

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

*The Story of Your Life, Week #6*

## **Fr Mark writes:**

This is the sixth and final week of our current series, which is all about “story.” Today, as we look to bring our series to a close, we are looking at the fifth chapter of Luke’s Gospel.

*Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God... (Luke 5.1)*

This story takes place early on in Jesus’ ministry but he already enjoys rock-star status. In part, this has happened as a result of the healings and miracles he has already performed. Word gets around fast. But also, as you read through the Gospels, the attractive, in fact engaging, irresistible personality of Jesus emerges. People liked him, especially non-religious people who were far from God. People who were nothing like him, liked him. (That, by the way, is the kind of church we would like to be...attractive to those who don’t know Jesus).

Jesus is sharing the word of God with these people and the people are pressing in on him. And it’s getting a little squashed. Jesus spots two boats and gets into one belonging to Simon. The Simon mentioned in this passage is Peter, our own St. Peter. And Jesus already had a relationship with him, having already healed his mother in law, but Simon Peter isn’t yet his disciple.

So Jesus asks Peter if he can use his boat. And Peter makes it available to him. Peter gets involved in the story. Anyway, Jesus completes his message for the day and then he says to Peter:

*‘Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied, ‘we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.’ (Luke 5.4)*

Peter fished at night, because the water was cooler and that’s when the fish were out. In fact, he’s already been fishing all night and he must be tired. He’s finished his night shift and he simply wants to tend to his nets and go home. He certainly doesn’t want to go back out fishing. And if he didn’t catch anything all night, he’ll never catch anything now.

Besides, what does Jesus know?! He’s a rabbi and not a fisherman. Peter could be forgiven for suspecting Jesus didn’t know what he was talking about.

Sometimes we think along those lines too. Maybe we’re willing to turn toward God for some things, but not others, because what does he really know about running a business or raising children or facing peer pressure at school? What does God know about dating...? Let’s just leave him out of it...

Notice though, that Jesus has a genuine insight. He says,

*“Put out into the deep.” (Luke 5.4)*

Jesus knows where the fish are.

When you start following Jesus and listening to his advice, he’ll provide all kinds of insights that you won’t have on your own...insights to your life that aren’t just “religious” or “spiritual” ones. Jesus wants to direct our lives in a way that brings blessing in lots of ways, in every way.

Peter struggles with the instruction from Jesus, but, at the same time, he makes his will available and:

*they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. (Luke 5.6-7)*

Peter is overwhelmed by all this:

*When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.’ For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made. (Luke 5.8-9)*

Peter has this realisation that he doesn’t even deserve to be in the same place as Jesus. Have you ever had that experience, where you know you don’t belong in the same room with someone?

Next, Jesus says,

*‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him. (Luke 5.10)*

Jesus invites Peter to become his disciple. He was inviting him into a story, another story, a larger story. And although we know Peter went on to get an awful lot wrong in that story, he got the most important thing right. He joined the larger story, Jesus’s story, God’s story.

Throughout this series we have talked about living in God’s larger story. At the end of the day, being in that story is not about how bright you are, how educated you are, how strong or rich you are, how religious you are. It is not about your gifts or talents, or abilities, or for that matter, your religion.

Peter could have spent the rest of his life simply catching fish. At any point he could have said, “No Jesus, you can’t use my boat. No, Jesus, I won’t push out into the deep and lower, my nets. No, Jesus, I don’t want to follow you.” Instead, not only did he let Jesus use his boat, eventually he gave his boat away, he made himself available and joined the story.



You’ve got to choose to get into the story. And to do that you’ve got to make yourself available to God. Maybe you don’t have a boat to give away, so it’s going to look different for you. But it will require something. You can’t join the story and bring nothing to it. And that’s really the question. What is God asking you to make available to him?

In just a few weeks’ time, we will begin the season of Lent, and it’s the perfect opportunity to undertake new spiritual habits, making yourself a little more available to God. In particular, this year we’re inviting you to join a small group for the season and participate in our Lenten Spiritual Campaign, ‘Seriously, God?’ Seriously, we’d love that.

Another way you can make yourself available is by making your story available. Through this series, we hope you came to know your story better and are in a better place to share it. On our website, <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Writing-Our-Own-Personal-Testimony-.pdf> you can find some hints on how to prepare and share your own personal faith story. We’d love you to share your story with us.

The choice you have is whether to live life only within the narrow confines of your own little story, or join your little story to God’s great big one. Two very different approaches to life bringing two very different outcomes. What do you choose..?

**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](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 6<sup>th</sup> February**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O come, let us worship God  
And bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

**First reading:**                    **Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8**

**Responsorial Psalm:**        **Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R.v.1**  
Before the angels, I will bless you, O Lord

**Second reading:**            **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Follow me, says the Lord,  
And I will make you fishers of men.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

**Communion Antiphon:**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Changes to Mass arrangements** We've looked at the latest Government guidelines, and received advice from the Bishops and the Diocese, and will be making changes to the Mass arrangements from **Saturday 12th February**. As ever, we will be proceeding cautiously, and reviewing the situation regularly. The main features are:

- No more booking for Mass
- We would ask that people still wear masks and use sanitizer
- There will be hymn books, service booklets, offertory collection
- Holy Communion will still be distributed under one kind only and there will not be a physical sign of peace.

We know that parishioners will respect one another and bear in mind that others may have different needs and fears, so a level of social distancing will continue. A more detailed description of the new arrangements can be found on the website

<https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/February-2022-Updated-Mass-Arrangements.pdf>



**The Alpha Course – YOU ARE INVITED. YOU ARE WELCOME...**

Our new season of Alpha got off to a great start last Monday: fantastic team, wonderful guests and amazing food!

There is still time to join us or invite others to join. If you are a little sceptical, here is what a guest on the last season said: "I grumbled somewhat in the first few sessions because I didn't think Alpha appropriate (for an undoubtedly rather blind me) to find a way to deepen and bring my faith back to life, and to the light. However, to my surprise, on reaching the final session I found that, despite myself and my low expectations, something important had nevertheless taken place in me and in my spiritual life. Quietly, unobtrusively, bypassing all my grumbling objections, an answer to my unknown, unclear inner thirst for what was I think in fact was the Love that is God, had sneaked in under my personal 'radar'!" God does indeed surprise us!

To register, visit [www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha](http://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/alpha) or email [alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:alpha@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Synodality and a listening church** What is this synodality all about? Well, in a nutshell, the Pope is asking the laity to discern, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, what changes are needed to achieve the Church's mission in our world.

Everybody's vision of the future for our Church matters. During the month of February, an initial discussion will be taking place in our parish and the fruits of this will be passed to the Bishop. This discussion involves all of us in the parish - including those who feel shut out of the Church. We want to hear your views so please join one of our face-to-face and online discussion groups.

To see the questions so that we are being asked [click here](#) or look on the website. You can then start to ponder and discern and have a discussion in your family, church groups, or among your friends. All the information can be accessed on our website [catholicwinchester.org.uk](http://catholicwinchester.org.uk)

Provisional list of meetings (Please note, this may be added to or amended slightly, so keep watch!)

Date	Time	Venue	Online or face to face
Saturday 5th February	10am-11.15am		Ministry Leads (Zoom)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	10am-11.15am	St Thomas More	Face to face
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am-10.45am	St Stephen's	Face to face
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm-5pm	St Peter's	Face to face
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am-10.45am	St Peters School	Face to face
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15pm-9.45pm		Zoom
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	10am-11.30am	St Peter's	Face to face
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am -10.30am	St Peter's	Face to face
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	12noon-1.30pm	St Peter's	Face to face
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	8.15pm-9.45pm		Zoom
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	10am -11.30am		Zoom

We will be keeping an up to date list of opportunities on the website and you can contact us at [Listening@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:Listening@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)  
Please let Michaela in the parish office know which meeting you would like to attend by phone or email [Listening@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:Listening@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)  
Summaries from facilitators of groups should also be sent to this email address within 48 hours of your session and the last call is on 28th February.

**Welcome to** Ethan and Tristan Singleton, Max Roostan and Jesse-John Chalmers who were baptised in St. Peter's Church recently. May God bless these wonderful children with His love and grace, today and always.



**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 as a community, we engage together in the synodal process, listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other with humility and love.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

Fely Roberts RIP

Jim Steele RIP



## Laudato si Corner



### This week's tip: Waste not, want not !

The most effective way to reduce waste is **not** to create it in the first place!

- Save money, conserve natural resources and rescue or repurpose items, (such as buying food by using containers), and it will cut waste in the first place.
- Donate your old items to make sure others can use them and try to buy products which have recycled content.
- Know before you throw - know which items your recycling programme collects.

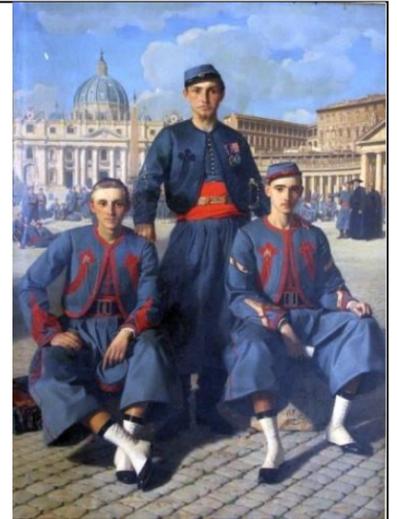
Here are some useful links to help you on your way:

- Earthian Zero Waste shop in Parchment Street Winchester where you can fill up containers with dry goods.
- Winchester Basics Bank - [winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk](http://winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk)
- Lara's Recycling Waste Group - [En-gb@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/en-gb)



## Winchester Catholic History Society

The next talk will be on **Wednesday 9 February at 6.30 pm** in the Parish Centre when Fr Nicholas Schofield will be speaking on **'The Victorians who fought for the Pope: England & the Pontifical Zouaves'**. The Zouaves were a glamorous unit of Catholic volunteers who travelled to Rome to fight for the Pope. They helped defend the Papal States at a time when they were threatened by Italian Unification. The Pontifical Zouaves saw themselves as crusaders fighting against liberalism and irreligion.



Fr Nicholas is the Parish Priest of Uxbridge and since 2005 has served as the Westminster Diocese Archivist. He is a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and the Royal Historical Society. Fr Nicholas teaches modern church history at Allen Hall Seminary. His new book provides an interesting insight into Victorian English Catholicism.

New Members and Visitors most welcome.

Enquiries email [win.cath.history@gmail.com](mailto:win.cath.history@gmail.com) and [www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com](http://www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com)

## Discovering More...About our Care for God's Creation

We are told by media reports and politicians, in ever more urgent tones, that we are experiencing an environmental crisis. We have received on this subject an encyclical from the Pope, Laudato Si, and a recent pastoral letter from our Bishop. We are told that this is a pressing moral issue.

Join with us in discovering more about what the Church teaches on the beautiful mystery of Creation and our place in it, why we are called to care for it, and how we can respond. The sessions will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February, starting at 7.30pm and will be held in the Pastoral Centre. If you would like to book a place, please use the following link

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peter-and-the-winchester-martyrs/t-yrzkm0>  
email [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk).

## Mass with Prayer for Healing and Sacrament of the Sick – 3pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Anyone who is sick and suffering in any way, emotionally, physically or spiritually, is invited to attend this mass with family and friends. Please register your interest online at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peter-and-the-winchester-martyrs/t-lydrnk>

## Tuesdays – Coffee, Cake and Chat

Come and enjoy a coffee, cake and chat in the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday mornings between 10.30am and 12noon. All welcome after Mass, before or after shopping or just call in.



**Advanced Notice of Road Closure (Jewry Street)** Please note that Jewry Street is due to be closed from 9.30am-4.30pm on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February** for an event at the Discovery Centre and from 8.30am on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February** for the Winchester 10km run.

## Getting to know you...

**Name:** Andrea Hoyland

**Favourite saint:** I have two: Saint Therese of Lisieux for her little way of ordinary things with extraordinary love and Saint Faustina and the devotion to the Divine Mercy

**Favourite hymn or worship song:** All are welcome in this place

**How long have you been connected with our parish?** Since coming to Winchester in 1996

**Which ministries are you involved in?** I was involved with Children's Liturgy for a number years and now head up the Welcome and Hospitality team at St. Peter's

**What drew you to this particular ministry?** I have always wanted my church and parish to feel like a family; somewhere where people know me by name and want to get to know me. That's what I want to create for others- a place that is welcoming and somewhere you belong.

**Which Mass would we usually find you at, in case other parishioners would like to chat to you about your ministry?** Sunday, 10:30am at St. Peter's

**Tell us something you are grateful for:** I am grateful for the wonderful people who have joined me on the Welcome and Hospitality Team, for their time and effort in making our parishioners feel welcome. I couldn't do it without them! And I give thanks to the Holy Spirit for bringing others along to join us too.

**Tell us an unusual/little-known fact about yourself:** Many years ago, when I was somewhat braver/more reckless, I rode an ostrich...but not for long! It didn't like it and threw me off quite unceremoniously. Serves me right!



Mass Timetable	5 <sup>th</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2022			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
<b>SATURDAY – February 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	Mass	Soul of Gillielmi Meader	Livestream, public
	<b>5.30PM</b>	Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	Livestream, public, booking reqd
<b>SUNDAY – February 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>8.00 AM</b>	Mass	All Souls in Purgatory	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	<b>9.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Thomas More's		Public, booking reqd *
	<b>9.15 AM</b>	Mass at St Stephen's	People of the Parish	Public, booking reqd
	<b>10.30AM</b>	Mass	Vocations for the Diaconate and Priesthood	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	<b>11.00 AM</b>	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	<b>5.30PM</b>	Mass	Margaret Gardiner RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
<b>MONDAY – February 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15PM</b>	Mass	Luiz Ko RIP	Livestream & public
<b>TUESDAY – February 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass	Soul of Mary, Lady Mannock	Livestream & public
	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
<b>WEDNESDAY – February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass	Intentions of the Neil family	Livestream & public
<b>THURSDAY – February 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St Scholastica, Virgin</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass	Soul of Margaret Merriman	Livestream & public
<b>FRIDAY – February 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	<b>12.15PM</b>	Mass	Soul of Edward Hill	Livestream & public
<b>SATURDAY – February 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	Mass	Veronica Leeming RIP	Livestream & public
	<b>3.00PM</b>	Mass for Healing		Livestream & public
	<b>5.30 PM</b>	Vigil Mass	K J John RIP	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](http://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](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

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

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

Adoration every Monday and Friday 11.00 till 12.00noon.

Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public) every weekday, Monday to Friday, 8.00am at St Peter' followed by Adoration till 9.00am

Night Prayer (livestream) **Monday to Thursday this week**

To participate online or see the recorded services for Morning Prayer & Adoration and Night Prayer & Adoration, go to our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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

**Parish Safeguarding Representative** - Any safeguarding concerns or requests for advice can be discussed with Michaela Waterfield in the Parish Office or routed through to the central diocesan safeguarding team via this email address [safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) address for any queries or contact Ruth Attfield, our diocesan safeguarding coordinator on 02394 216486.

## Job Vacancy

### Hub Manager - Winchester Basics Bank

Winchester Basics Bank is seeking a flexible and client focused person for the position of Hub Manager. Reporting to the Operations Manager, the successful candidate will help the charity provide and develop it's client facing activities, be responsible for managing a team of volunteers and providing signposting advice to our clients.

Candidates should be comfortable working in a Christian environment, be compassionate, have good people skills and communication skills, and be competent in using IT tools; including Google Docs & Sheets, email and using a shared drive. A full driving licence, ability to travel to each food hub, and fitness for general manual handling being able to lift weight of up to 15kg are required. An awareness of health and safety, or food hygiene/safety would be an advantage but is not essential as full training will be provided.

This is a paid role at the rate of £10.51 per hour for 18.5 hours per week; Tuesday & Friday 9-4.30pm and Thursday 9-1.30pm. Additional hours may be required on occasion (by prior agreement).

For further information and an application form please email Mike Whitehead, the Chair of Winchester Basics Bank at [chair@winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk](mailto:chair@winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk)

Details about Winchester Basics Bank can be found at our website: [www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk](http://www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk)

Closing date for applications: Monday 21st February 2022





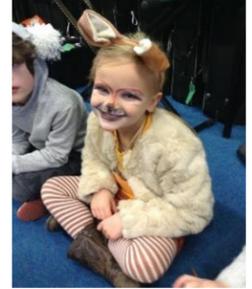
Dear Parents

Thank you

Thank you for your patience, along with your prayers and kindness, during what is a tricky time due to staff absence. I also want to thank the wonderful staff for stepping up throughout this time. In fact stepping is a very good metaphor to describe their efforts, for eg Miss Donnelly had reached 7,000 steps by mid-morning and 15,000 by the time the children went home as she darted between classes delivering inputs and checking on children's learning one day last week. All the team have been great.

**Australia Day – Year 2**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January the Year 2 classes celebrated Australia Day as part of their Geography and English learning. The day began with a costume parade, which included all the children explaining their outfits. We then started our food workshops (prior to Wednesday, the children had baked Anzac biscuits and Lamington cakes) during which we made fairy bread, vegemite sandwiches, pavlova and sausage sizzles. It was difficult to wait but we didn't taste the delicious food until after lunch. Our morning activities also included party games, a Zoom call with Mr Mike Brown, a Primary School Teacher in Sydney Australia, and a visit with Kaida - the bearded dragon! After lunch we made boomerangs and posters to send to Australia. Finally, we were able to taste all the delectable Australian food. What was the overwhelming favourite? Fairy bread! Overall, it was an exhilarating, fun-filled day full of enthusiastic learning.



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](mailto:admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk).

Best wishes  
Louise Buxton (Miss)  
Headteacher

**Job Vacancies at St Peter's School**

**Higher Level Teaching Assistant (EYFS)**

Contract/hours: 31.25 hours per week, term time only, permanent  
Salary range: Grade D (pro rata)  
Start date: ASAP  
Closing date: 10th February 2022 (midday)  
Interview date: TBC

St Peter's Primary School is looking for a higher level teaching assistant to support children in our reception classes (EYFS). The role will include supporting children 1:1 as well as within a small group and class. It will also include some whole class teaching responsibility. We are looking for someone with a holistic, nurturing approach focusing on children's education and their well-being.

**Teaching Assistant (EYFS)**

Contract/hours: 31.25 hours per week, term time only, permanent  
Salary range: Grade B/C depending on experience (pro rata)  
Start date: ASAP  
Closing date: 10th February 2022 (midday)  
Interview date: TBC

St Peter's Primary School is looking for an excellent teaching assistant to support children in our reception classes (EYFS). The role will include supporting children 1:1 as well as within a small group and class. We are looking for someone with a holistic, nurturing approach focusing on children's education and their well-being.

**Teaching Assistant (KS2)**

Contract/hours: 31.25 hours per week, term time only, permanent  
Salary range: Grade B/C depending on experience (pro rata)  
Start date: ASAP  
Closing date: 10th February 2022 (midday)  
Interview date: TBC

St Peter's Primary School is looking for an excellent teaching assistant to support children in KS2. The role will include supporting children 1:1 as well as within a small group and class. We are looking for someone with a holistic, nurturing approach focusing on children's education and their well-being.

You will be joining a friendly, supportive team of staff who are committed to being the best that they can be. For all the positions list above, part-time working is possible for the right candidate. The positions could also be suitable for an individual who is seeking school-based experience prior to training to teach. For more details, please visit the school website: <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/>