and invite you to join us. Just to start you off, elsewhere in the newsletter you will find our services and other activities. Look at our website <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/>, or our [Facebook page](#) or email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

First Sunday of Advent (Year C) – 28th November

Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul,
O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9,10,14. R.v.1
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second reading: Thessalonians 3:12-14:2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
And our earth shall yield its increase.

 **Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Peter's** The Children's Liturgy of the Word group at St Peter's Church returns on **Sunday 28th November** during the 10.30am Mass.

Changes to services – On Monday 29th November, there will be no Night Prayer and on Tuesday 30th November, there will be no Morning Prayer due to our priests attending a Bishop's Clergy Gathering. Bishop Peter Doyle will kindly celebrate the masses for us on these days.

A warm welcome for the Mayor of Winchester - We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Vivian Achwal, to the 10.30 Mass at St Peter's last Sunday. She was accompanied by her husband Dr Sudaker Achwal, and afterwards they joined parishioners for refreshments and chat in the Pastoral Centre, and then had lunch with Fr Mark and Fr Anthony.



We welcome more visitors on Saturday 4th December as a group of 80 NHS workers from Bristol will be attending and leading a special mass at 7pm in St Peter's after a day of visiting the Winchester Christmas Market. What a fitting end to their day here! The group of mostly Filipino and African nurses will be providing the music and prayers for the mass and they would very much like to invite everyone in the parish to join them. Please note that there will still be a 5.30pm mass on this day as normal.

 **The CWL are back!** We will be meeting on Thursday 16th December in the Pastoral Centre hall after the 10.00am Mass at St Peter's; do come to Mass first if you can. All ladies welcome!

And also returning – **CWL Soup and pud lunch for charity** on Friday 10th December in the Pastoral Centre, 12-1.30pm. £5. All proceeds to the Salvation Army and the Medaille Trust.

BOOKSHOP The bookshop is open after the Saturday and Sunday morning masses and on weekdays during office hours. We sell missals, prayerbooks, bibles, crucifixes, rosaries, diaries for 2022 and cards for all occasions. Religious Advent calendars and advent booklets and religious Christmas cards and cribs are now on sale. Your support is much appreciated. Susan Henry (Bookshop)

Winchester Catholic History Society The next talk will be on Wednesday 8 December at 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre when The Rt Rev'd Christopher Herbert will be speaking on Hans Holbein and the Reformation. New members and Visitors most welcome.

Sunday Obligation – Some of you may be aware that the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales had originally intended to reintroduce the "Sunday obligation" (c.f. Catechism of the Catholic Church, especially 2177-83) from the First Sunday of Advent. They have, though, at their recent meeting, decided to keep the issue open for now. The Bishops wish to remind us that the Sunday Eucharist is a gift and we're encouraged to make our own personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love. The Eucharist is the heartbeat of the Church's life. However, the Bishops also wish to recognise that there are for some, especially in this time of pandemic, real factors which genuinely hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. "The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together". All of us are asked to prayerfully reflect on our current Sunday routines and examine whether we are genuinely hindered from attending Mass or if we have allowed other priorities or activities (e.g. shopping) to squeeze Mass out of our rhythms. You can read the whole text [here](#).

Welcome to Grace Owen and Nellie Pentlow who were baptised in St. Peter's Church last weekend. May God bless these children with His love and grace, today and always.

Funeral notices: The funeral service for Verna Gregory RIP will be taking place at 1.30pm in St Peter's Church on Monday 29th November. The funeral service for Margaret Gardiner RIP, will take place **during the 10am Mass** at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 1st December. Please keep Verna, Margaret and their families in your prayers at this sad time. May God grant them both eternal rest.



 **PRAYER CORNER:** Each week, this section will contain an intercession that I hope every parishioner will pray for during the coming week. In this way, we will all pray to the Lord for the parish's mission, because "if the Lord does not build... in vain do the builders labour" (Ps 127:1) **Fr. Mark**

This Week's Intention: Let us pray that the Closer to Christ campaign bears fruit, enabling us to fund the mission of the church to bring people to Jesus Christ in hope and joy.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:
Margaret Batstone RIP
Verna Gregory RIP
Margaret Gardiner RIP
Ursula Hill RIP
Fr Anthony Fagan RIP

Advent

Give thanks in all circumstances

Advent

AS we move into Advent, this is the spot in the newsletter where we'll be telling you each week what is going on, times of Mass and services, suggesting ideas and spiritual projects, and reporting on what's happening. AND, In keeping with Fr Mark's Advent message, we'd like your input: tell us what you are grateful for. Write it out, draw a picture, take a photo - and send it in to us. We'd also like to hear about and see your craft projects, your Advent wreaths, your children's activities, constructing your cribs... send in to newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk. We had some great pictures from you last year - let's do even better in 2021! If you are on social media, keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages [St Peter And The Winchester Martyrs | Facebook](#) & [Catholic Winchester \(@catholicwinchester\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#) where we'll be posting regularly.

Daily / Weekly Messages from Fr Mark – would you like to receive regular messages from Fr Mark during Advent and Christmas seasons? The emails are very short: they take a few minutes to read and give you a great start to your day. They were a big success during Lent this year and are a great opportunity to receive a little inspirational boost. You can also engage with other parishioners if you choose by offering a comment or reflection of your own. Over the next few months, we'll be focussing on our blessings and recognising many of the ways in which "It's a Wonderful Life". If you'd like to sign up for either daily or weekly emails, please simply go to <http://stpeterschurch7.flocknote.com/> and feel free to invite friends and family to join us too...



Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve – Friday 24th December

- 3pm Children's Nativity Mass at St Peter's
- 5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Peter's
- 5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Stephen's
- 8.30pm Christmas Night Mass with Carols at St Gregory's
- 10.30pm Christmas Night Mass with Carols at St Peter's
- 10.30pm Christmas Night Mass with Carols at St Stephen's

Christmas Day – Saturday 25th December

- 8am Christmas Day Mass at St Peter's
- 9am Christmas Day Mass at St Thomas More's
- 9.15am Christmas Day Mass at St Stephen's
- 10.30am Christmas Day Mass at St Peter's (Singers welcome to join a small group for the 10.30am Mass - please leave your contact details with Michaela in the office)
- 11am Christmas Day Mass at St Gregory's

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Sunday 26th December



- 9am Mass at St Thomas More's
- 9.15am Mass at St Stephen's
- 10.30am Mass at St Peter's
- 11am Mass at St Gregory's
- 5.30pm Mass at St Peter's

Discovering more about the Gospels in Advent

A series of four evening sessions of *Lectio Divina*, led by Tony Darlison

Join with us as we prepare to welcome into our hearts the holy mystery of God, coming down to earth at Christmas, by reflecting prayerfully on the Sunday Gospels of Advent. We hope to help one another listen to God speaking to us through his sacred scripture.

Come and join us, in person, at St Peter's Church, Winchester SO23 8RY
 Tuesday, 23 November to Tuesday, 14 December
 7.45pm to 9pm

Please register your interest via the link below
<https://forms.office.com/r/QjQx57NmMq>
 or telephone the parish office on 01962 852804

FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION

Christmas MATTERS

GOD IS FOR LIFE, NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS!

A Fanning The Flame day for young people to discover what the Incarnation must mean for our daily lives, from the way we live and treat our bodies and other people to our understanding of the dead and belief in the Resurrection.

Led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph, it's an opportunity for young people to come together and grow in faith and fellowship, receive the sacraments and have some fun!

4th DECEMBER 2021
 9:45am - 6pm
 Holy Family Church, Southampton, SO16 4PL
 Cost: £10
 Ages: 10 - 21
 Please bring your own lunch.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE GO TO:
www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk/Christmas-Matters

Advent Calendars with a Difference

Advent calendars have become increasingly popular in helping us mark the count down to Christmas. This year, we would like to use the calendar in a slightly different way to help us truly prepare for this special day by focusing on those living in the local area who really need our support. So, why not put aside a little something each day from the list below that can be given to the Winchester Basics Bank at the end of the month. Bags of items can be brought to the Pastoral Centre or St Stephen's Church.



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| Tinned veg/fruit | General cleaning products |
| Fruit juice | Laundry tablets |
| Cooking sauces | Small laundry liquid |
| Jam, marmite or peanut butter | Deodorant |
| Custard/rice pudding | Shampoo |
| UHT Milk | Shower gel |
| Cereals & porridge | Toothbrushes |
| Tinned fish | Shampoo/shower gel |

For more information on items for donation, please go to <https://winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/fooddonations/>

The Feast of St Stephen - Since December 26th is a Sunday this year, the Feast of Stephen will be celebrated on Thursday 30th December, with 10am Mass at St Stephen's.

Winchester Village - Christmas Lights and Carols: Sunday 5th December, 4pm-6pm

Residents of Winchester Village are invited to join in a Christmas event, on The Green at Winchester Village, on Sunday 5th December. The event will start with "Light Up Winchester Village" at 4pm, and Community Carols Singalong at 4:30pm, with mince pies at 5pm, awaiting the arrival of Santa's Sleigh around 6pm. All are welcome.

For more details, see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/winchestervillage>



Other Parish Events/Dates for the Diary

Additional information on the events below will be included in forthcoming editions of Peterpost.

- **NB** Mass at Winchester Cathedral – **Saturday 11th December** at 10am
- Young Adults Music Group – 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 5th December
- Confessions with extra priests available – Saturday 11th December 11am-12pm
- Night of Lights at St Peter's Church – Friday 17th December
- Eucharistic Adoration for families – Saturday 18th December, 2-3pm
- Parish Reconciliation Service at St Peter's Church – Monday 20th December at 7pm
- Blue Christmas at St Peter's Church – Tuesday 21st December at 11am
- Feast of St Stephen – 10am Mass at St Stephen's Church on Thursday 30th December



Introducing Our Parish In this corner of the newsletter we'd like to let you know more about what's going on, how the parish runs, and who the people are that you see in church! Let us know if there's anything or anyone you'd particularly like to hear about.

A warm welcome for all

We want our parish to be famous for our welcoming! It's something we're working on now. If you attend the 10.30 Mass at St Peter's, it's likely the first person you see as you come in is Mike Elks, the subject of our questionnaire this week. He is steward at the mass - checking bookings for track and trace, answering questions and helping people, directing them to seats, and then making sure the distribution of communion goes smoothly. But he is also the smiling face of welcome, with a friendly greeting for everyone. Would you like to be part of a big team doing this important job? If you feel called to this ministry then email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Getting to know you...

Name: Mike Elks

Favourite saint: St Catherine of Siena - we are studying her in our Acorn group. I love this quote from her: 'Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire'

Favourite hymn or worship song: Be Still my Soul

Which ministries are you involved in?

Stewarding and welcoming, but also street pastors, Finance Committee, and support and co-ordination for outreach ministry

What called you to your ministries? I have had a wonderful life, and want to contribute something back. I found as I got older that I heard Jesus's call to serve, and when I do that I feel more fulfilled.

If we wanted to talk to you about your ministry, which mass would we usually find you at? Sunday 10.30 at St Peter's!

How long have you been in the parish: More than 40 years

Tell us an unusual/little-known fact about yourself: I once horrified my children by threatening that I would go busking in Winchester High St, playing the violin.



Useful Contacts

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Outreach Ministry Lead: Mike Elks (mike@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Volunteer Director of Operations: Dcn Gerard Dailly (gdailly@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Volunteer Director of Communications: Moira Redmond (moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

To get in touch with them, and for other general matters, please contact the Parish Office: 01962 852804 office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk .

PeterCares: petercares@stpeterswinchester.org.uk **Prayerline:** prayers@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Newsletter (deadline for items Wednesday evening): newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk **Newsletter list:** hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

St. Peter's School Office: 01962 852820 admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk

St. Thomas More's Stockbridge: please email stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Mass Timetable	27 th November – 4 th December 2021			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – November 27th Our Lady on Saturday First Sunday in Advent - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Intentions of the Rodd family	Livestream, public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Justine Power RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – November 28th FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	8.00 AM	Mass	Soul of David Tutton	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd *
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Martin Rex Gilligan RIP	Public, booking reqd
	10.30AM	Mass	Deceased Members of the Kilroy & Whittaker Families	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	John Graham Morris RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – November 29th	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Mary Keating	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – November 30th Feast of St Andrew, Apostle	10.00AM	Mass	David & Muriel Pollock RIP	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Stella Burns RIP	Public
WEDNESDAY – December 1st	10.00AM	Mass and Funeral	Margaret Gardiner RIP	Livestream & public
THURSDAY – December 2nd	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Mary Julia Wheble	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – December 3rd St Francis Xavier, Priest	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Rodolfo Ascenso RIP	Livestream & public
SATURDAY – December 4th Our Lady on Saturday Second Sunday in Advent - Vigil	9.00AM	Mass	Intentions of the Neil Family	Livestream & public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	Livestream, public, booking reqd

All at St. Peter's, except where stated.

FOR ALL ONLINE BOOKINGS please use website homepage - [The Parish of St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs](#) - or call office 01962 852804. Or you can email office if any issues: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

*To book mass at St Thomas More's Stockbridge, email: stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk If you would like a phone number to call, please ring the office 01962 852804 to ask for it.

Adoration every Monday and Friday from 11am-12noon at St Peter's Church.

Confessions every Saturday 11.00am till 12.00noon and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required.

Night Prayer (livestream and open to public) Sunday to Thursday from St Peter's, 9.00pm. **There will be no Night Prayer on Monday 29th November.**

Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public) every weekday, Monday to Friday, 8.00am at St Peter' followed by Adoration till 9.00am **There will be no Morning Prayer on Tuesday 30th November.**

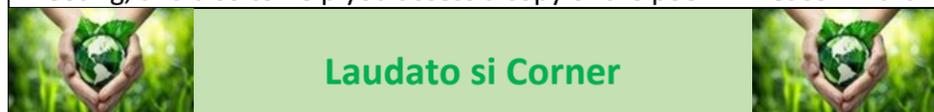
To participate online or see the recorded services for Morning Prayer & Adoration and Night Prayer & Adoration, go to our [YouTube channel](#)

ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER, NIGHT PRAYER & ADORATION) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED

Parish Safeguarding Representative - We will soon be recruiting a new Safeguarding team, who will be supported by Michaela Waterfield, our Parish Administration Manager. In the interim period, any safeguarding concerns or requests for advice can be routed through to the central team via this email address safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone number: 02394 216486. Email is probably best as, with current restrictions etc, the office is not always resourced. If there is a concern that someone is at immediate risk of harm, people should be advised to contact 999 for the emergency services. In the meantime, please use the safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk address for any queries or contact Ruth Attfield, our diocesan safeguarding coordinator on 02394 216486.

An invitation to read together Hopkins's "The Wreck of the Deutschland" - Tuesday 7th December, 18:00

Every year, on 7th December, since I first came across the poem as an 18 year old, I have read (aloud) Gerard Manley Hopkins's wonderful poem "The Wreck of the Deutschland" with family and friends. (As you may know, the events in the poem take place on December 7th, the eve of the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.) So, I'll be reading the poem again this year, and you're welcome to join me - at 6pm on Tuesday 7th December. We will be gathering together via Zoom, because this makes it easier for more people to take part, including anyone who's still isolating. You can even extend the invitation to friends and family outside Winchester. The reading should only take around 15 minutes, but we can spend as long as you want talking about the poem! I'd be delighted if anyone wants to share the reading of the poem - it would be good to have at least 2 or 3 voices. If you'd like to join me, please let me know, via email (mmcelroy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), so that I can give you the details of the Zoom meeting, and also to help you access a copy of the poem. Deacon Martin



Laudato si Corner

Our vision: 'To Bring People Closer to Jesus Through Care of our Common Home'

This week, we are continuing with ideas for a more environmentally friendly Christmas.

Millions of Xmas trees are discarded every year in the UK, both real and artificial. To cut down on plastic dependence and to offset carbon emissions, buy a living tree and keep it in the pot in the garden or a cool part of the house. They can be used year after year. Norfolk pines are suitable as they don't grow to be very large. How about making or even baking your own decorations! Thank you.



CONSULTATION ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2023

As required by regulations the governing body of St Anne's Catholic School, Southampton, SO15 2WZ will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2023 – 2024.

The consultation period runs for a minimum period of 6 weeks from 17/11/2021 until 29/12/2021

Please see our website below for further information and to review the proposed admissions arrangements:

https://www.st-annes.uk.com/web/admissions_consultation/254331

Any feedback is welcome and should be emailed to info@st-annes.uk.com with the subject 'Admissions Guidance 2023-24 Consultation'.

St Anne's Admissions Team





Dear Parents

Message from St. Peter's School

One Kind Word

Last week was Anti-Bullying week! We celebrated our uniqueness on Monday by wearing odd socks to school! Throughout the week, all the children have been thinking about the importance of Anti-Bullying week. The children have been challenged to share kind words and have thought about how just one kind word can make an enormous difference to others. This theme does not stop now. We must be continuing to use those kind words every day!

'I learnt that bullying is when you're being mean to someone over and over again, when days turn into weeks, weeks turn into months and months turn into years. Bullying is not cool!' – Archie Year 3

'If you're bullying someone, they might think it's okay and they start bullying someone else. Instead we need to tell a teacher and use One Kind Word.' – Annabelle Year 3

'We have learnt that we need to use kind words all the time. When you're on the computer, you need to tell an adult if something happens that you don't think is right.' – Martha Year 4

'In Year 4, we wrote a kind word in the palm of a hand to remind people about being kind.' - Italia Year 4

'When you're online, you have to be careful to make sure you are with friends that you know. Use one kind word in every game. Tell an adult you trust if you have a problem and they can help you block the person' – Raphael Year 4



“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

If you have pre-school children and like the sound of St Peter's School then why not contact us to find out about the application process? Telephone 01962 852820 or email admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)
Headteacher

Job Vacancies at St Peter's School

Administrative Assistant

Contract/hours: 9.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday, 27.5 hours per week, term time only, permanent
Salary range: Grade B (pro rata)
Start date: 4th January 2022
Closing date: 3rd December 2021 (midday)
Interview date: 9th December 2021

We are looking for a friendly, enthusiastic, committed and self-motivated person to join our busy team. The ability to prioritise your workload and be able to work under pressure are essential qualities. You will need to be cheerful and well-organised with the capacity to communicate effectively with colleagues, teachers, parents and children.

The role includes front office responsibilities such as answering the phone, dealing with visitors and contractors and supporting the pupils' first aid and medical needs (including the administration of approved medicines) alongside general administrative duties. Experience of working in a school office is preferred, however, training will be given. Recent experience of using Microsoft packages is essential. For more details, please visit the school website: <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/>

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

Contract/hours: 12 noon to 1.10pm Monday to Friday, 5.83 hours per week, term time only, permanent
Salary range: Grade A (pro rata), £9.43 per hour
Start date: 4th January 2022
Closing date: 8th December 2021 (midday)

At St Peter's we believe that lunchtime is a very important part of the school day for all children. It is a time they can relax, play and continue to learn important social skills. We are looking for a caring and enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to join the wonderful team at St Peter's.

Ideally the role is for 1 hour, 10 minutes per day (12 noon – 1.10pm), 5 days per week, term time only, but we would be happy to consider your application if you are only able to offer 3 or 4 days each week.

No experience is necessary as full training and supervision will be given by our friendly and supportive staff team.

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