

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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13<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

*Good soil; pure water; abundant fruit*

## **Fr Mark writes:**

I'm not sure what the opposite of "green-fingered" is but that is me. I struggle to keep a cactus alive! As much as I love the flowers when they blossom and bloom (we have beautiful snowdrops and even a couple of, disturbingly early, daffodils visible through my office window by the statue of Our Lady), I am very glad and relieved that their appearance doesn't rely on me! With that in mind, please take the following horticultural metaphors with a pinch (or indeed, large gritting lorry) of salt...

In essence, it seems to me that when we plant in good soil and the plants have access to clean water then they are much more likely to produce good fruit. People are pretty much the same. If we think of the soil as the culture in which we live, and the water as the relationships in which we put our deepest roots, then healthy culture and pure water is more likely to allow us to produce good fruit, the fruits of the Holy Spirit.



## **Culture**

What is the culture in which we live? Well, everywhere has a culture. Let's take two restaurants. When you're thinking where to go out for a meal, one will be warm and welcoming, with friendly staff and will be clean and well presented. You'll be able to relax here and know that the food will be prepared and served with love. The whole experience will be a joy. The other restaurant will be rude and unfriendly. You'll be treated without respect, as just another paying customer. The staff will look miserable and undervalued and the food will be prepared and served carelessly. Each will have its own culture and I suspect most of us, unless it's an emergency, will choose the first of these restaurants every time.

Well, our country has a culture. It's different living here than it is living in the Peruvian Andes – people dress differently and interact differently, they eat different food and have different ways of greeting each other. Our work places and schools also have a culture, as do our families and our parish.

It's sometimes hard to know what it's like to live in our own culture because it's all we know. It's not until we step out for a while and look from the outside that we begin to see things more clearly. Living for 6 months in the Peruvian Andes gave me as many insights into the English culture as it did into the Andean one. Similarly, it's perhaps only when we live with another family for a while that we can see there's a different way of doing things.

Lots of the time, there are simply different approaches and so it's hard to say that one culture is better or worse than another. However, it's also true that cultures have healthy aspects and more toxic aspects. This is certainly true of parish cultures.

What is the culture of our parish like? How healthy is it? How do we interact with one another, support and encourage each other, welcome strangers, forgive and trust each other? Do we challenge unhealthy behaviour – gossiping and infighting, whinging and 'cliqueyness', for example? Do we celebrate when people come to know Jesus, or grow in their faith or praise God with all their heart? Each of us, starting with me, has a responsibility for cultivating rich, healthy soil.

## **Water**

Where do we sink our roots and how deep do they go? Where do we look for life and nourishment for our souls? If we're honest, do we seek happiness in money or retail therapy; in power and influence; in fame and popularity; in shallow, fleeting or costly relationships? Or are we willing to work hard to put down roots into stable, committed, faithful, unconditionally loving relationships? Do our deepest roots seek life from our relationship with God and His Holy Spirit, living, loving, pure water?

## **Fruit**

The more time we can spend in and creating the soil of healthy cultures; the deeper our roots go into seeking that which gives us life, the more abundant and beautiful will our fruit be: joy, love, patience, kindness, peace, kindness, generosity, faithfulness and self-control. Are these not fruits we desperately want, for ourselves, our loved ones, our parish and our world..?

*"A blessing on the person who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.*

*He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit."*

## **Synodal Process**

One aspect of healthy culture which it is important for us to create here is that we are a parish which is willing to listen authentically to each other, to our neighbours and to the Holy Spirit with humility and love. Please do join one of our "Listening Sessions" or considering hosting your own with. Further details are available in this newsletter and on our parish website <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/synodal-process/>



## **Lenten Spiritual Campaign – Seriously, God?**

Another aspect of healthy parish culture which is important for us to develop is that we're able to support and encourage each other in our journey of faith. Next week, we'll release full details of our Lenten Campaign – a chance to journey together and grow spiritually as we try to help each other in making sense of those times when life doesn't make sense. Please pray hard about this wonderful and exciting opportunity.

**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)

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  
Alleluia!

**First reading:**                   **Jeremiah 17:5-8**

**Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26**

**Responsorial Psalm:**       **Ps 1:1-4,6. R. Ps 39:5**  
Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:**

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved  
the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed  
in what they craved.

**Second reading:**           **1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

**Second Collection – Racial Justice Sunday** The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales have asked for the theme this year to be *In the Image and Likeness of God* and it celebrates presentations of the Holy Family from different cultures. This was inspired by conversations around last year’s Racial Justice Sunday about the importance of everyone being able to see themselves, their race, their culture, and their history in the Church’s life. *Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.*

**Mass Counts** – As you will have seen in the recently revised Mass schedule and guidelines, we are no longer required to book in for Masses in our parish. We understand that some people may still have concerns and so going forward, we will share the information we have on numbers attending the different masses (and the capacity for that church building) in order for people to make an informed judgement on which one they would feel most comfortable attending. Please see the table for the Mass counts from last weekend.

Mass	Church	Capacity	Attendance
Saturday 5.30pm	SP	381	50
8am	SP	381	88
9am	STM	98	47
9.15am	SS	150	90
10.30am	SP	381	102
11am	SG	115	56
5.30pm	SP	381	45

**Synodality and a listening church** During the month of February, an initial discussion on our vision for the future of our Church 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) Please see below for the finalised dates for each session and the registration links for Zoom meetings online.

Date	Time	Venue	Online Zoom registration or face to face
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.15-11.45am (after Mass)	St Stephen’s	Face to face
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.15-10.45am	St Peters School	Face to face (session for parents/guardians of school children)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.15pm-9.45pm		<a href="https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEufisrj4oGtJTY1FTC_rJ6hkmKmGMAejj">https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEufisrj4oGtJTY1FTC_rJ6hkmKmGMAejj</a>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am-11.30am	St Peter’s	<a href="https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJlde2urTMpEt36DYag5OT8EcAr7kxB06m9">https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlde2urTMpEt36DYag5OT8EcAr7kxB06m9</a>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am -10.30am (after Mass)	St Peter’s	Face to face
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.15-11.45am (after Mass)	St Stephen’s	Face to face
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12noon-1.30pm (after Mass)	St Peter’s	Face to face
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	8.15pm-9.45pm		<a href="https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUudOirpzwuHdPGw8havqVFKQa2666K-A4P">https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUudOirpzwuHdPGw8havqVFKQa2666K-A4P</a>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am -11.30am		<a href="https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJYuceCsrlpGNzRnvUyNjC74ufOkR2HDW9B">https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYuceCsrlpGNzRnvUyNjC74ufOkR2HDW9B</a>

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 the Listening team know which meeting you would like to attend by phoning the parish office or by email to [Listening@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:Listening@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Welcome to** Josephine Beattie who was baptised in St. Peter’s Church last weekend. May God bless Josephine 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 the Holy Spirit will be at work in us during the Synodal Process so that we may be a community and a people of grace.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:  
Fely Roberts RIP  
Jim Steele RIP  
Renée Juliette Thompson RIP



## Laudato si Corner



### This week's tip:

Highway vehicles release 1.6 billion tons of greenhouse gases mostly in the form of CO<sub>2</sub>. Here are some ways you can reduce those emissions and save money on fuel:

- Only take the car if you really have to
- Share journeys wherever possible
- Don't overload your car
- Accelerate and Brake steadily
- Drive the local speed limit
- Use cruise control on motorways



Above all, drive safely!

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

We have held our first session in this fascinating series but it's not too late to participate! 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 next sessions will take place on Tuesday 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-yrzkmo>  
email [office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)



**Pies & Puds - Wed 16th February** Our next lunch event will be on **Wednesday 16th Feb in the Pastoral Centre, 12.45 for 1pm**. There'll be a choice of pies, along with vegetarian and gf options, and proper puddings with custard. Our speaker is David Neilsen, giving an award-winning and intriguing talk on 'The Georgian Streets of Winchester - and how they were transformed'. There will be the usual great conversation, good company, and a warm welcome for everyone - whether you're new or a regular, whether you come alone or in a pair or a group. You don't need to book or commit, but email [moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:moirar@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) with any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

**Licoricia** Have you met the latest resident of Jewry St? Our newest neighbour is Licoricia: a statue of her and her son Asher was unveiled on Thursday. In the 13th century she was a very important moneylender and businesswoman, a leading member of the thriving Jewish community in Winchester, and connected with the court of Henry III. The local Jewish community campaigned and collected for the statue: to celebrate an inspirational woman, to shine a light of tolerance, diversity and inclusiveness, and to inform and educate.

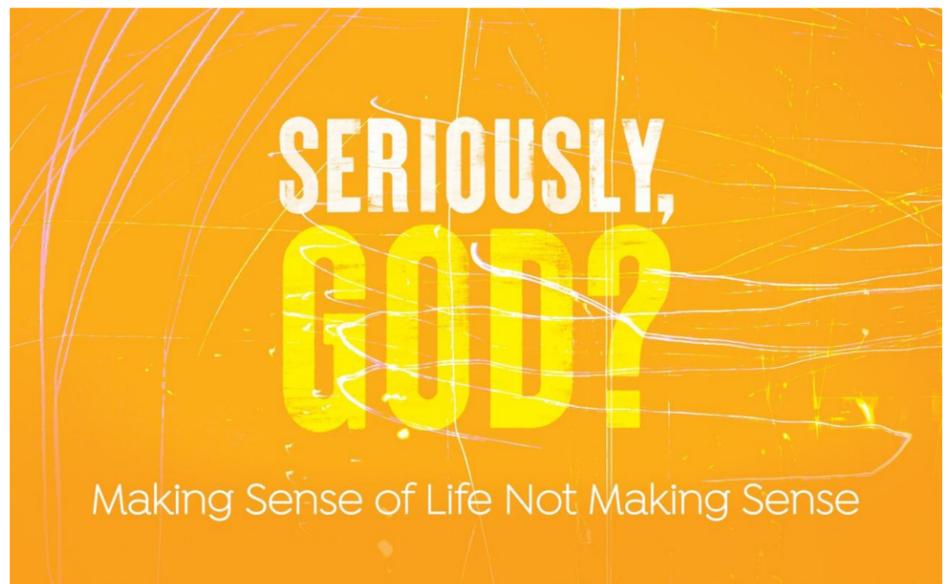


Our Parish has a longstanding good relationship with the local Jewish community, a feeling of neighbourliness and shared heritage, and we are proud to be on Jewry St, with its long history.

In 2019 we invited Danny Habel, who is very involved in the project, to give a talk at the Parish lunch club now known as Pies & Puds. St Peter's was able to make a small donation to the crowd-funding scheme - we are happy that we were able to make a tiny contribution, and happy to have Licoricia looking across at us! Give her & her son a wave as you go by....

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## Coming soon to our parish!



## Get ready for Lent 2022

**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.

### Listening church- Synod

Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to go out and imagine "How Should the Church Change?" You have probably seen that the parish has set up zoom and in person listening sessions so that we can listen to each other's thoughts around the theme of "What changes need to be made in myself, in our parish, and in the Diocese, to make the church's mission today more vibrant and effective." In the short term, we are conducting initial listening groups in the parish and our parish school, both in person and over zoom. We are also inviting parishioners to conduct listening sessions at home in their own groups, families, and circles of friends. At the beginning of March, we will be sending feedback from these events to the diocese, which will be fed into the Synod process, culminating in a meeting of the bishops in Rome in 2023.

However, these initial parish meetings are only the start of the process. The tip of the iceberg. The goal is that this will not be a one off event; it will be just the beginning of a change in how we relate to each other and make us a true listening church.

We are being called on to not only listen to each other in our parish community, but also listen to people outside our church, including those in marginalised groups, and people who feel shut out by the church.

The initial process had a very tight timeframe and we have not been able to reach out to as many people outside our immediate church community as we would have ideally liked. This is a really exciting project for us to develop - how we can listen to those who do not currently feel welcome, or comfortable or engaged with the church.

Over the last week, a number of listening sessions have taken place. Ministry leads held a listening session over zoom and there was a session after mass at St Thomas More's last Sunday, and various groups have met and conducted their own listening sessions. These events have been really enriching and inspirational.

We'd love for everyone to get involved and share their thoughts. To find out more about the process and upcoming sessions please click on <https://catholicwinchester.org.uk/synodal-process/>

**Parish Financial Report to August 2021** The latest Parish Annual Report is now available to [view on the Parish website](#).

The Annual Report includes details of our parish finances but also a full and lively description of what has been going on in the parish over the past 12 months with a comprehensive review of the life, activities and achievements of the Parish, with photos. Please do take a look.

Following the publication of the report we will be holding an open meeting when members of the Parish Finance and Property Advisory Committee will be presenting the Financial Report and you will have the opportunity to ask questions about the Parish finances. You are warmly invited to attend the meeting which will take place by Zoom on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 7pm. To confirm your attendance <https://forms.gle/KdHrdp2mcWD6sinP8>



Mass Timetable	12 <sup>th</sup> February – 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – February 12 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady on Saturday	9.00AM	Mass	Veronica Leeming RIP	Livestream, public
	3.00PM	Mass for Healing		Livestream, public
	5.30PM	Mass	K J John RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – February 13 <sup>th</sup> SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.00 AM	Mass	David Vinnell RIP	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	Philippa Tatham RIP	Public, booking reqd
	10.30AM	Mass	Alfred Fernandez RIP & Lourdes Fernandez (b'day)	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Julian Candy RIP	Public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	Soul of Peter Walshe	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – February 14 <sup>th</sup> ST CYRIL, Religious & ST METHODIUS, Bishop, Patrons of Europe, feast	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Margaret Merriman	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – February 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass	Intentions of CWL	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
WEDNESDAY – February 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
THURSDAY – February 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Beatrice Hew Tompson	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – February 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Rachael Ward RIP	Livestream & public
SATURDAY – February 19 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady on Saturday SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-VIGIL	9.00AM	Mass	Intentions of the Neil family	Livestream & public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Deceased members of the Hill family	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, Wednesday and Thursday this week**

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** - 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.

**Help from Christians Against Poverty** - We're all aware that the cost of living in the UK has risen significantly in recent months, with prices for energy and food at the highest we've seen in many years. But did you know the devastating impact this is having on low income households in particular? According to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the rise in costs could see those who are already struggling financially having to pay up to £700 more per year. On top of this, many of the protections put in place to shield those on low incomes during the pandemic have now come to an end, including the vital £20 per week Universal Credit uplift. The reality is, with bills up and income down, thousands across the UK will struggle to feed their families and heat their homes. If you are struggling please call the CAP's friendly team on our helpline: 0800 328 0006



## WINCHESTER STREET PASTORS January 2022 We are recruiting NOW!

For our next training cycle starting in March, we are looking for:

- Street Pastors – who will patrol on one Friday or Saturday evening each month as part of a team of 3 or more volunteers
- Street Pastors for our April-October only, early Friday evening, non-city centre teams.
- Prayer Pastors – who pray either from our base or from home

If you want to find out more – contact Mark on:

[winchester@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:winchester@streetpastors.org.uk) or 07740 288654 or find us





Dear Parents

Safer Internet Day



Yesterday was Safer Internet Day – an international event. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day was a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. Some of the activities we participated in included:

- Class assemblies about gaming online
- Hearing about Digi duck’s dilemma when using technology
- Designing our own avatar
- Identifying symbols and emojis used in online gaming and conversation
- How we respond to others’ messages in gaming.

To help you in supporting your children online, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Resources for Parents and Carers which is available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents](http://saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents). There are top tips, quizzes, and films which you can use at home with your child. Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre ([saferinternet.org.uk/parents](http://saferinternet.org.uk/parents))
- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet ([childnet.com/parents-and-carers](http://childnet.com/parents-and-carers))
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media ([commonsense.org](http://commonsense.org))
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters ([internetmatters.org./controls](http://internetmatters.org./controls))
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from CEOP ([ceop.police.uk](http://ceop.police.uk))

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we’re committed to teaching our pupils about.

“We were learning about what messages you should send and what messages you shouldn’t send. If someone has to leave the game early you should respect their decision.” - Juliet, Year 6

“We learnt about the dangers of buying stuff with real money in online games.” - Imogen, Year 6

“We learnt about how you should never give information to people you don’t know in real life online.” - Anna, Year 6

“We have fun on computer and video games but we need to be safe about text messages and anything that feels scary to you. You should take a screen shot, block it and report it to an adult.” - Arthur, Year 3

‘Digi-duck should have asked his Daddy.’- Delilah, Year R

‘We must ask for help with our games.’ – Max, Year R



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

## CULTURAL FRIDAY



We will meet **Rose Busingye**, a nurse founder of Meeting Point International, a Ugandan NGO serving people from the slums of Kampala affected by HIV/AIDS. The meeting with Rose will be via Zoom however we encourage everyone to attend in person.



Rose began her medical career after experiencing the horrors of war in North Uganda, where people died from lack of basic medical care. After a meeting with Fr Luigi Giussani, she discovered that Jesus Christ is the One who gives value to the lives of all human beings and this changed the way she took care of those affected by HIV/AIDS. This meeting will be particularly interesting for those working in the medical profession (nurses, doctors, social workers, everyone working with the sick).



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in  
St Edward the Confessor Church, Winchester Rd,  
Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU**

Cheese, wine and nibbles will be available from 6.30pm and throughout the evening, suggested donation of £1.

Zoom Link for those unable to attend St Edward’s in person:  
<https://zoom.us/j/4447833108> Click “Join a Meeting”  
Enter Meeting ID: 444 783 3108