

# PETERPOST

Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

*Seriously God III – Seriously God, You let me down*

**Fr Mark writes:**

We are in the third week of a new message series for Lent called, “Seriously, God? Making sense when life doesn’t make sense”. It is a series that makes complete sense for the time we are in.

This week we are looking at the times when we feel that God lets us down, when God doesn’t seem to care. We set out in what seems like a good direction and then a huge storm or problem blows into our lives and God doesn’t seem even to be bothered. We can begin to doubt God’s goodness when we face insurmountable problems to our hopes and dreams for our future or the future of the people whom we love. Does God not care about what’s happening in Ukraine at the moment, we might ask.

This is where we encounter a key character from today’s first reading from Genesis. God had created the world and seen that it was good, but then very quickly, things get bad. The human race rapidly goes from the sin of eating the forbidden fruit to murder. God grieves the creation of mankind and sends a flood to wipe out everyone, except for Noah, the only righteous man on earth. God saves Noah and his family and the animals so that he can start all over again.

Later in the book of Genesis, God forms a relationship with one person, through whom he is going to bring blessing to the whole world. He begins with the person of Abram, later called Abraham. Abram’s wife was Sara and in Genesis 11:30 we learn that “Sara was barren she had no children.”

All of Abram’s hopes and dreams rested in his first born son and yet Abram had no son. Abram comes from a wealthy family and lacks nothing materially, but he desperately and painfully wants a son. So these two characters come together – God, who has a plan to bring humanity back into relationship with him and wants people to know him; and Abram, who simply wants a son.

At God’s command, Abram leaves his country, his family and the riches of his father’s house to a land God shows him. God promises that three things will happen: God will make of him a great nation, God will bless him, and God will make his name great. In all of three of these promises, Abram would have understood that God was promising him a son. Abram follows God because he has some that hope God will give him what he needs and desires – a son. Most, if not all of us, begin a relationship with God because we have a felt need that does not include God. We come to God because we hope he will deliver something else we want.

At this stage, it’s worth noting that Abram still doesn’t trust God completely, taking his nephew, Lot, with him as an insurance policy. We see this throughout the story of Abram. He will believe God and kind of do what he says, but then he will hedge his bets. Abram is our father in faith, but if you read the story closely enough, you will see that he is far from perfect. Abram doesn’t quite trust God completely and we see how his lack of trust delays his desire for a son. Throughout the story, God must wait to give Abram his son because Abram will not fully trust him. To bless the whole world through Abram, God must bring him to a deeper faith.

We see Abram’s doubt on full display in the passage from this Sunday’s reading. Years had passed from God’s original promise of a son. Abram had begun to fear that his dream of a son would never come to fruition. There can be great fear that our hopes and dreams for the future will not come true. It is natural to experience that fear, but God invites us to turn away from our fear and turn to faith and trust in him.

God tells Abram not to fear, for He will make Abram’s reward very great. There will be a reward for placing your faith and trust in God.

*But Abram said, “Lord God, what can you give me, if I die childless and have only a servant of my household, Eliezar of Damascus?” Abram continued, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant of my household will be my heir.”*

Abram says to God, what can you give me? In other words, God, you’ve let me down. I still don’t have a child. You haven’t delivered. The only one who is going to remember me is my servant. I have no legacy but him.

You may be feeling like that right now. You hear God say, “fear not” and yet you think, “God you haven’t turned up when I needed you there. You promised that I would have a blessing in my life. You promised it would be worth my while to follow you”. You may feel like God promised you a child or a sense of purpose or job that you loved or that God promised you something else.

In those times we need firstly to check and make sure it really is a promise of God. But if it is something that God promised us then it is ok to tell God we feel let down by him. It is ok to rail against God. God can handle it. That’s what Abram does. And God does not criticise Abram. Instead he gives him a sign.

*Then the word of the Lord came to him: No, that one will not be your heir; your own offspring will be your heir. Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, ‘Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.’ (Genesis 15:4-5)*

God takes Abram outside and has him look at the stars. In an age without electric lights, the night sky would have numerous stars - countless. Some scholars believe it was actually daytime when God took Abram out. God was saying that even though you can’t see the stars right now, you know they are there. In the same way, know that even though you can’t see your descendants now, know that you will have them.

*Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. (Genesis 15:6)*

So this interaction helped Abram put his faith back in God. Notice what it says, God “counted this as making him justified.” In other words, this is what God was after. Simply believing in God has value to God. Trusting God puts us in right relationship with him just as any relationship is built on trust.

When there are storms and problems in life that get in the way of the greatest desires of our heart, we often ask, “why God?” Maybe we can also ask, “What God?” “What are you teaching me about you? What does trusting you in this situation look like so I can come into a right relationship with you?”

God allows the storms and problems of life so that we will turn to him in faith and trust. God wants to bless you and bless others through you, but for you to handle those blessings you must have a firm foundation and trust in him. Without that firm foundation, you will crumble under the weight of those blessings.

What problem are you currently facing that seems like it is keeping you from your hopes and dreams? Pray this week for the grace to place your hope and trust in God.

**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)

**Second Sunday of Lent (Year C) – 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Of you my heart has spoken:  
Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**First reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v.1  
The Lord is my light and my help

**Second reading:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Gospel Acclamation:**

R. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'  
R. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36

**Communion Antiphon:**

This is my beloved Son,  
With whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

**Change to Mass Time** – From **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, the morning Mass at St Peter's Church will now be at **12.15pm every week**.

Coffee/Cake and Chat has now moved to **WEDNESDAYS, 10am-12noon** (before or after Mass or shopping). All are welcome!

**Night Prayer – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** Please note that there will be no Night Prayer on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. It will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

**Led Eucharistic Adoration For Families - Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

Theme: Lent – Getting Closer to Jesus

Please join us for a short time of led Eucharistic Adoration as we journey through Lent. It is a perfect opportunity to pause in our busy lives, to pray with Jesus and to grow closer to Him and His love for us. Although it is aimed at those families with children of primary school age, all are very welcome!



**St Stephen's Children's Liturgy:** The team are very excited to welcome families back! Going forward, sessions will run during term time on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month (on the 2nd Sundays children remain in church for the Family Mass). Children of all ages are welcome, but the message is aimed at those in Years R - 4. We ask that children in Year 1 and below are accompanied by an adult.

**School Lent Mass** - We are delighted that some of the staff, children and families from our parish school, St. Peter's, will be joining us for the 9:15am Mass at St. Stephen's this Sunday. Let's make sure they all feel wonderfully welcome.

**Solemnity of St Joseph** – There will be a Vigil Mass at 7pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, followed by Stations of the Cross at St Peter's Church.

**Praying for Ukraine**

**Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter – A Massive Spiritual campaign**

Please see the attached Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip in which he asks us to 'bombard heaven with petitions for peace' and shares ideas on what we can do at this time to support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

**Standing with Ukraine - A vigil for prayer and action**

**A Message from the Dean of Winchester:** I am writing to invite you to a vigil at Winchester Cathedral, taking place this Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. There has been a national outpouring of grief and concern for the people of Ukraine following its invasion and we want to offer a way of channelling that goodwill into both prayer and action. I hope to see you there for this important cause to reflect, pray and take action. The vigil will be streamed live online for anyone unable to join us in person. With blessings and best wishes, The Very Revd Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester

**Have you seen this idea of praying for peace?**

A group of people of different nationalities are praying for the security of our countries, for an end to the problems that oppress and suppress us, and for God to guide the decisions of our rulers. We will have a one minute prayer time – in the UK at 8pm each evening. Please support us in this initiative. We will pause for a minute each day at the appointed time to pray for world peace, for an end to conflict and for the restoration of tranquility to all people on the earth, and for families to look to God for their safety and to see their salvation. If we understood the tremendous power of prayer, we would be amazed. Set the alarm on your phone every day, and pray for one minute for peace 🙏🙏🙏🙏

**Prayer Vigil Next Week** - St Paul's Anglican Church (St Paul's Hill, Winchester SO22 5AB) are holding a prayer vigil on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm. Fr Anthony will be attending and all are welcome.

**Prayer Vigil at St Peter's** – There will be a prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament for Ukraine in St Peter's Church after the 7pm Mass of the Solemnity of Annunciation on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Please do come along and join your prayers with others from across the Parish.

**The parish would like to thank you all for the amazing response to last weekend's CAFOD appeal for Ukraine. We will provide full details of the total collected, and sent to CAFOD, in next week's issue of PeterPost.**



**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 by participating in the Seriously, God? Lenten Spiritual Campaign, our community are growing together and becoming closer to one another as they explore the theme in their small groups.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:  
John Tracey RIP  
Philip Gretton RIP  
Lady Margaret Peat RIP

THE PARISH OF ST PETER  
A THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

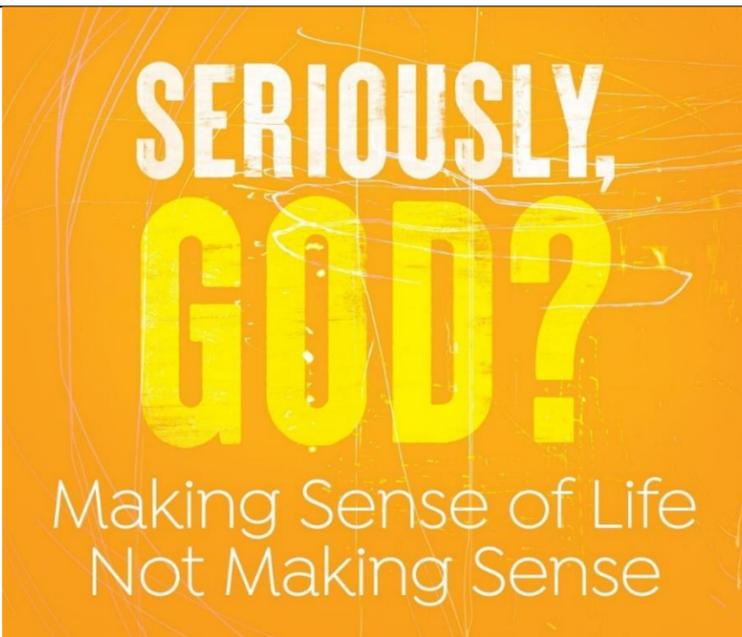
# LENT 2022

Join us on our journey through Lent,

Experience the wonder of renewal through guided small groups

Come to Mass to listen to the message from Father Mark & Father Anthony

[Sign up for daily emails](#) to support your journey



## Seriously, Good!

What a wonderful buzz there is around our Lent small groups: more than 150 excited people have gathered to discuss and share in the first week of the series! It seems apt to be trying to make sense of life especially at this time and through meeting to watch, listen and pray we gain a deepening of our faith, which bring blessings and gratitude to God.

Ways to follow through Lent:

Come and listen at Mass to Father Mark & Father Anthony or Sign up to daily emails which follow the Seriously, God program. To subscribe click here at [Flocknote](#)

**Join us on our journey!**

**Early Morning Mass** – thinking about taking on something extra in Lent? How about getting up (a little/a lot) earlier and attending the 7am Mass every Thursday at St Peter’s Church. What a fantastic way to start your day and to commit some additional time each week to God!



## Stations of the Cross

**St Peter’s** – Fridays at 11.30am and 7pm (Please note that on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, the evening Stations of the Cross will take place at 8pm.)

**St. Stephen’s** – Mondays at 7pm

**St Gregory’s** – Sundays at 5.30pm

**St Thomas More’s** – Fridays at 5.30pm (from 11<sup>th</sup> March)

[Click here](#) to discover more about the history of **Stations of the Cross**.



**Living Lent, Holy Week and Easter as a Family** Join us as we journey through Lent with our children! Each week we are posting a few things on the website to help you guide your children. It includes: a brief overview of the Sunday Gospel, saints’ feast days or other notable days to celebrate, colouring sheets, suggested activities, and an invitation to prayer. There is a Lenten Path and Calendar to download too! More activities added each week. **You can find it all in the ‘[Lent for Families](#)’ section of the Parish website.** Scroll down to click for this week’s offering. You can also look in the ‘Latest News’ section of the Homepage.

Wishing you all a continued blessed and grace-filled Lent

**24 Hours for the Lord - Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration** Come and join us in celebrating The Mercy & Compassion of God



**7.00pm Friday 25th March – 7.00pm Saturday 26th March**

**St Peter’s Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. All warmly welcomed!**



**From the official message of Pope Francis for Lent 2022: “Let us not grow tired of doing good” (Gal 6:9)**



## Laudato si Corner



In times of trouble, a walk in the countryside to pray and give thanks for this green part of the world is recommended.

The Hampshire Wildlife Trust takes care of many beautiful nature reserves and most have free entry. Dogs are usually welcome if they are on a lead.

Discover more on their website [www.hiwwt.org.uk](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk)



You don't have to travel miles, for example, Barton Farm Meadow just off the Andover Road, Broughton Down near Stockbridge, Chappets Copse West Meon, Fishlake Meadows near Romsey and of course, Hockley Meadows, starting in Shawford. Map references and travel instructions are all on the website. Dress for the weather and go and see.

## Calling everyone who might like to be an Altar Server

Perhaps the Lord is calling you to this wonderful ministry to serve on his holy sanctuary and help everyone who comes to Mass to adore God with reverence and love.

Have you made your First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server? Have you previously been an altar server and have missed serving during the pandemic?

Please consider saying 'yes' to God's invitation to serve. Now is such a good time to come forward as we start to prepare for our Holy Week Liturgy.

If you would like to serve, or are not sure but would like to know more, please come along to one of the 'get-to-know you' meetings in the Pastoral Centre at 3:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturday 12 March and at 3:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturday 26 March. Alternatively, if you cannot make the meeting, please register your interest at the Parish Office (01962 852804, or e-mail [hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)).

Parents: please be sure to bring a completed consent form (available from the office) or fill one in when you drop your children off.

Fr Anthony and Tony Darlison



**Offertory collection (cash)** – From the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March, it is our intention to recommence the collection process in advance of the Offertory. We have recently purchased new collection bags with an extended handle for the avoidance of concerns relating to Covid-19.

**Synodal Process Listening Report** The working group on the recent Synodal Process consultation have looked at all the results of the sessions, and prepared a fascinating summary of what was said - this now goes to the Diocese and on upwards through the process. If you have the newsletter emailed to you, the document is attached with this Peterpost. Otherwise you can find it on our [website by clicking here](#). Thanks are owed to all those who contributed by attending a session, all the facilitators and organizers, and the working group who have done such a wonderful job. We plan to spend time listening to and reflecting on what has been shared, and will feedback shortly on the next steps for us here in the parish.

**Pies & Puds - Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March** Our next lunch event will be on Wednesday 16th March 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 our very own **Fr Anthony**, who'll be talking about his home in Bamenda in Cameroon, his journey to be with us, and what the future holds for him. We can't promise he will do his amazing liturgical dancing - [see video here](#) - but it will be a great session. 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.



**The Catholic Women's League** will be holding their March Meeting next **Thursday, 17th March at 2.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre. All Ladies welcome. Please wear something Green (for St. Patrick's day!). Tea and cake provided too.

**Bookshop** – We sell a wide range of books, gifts and cards, including missals, bibles, prayer books, crosses, crucifixes, Alpha books, Lent books, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards. We also have St Patrick's Day cards and Easter cards. The bookshop is open during office hours and after Mass on Saturday mornings. Contact Susan Henry at [bookshop@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:bookshop@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

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

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**St. Thomas More's Stockbridge:** please email [stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

**Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022** – The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022, flying from Bournemouth Airport. The cost of the pilgrimage is £675 per person (based on 2 people sharing a room). Single rooms are available at a supplement. As before, the pilgrimage will be supported by the Youth of the Diocese. Those aged 15-35 volunteer to support the pilgrimage by helping with music, the liturgy, companionship for our pilgrims, and physically supporting those in need by pushing wheelchairs etc. The cost for a youth pilgrim is £575 and the parish may be able to support financially or otherwise – please contact Jo Donaldson for details [youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)

Booking forms and further information can be found on the diocesan website at <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes>.

Mass Timetable	12 <sup>th</sup> March – 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2022			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – March 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00AM	Mass	Rose & Jimmy Connors	Public
	5.30PM	Mass	K J Joseph RIP	Livestream, public
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Vigil)	8.00 AM	Mass	Elliott family	Livestream, public
SUNDAY – March 13 <sup>th</sup> SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Peace in Ukraine	Public*
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Fr Michael Peters (improvement in health)	Public
	10.30AM	Mass	Christopher Brown (operation)	Livestream, public
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's	People of the Parish	Public
	5.30PM	Mass	Afghans looking for refuge	Livestream, public
	MONDAY – March 14 <sup>th</sup>	12.15PM	Mass	For the Dead and Founders
TUESDAY – March 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Soul of Joannis Wells	Livestream & public
WEDNESDAY – March 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass	Neil Intentions	Livestream & public
THURSDAY – March 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00AM	Mass	Soul of Mary Wheble	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Dick Robson	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – March 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Joseph Pappachan RIP	Livestream & public
	7.00PM	Vigil Mass		
SATURDAY – March 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00AM	Mass	Agnes Fitzpatrick RIP	Public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass	Joseph Kelly	Livestream, public
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT- VIGIL				

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

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\*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](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.

**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 below for the average mass counts from the last 3 weeks.

Mass	Church	Capacity	Attendance
Saturday 5.30pm	SP	381	65
8am	SP	381	45
9am	STM	98	52
9.15am	SS	150	90
10.30am	SP	381	98
11am	SG	115	62
5.30pm	SP	381	53

**Mill Hill Missionaries**

**National Novena to St Joseph**

10 - 18 March 2022



The image above is a detail from a stained-glass window in our former Mill Hill house in Kilkenny, Ireland—courtesy of Fr. James O'Connell, M.H.M.

**NOVENA MASSES**  
will be celebrated at  
**St Joseph's Church**  
Maidenhead\*  
&  
**Herbert House**  
Freshfield  
Liverpool

\*Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available to view on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena).

**Invitation to join us in Prayer**  
If you would like to receive a Novena booklet please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Novena Director  
6 Colby Gardens  
Maidenhead  
Berkshire  
SL6 7GZ

Or email:  
[novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

For more information about the Mill Hill Missionaries, please visit our website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com)



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Dear Parents

**World Book Day**

Thank you for all your support with World Book Day; the children were truly marvellous. This year, the Bookworms took charge reminding their classes to dress as words and to bring in favourite stories to share. Each class had great fun guessing each other's words and the imaginative and colourful outfits were very eye-catching.

Mrs Hutchins (whose word was 'reflective') had a great idea and tasked all the classes to produce Wordles as a memory of the day.

Our aim was to broaden vocabulary by exposing our pupils to adventurous and exciting new words. The children read to each other and visited classes to share stories.

Reading for Pleasure is at the heart of our curriculum. We feel that this fabulous day endorsed this message.

Miss Buxton found another 'Blue Folder' on her visits to all the classes on Friday! See photo below.



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: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (midday)  
Interview date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (midday)  
Interview date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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.

You will be joining a friendly, supportive team of staff who are committed to being the best that they can be. Part-time working is possible for the right candidate. The above 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/>

**Receptionist**

Contract/hours: 20 hours per week worked over 4 or 5 days, term time only, permanent  
Salary range: Grade B (pro rata)  
Start date: ASAP  
Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (midday)  
Interview date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

We are looking for a friendly, enthusiastic, committed and self-motivated person to join our busy, experienced and welcoming office team who enjoy their job as well as occasional coffee and cake! The ability to prioritise your workload and be able to work under pressure, with many interruptions are essential qualities. You will need to be cheerful and well-organised with the capacity to communicate effectively with colleagues, teachers, parents and children. You will need to enjoy the challenges that a busy primary school office manages every day. 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. For more details, please visit the school website: <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/>