



**ST PETER'S
HOUSE**

CURIOSITY | ENCOUNTER | GIFT

Hello there,

Thank you for requesting information about our new role as a Chaplain at St. Peter's House Chaplaincy. We really hope that you are the perfect person for us! Read on to discover more about us, and who we're looking for.....

St Peter's House is the home of the Christian chaplaincy team for the Manchester Universities, RNCM, the University of Law and UA92, and we constantly challenge ourselves to reflect on the question: 'What does chaplaincy mean to the people around us, and what should it look like in practice?' Our faith like a deep well, and when we drop those questions deep the echoes come back to us that this should be a place where curiosity is encouraged, and where unexpected encounters happen that make life a bit more meaningful. That this place should be like a gift – somewhere that brings something unexpected but that speaks a message of love to the person who receives it.

So we've created a place of curiosity, encounter and gift! Hopefully, by now you'll have investigated us online and found out about some of the things we do – over the past few years we've developed into a unique space, full of life and enriched a wide range of people and activities. Then Covid-19 came along, the building closed and once again we needed to reimagine. We transitioned our programme online, developed a project called The Well - providing food and wellbeing resources for students and the local community - and now we're planning for the reopening of St. Peter's House in September 21 and we're looking for a person to join our team.

Read on for more details, and if you decide to apply please send an up-to-date CV and a covering letter (this should not exceed two side of A4) to jobs@stpeters.org.uk. In the covering letter, please systematically address how you fit the criteria sought in the Person Specification at the end of the Job Description.

St Peter's House is a **Disability Confident Employer** and we welcome applications from people with disabilities. We guarantee that we will offer interviews to applicants with disabilities who meet the essential criteria of the role.

The deadline for applications is 10am on Tuesday 3rd August and we will notify all candidates on that day if they have been called to interview. The interviews will take place on Monday 16th August.

If you'd like an informal conversation, then please email ben.edson@manchester.ac.uk to arrange a suitable time to speak

It could be you!

Ben Edson

Director, St. Peter's House.

7th July 2021

Chaplain, St Peter's House Chaplaincy, Manchester.

Based in St Peter's House (a significant building on Oxford Road in the heart of the University Quarter of Manchester) we offer Christian Chaplaincy to the University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University, the Royal Northern College of Music and The University of Law (Manchester Campus). The chaplaincy serves the 85,000 staff and students of the Universities, and we are ideally located to work across the institutions to explore what chaplaincy can offer in this diverse context.

The Universities

The University of Manchester is the largest single-site university in the UK, with the biggest student community. It is ranked 36th in the world, 8th in Europe and 5th in the UK. The University has undertaken the biggest investment in facilities by any UK university, with £750 million spent so far and a further £1 billion to follow by 2022.

Manchester Metropolitan University is a large and highly popular university. It's history spans over 150 years and the University's combination of the traditional and the contemporary gives it a distinct character. The University has over 37,000 students. There are 3,000 international students from over 130 different countries.

The Royal Northern College of Music is a leading international conservatoire located centrally on Oxford Road. It has a reputation for attracting talented students, teachers, conductors and composers from all over the world. The College is thriving with around 320 teaching staff and over 800 students from 60 different countries.

The University of Law is the UK's longest-established specialist provider of legal education with eight centres in seven cities around the UK and the University of Law in Manchester is based in the city centre (just off Piccadilly Gardens). There are just over 700 students, of which approximately 100 are undergraduate students and 600 post graduate students with a small cohort of International students across both programmes.

UA92 is one of the newest Universities in the UK, drawing from the Manchester United Class of 92. Alongside academic studies, their students embark on a personal development journey to prepare them to reach their full potential and for the world of work

The Charity

St. Peter's House Chaplaincy is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered no. 1166935. The sponsoring denominations (Manchester Diocese, Manchester & Stockport Methodist District, North West Baptist Association and the North West United Reformed Church Synod) and the two largest academic institutions (Manchester Metropolitan University and University of Manchester) are responsible for nominating the Trustees.

The CIO employs all staff including the Chaplains. Staff management and the wider work of the Chaplaincy is overseen and managed by Rev'd Ben Edson, the Director and senior officer of the CIO.

St Peter's House

St Peter's House extends over three floors. Opened in 1974, it is characteristic of the modernist, Scandinavian design of the period. The top floor and the basement are tenanted by the DePaul Trust, Greater Manchester Higher and other smaller tenants. The first floor and part of the top floor are the base for which the Chaplaincy operates. On the first floor are the team offices, pastoral rooms, a meeting room, entrance hall, a small chapel and a lecture theatre that accommodates 250 people. Also on this floor is our very popular social

enterprise, not-for-profit, plant based café - Milk & Honey. On the top floor we run our food response project (The Well), have a Wholeness Studio and our Multi-Faith Quiet Room. Externally we have gardens with raised beds and three Bee hives on our roof.

Ministry at St. Peter's House Chaplaincy

The Covid-19 pandemic caused a radical shift in the way that we operated. We reallocated all of our resources to feed those on and around campus in food crisis, setting up our holistic Covid-19 response project 'The Well'. Since Autumn 2020 we've offered weekly Well Packs, which combine fresh and dry goods with recipes, menu plans, cooking videos, wellbeing videos and content and one-to-one support. We've provided over 20,000 meals to those who would've otherwise struggled to feed themselves throughout lockdown.

Our intention is to move the Well from a Covid-19 crisis response project into a long-term core piece of work that provides students and local residents with healthy food, cooking tutorials and wellbeing resources.

However, to give you a sense of what ministry is like at St. Peter's House when we're not in the middle of a global pandemic here are some of the ways that we do chaplaincy at St. Peter's House:

Milk and Honey Cafe: We run a not for profit, plant based, volunteer cafe called Milk & Honey from the front of St. Peter's House. Milk & Honey is a vibrant cafe where various student and staff groups gather for social gatherings and meetings alongside the daily trade of people coming for lunch and coffees.

Perhaps what is most unique about Milk & Honey is the volunteer community that we work alongside to operate the cafe. As a chaplaincy team we get alongside our volunteers to support them as they journey through University. The cafe is overseen by the Director of Engagement and Development, and the charity employs a Chef and Cafe Manager to run the cafe.

Volunteering: Alongside volunteering in Milk & Honey, we have volunteers involved with 'The Well', Beekeeping and Gardening. We work alongside student volunteers and volunteers from various charities to enable them to learn skills in hospitality, gardening and beekeeping so that St. Peter's House becomes a place of belonging for them. Once a term we get our volunteers together to say thank-you and to connect them with the wider volunteer community at St. Peter's House.

The Wholeness Studio: Three years ago we received a grant to develop a space within St. Peter's House into a Wholeness Studio. From our studio we run part of our wholeness programme which includes Yoga, Mindfulness and Pilates, we engage with the Sports and Wellbeing Teams at both Universities to ensure that we are activities are integrated into their programme.

The Spark Rooms: The Spark Rooms are a hub for social entrepreneurs based at St. Peter's House. Currently we have a theatre company, a homelessness charity and a mentoring organization based in The Spark Rooms, but we are looking to provide space for many other social entrepreneurs. Our hope is develop this space further over the coming years.

Multi-Faith Work: On behalf of the Universities, Ben Edson co-ordinates the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy. In this capacity he works alongside independent Catholic, Jewish and Muslim Chaplains, and with a number of honorary Chaplains at St. Peter's House. Our honorary Chaplains at St. Peter's House are from the reformed Jewish tradition, Sufi Muslim tradition, Quaker tradition and Sikh tradition and bring much wisdom to the team. Our Multi-Faith work often involves advocating on behalf of students of faith, running religious literacy training sessions and working with the Equalities and Diversity teams at both Universities to ensure

that no student is discriminated against because of their religion.

Mandarin Community: An important, and long term piece of work is the Chaplaincy to the Mandarin speaking community of the Universities. This is supported by the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan and the URC. Before lockdown this was, amongst much more, a monthly gathering of Mandarin speakers for a community night where mandarin culture was celebrated and Mancunian culture was learnt about! During lockdown this transitioned to an online Pilates session, prayer meetings and social activities.

Programme: We run a broad programme of Cooking, Daily Prayer, Yoga, Pilates and much more. Alongside the weekly programme we run a number of special events such as an act of reflection on Transgender Day of Remembrance, a Carol Concert for the University of Manchester and events for welcome week. Please see the attached programme to give you a feel of a semester at St. Peter's House.

The Universities

We are not formally part of any team of either University and so our relationship with both universities depends on good communication, respect and trust. We have worked hard to nurture this over the last four years. At The University of Manchester we relate to the Director of Student Life and the Head of Advice and Response. At Manchester Metropolitan University we relate to the Director of Student Support Service and the Head of Inclusions and Pastoral Support, and at the RNCM we sit under Student Wellbeing.

Alongside this we work closely with the Social Responsibility team at the University of Manchester, in particular the Equalities and Diversity team and Student Volunteering team. We have a good working relationship with both Student Unions.

Chaplaincy Team

The current SPH chaplaincy team is the Revd Ben Edson (Director), and Hannah Skinner (The Director of Engagement and Development). We also employ a Team PA, a Chef and a Cafe Manager. Alongside recruiting for a new chaplain we are also currently recruiting for a Chaplaincy Assistant, two half-time chefs and a Chaplaincy Assistant to the Mandarin speaking community.

There is a wider honorary chaplaincy team that also make an important contribution to SPH.

We are looking for a person to journey with us as we seek to develop our innovative way of understanding and 'doing' chaplaincy at St Peter's House.

Chaplain

Salary: £37,000, with a defined contribution pension scheme.

Holidays: 28 days

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours of work: Full Time — 40 hours per week

Normal place of work: St Peters House, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9GH

There is a probationary period of three months

Candidates invited for interview shall be asked to apply for an enhanced criminal disclosure check through the Disclosure & Barring Procedure (DBS). A conviction (spent or unspent) may not exclude a candidate from this position, but will be considered as part of the recruitment process.

St Peters House confirms its commitment to develop, maintain and support a comprehensive policy of equal opportunities in employment. To assist in this we will actively support job sharing where it is reasonable and practical to do so and where operational needs will not be adversely affected. St. Peter's House is a disability confident employer.

Purpose

The Chaplain is to work alongside the existing team with two areas of particular focus:

1 - Developing the 'deep' and contextually appropriate model of Christian Community and Discipleship at St. Peters House.

2 - Overseeing and developing our programme including our 'Wholeness' work, and innovatively incorporating wellbeing practices within our Chaplaincy context.

Accountability & Key Relationships

The post is line managed by the Director of St. Peter's House Chaplaincy. The post holder has key working relationships with the Director of Engagement and Development, the SPH Team and the Milk & Honey Cafe Team.

Key Tasks

To contribute actively to the work of the chaplaincy team by:

- Contributing to the imaginative development of chaplaincy in the University context.
- Offering pastoral support and guidance to the Staff and Students of the Universities.
- Developing Christian discipleship and community for the University community of Manchester.
- Overseeing worship that is contextually appropriate to the University community of Manchester.
- Being part of an offer of a 'prophetic' witness within the Universities, encouraging

and gently and responsibly challenging them.

- Overseeing and developing our programme alongside the SPH team.
- Engaging with Higher Education issues and reflecting theologically on them.

Person Specification	
Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
An authentic understanding of the ministry and values of St. Peter's House Chaplaincy and a willingness to work within our values.	
Experience of faith ministry with pastoral experience	Experience of ministry in an HE Context
Experience of developing models of Christian Community and discipleship for young people.	
Commitment to working ecumenically	Significant experience of working ecumenically
In good standing in one of the member denominations of Churches Together.	Ordained within one of the sponsoring denominations.
Demonstrable experience of effective team working.	
Demonstrable ability to think and act creatively on the place of theology and religion in contemporary society	Theological qualification
Demonstrable ability to take the initiative and work independently when required .	
An interest in a particular areas of our programme and a desire to develop the programme further.	Experience in one of our main programme areas.
	Demonstrable ability to develop innovative ways of engaging with students of all faiths and none.
Demonstrable ability to engage systemically with complex institutions	An understanding of the world of Higher Education
Excellent IT skills and engaged with the digital world.	





YOU HAVE ARRIVED AT ST PETER'S HOUSE

Imagine a land called Milk & Honey. A land of abundance, where everyone knows that they've found home. A land where there's enough for everyone. A place to trust together in the world's essential goodness.

We know we can't change the world with a little café, but we do believe in the power of imagination. We believe in the goodness of people when they come together, bringing their own ideas and imagination. People just like you.

We called our café Milk & Honey to make our imagination come alive. What wonderful world could come alive through you this year...?

This year at St Peter's House we will be slowing down and imagining. The programme is rich and varied — there are spaces for stillness, times to find your inner Taylor Swift (hello? Taylor?), and Mindful moments—a-plenty.

Mostly, we invite you to come along and just be you.

You are welcome here.

This is Milk & Honey.
This is St. Peter's House.



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PROGRAMME: SPRING 2020

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WEEKLY

MONDAY



Bake it 'til you make it...: 8-11am

Learn baking skills alongside our chefs in this weekly Baking Masterclass. You'll grow in confidence, kitchen tips-and-tricks and general impressive sweet-treat repertoire.

This opportunity is offered to all our St Peter's House volunteers;

Email: volunteer@milkyandhoneycafe.org for more information.

L Milk & Honey **B** Booking essential

Mood & Food Mini: 12-12.20

A twenty-minute tune-in, learning mindful eating principles in this bite-sized session. Mindful eating is a way to bring full attention to our experiences; being fully present, moment-by-moment... Do something new with your lunchbreak!

L Wholeness Studio **B** Drop in

Pilates: 12.30-1.15

Deepen connections within your body and align your mind and movement, whilst having a good old core work-out. With an emphasis on focus, breath, and control, these sessions will leave you pilates-powered up from Monday lunchtime on.

Email: countmein@stpeters.org.uk

Students/Concs.: £2.50

Non-students: £5

L Wholeness Studio **B** Booking essential

Yoga for Beginners: 2-3pm

Introducing some principles of yoga philosophy. We'll explore foundational postures at a gentle pace and practice different breathing exercises. Ideal for those dipping their toes into yogic waters, or hoping to gain back-to-basics confidence.

L Wholeness Studio **B** Drop in

TUESDAY

Yoga Breakfast: 8-9am

Imagine where your day could take you when it begins like this... Come and find out with us at this early-bird session, which incorporates a 30 minute yoga wake-up for your mind and body followed by breakfast in Milk & Honey. Suitable for all levels.

Email: countmein@stpeters.org.uk

Students: £4

Non-students: £7.50

(Note: Price includes session and breakfast).

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Lunch-break Gardening: 1-2pm

Step away from your desk and join us for as long as you like over your lunch-hour. Sow some seeds, pull some weeds, switch off while you can. Equipment provided, but come willing to get your hands mucky.

Find us at the allotments on the forecourt or raised beds behind the building.

L St Peter's Gardens **B** Drop in

WEDNESDAY

Yoga to Energise: 9-9.45am

Sun salutations to welcome the Spring (come on sunshine...!) Using breath-synchronised sequences, we'll help you get your glow on and heart pumping. Some experience helpful with this one...

L Wholeness Studio **B** Drop in

I'm Just Gonna Shake Shake Shake Shake Shake...: 12.30-1pm

Shake it off, and remember that all roads lead to the weekend from Wednesday lunchtime... 30 minutes of dancing like nobody's watching with a different beat every week (...flamenco, Bollywood, K-pop anyone?) Our instructor will make sure this session is accessible to all levels and abilities, so come along and drop it like it's hot.

L Wholeness Studio **B** Drop in

'Hello there!': Milk & Honey Volunteer Introductions: 2-3pm

Fancy joining Team Milk & Honey? Our non-profit café is run by a diverse but universally fabulous group of volunteers. The team serve, cook, welcome and generally grow our community - making Milk & Honey magic every day. If you'd like to get involved, this session will tell you how.

Email volunteer@milkhoneycafe.org

L Milk & Honey **B** Booking essential

THURSDAY

Explorer Yoga: 10.30-11.30am

Yoga with no barriers, for young adults with additional needs. Our specialist teacher leads this session through times of fun and moments of the unexpected, into periods of peace and stillness.

Note: We're pleased to be offering these classes currently in association with 'Pure Innovations', an organisation that supports people with additional needs to live independent lives.

Email wholeness@stpeters.org.uk

Breathing Space: 12.30-1pm

Each week, different members of the St Peter's House team will draw on the ancient wisdom of their spiritual paths to create a space which is gentle, contemplative and mindful. The sessions will vary depending on the facilitator, but each may draw on poetry, music, sacred texts from different traditions, gentle movement or times of stillness.

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Global Crafts of Wellbeing: 1-2pm

Each culture has its own healing traditions, and this group is an opportunity to explore these through making different crafts. Creating side-by-side, the group will explore how wellbeing is nurtured through learning these arts.

Note: Whilst hosted by the Mandarin Community and particularly aimed at International students, this group will be presented in English and open to all.

L Milk & Honey **B** Drop in

Bee Love: 1-2pm

Bee-keeping for beginners. Meet in the Entrance Hall and head up to the roof to help care for our busy bees. Numbers for this popular volunteer opportunity are limited, but we hold a waiting list. Equipment and training provided.



B Email bees@stpeters.org.uk for more info.

FRIDAY

Yoga on the Healing Journey:

12.30-1.15pm

Living with chronic pain, fatigue or stress makes connecting with pleasant physical experiences hard, and that's where simple, mindful movements become invaluable! This session is breath-led and 'non-achieving' - the focus is on reconnecting with the body in positive ways. Slow-moving, gentle and surprisingly joyful, these sessions are suitable for beginners and people of all levels of ability and fitness.

L Wholeness Studio **B** Drop in

MANDARIN COMMUNITY MONTHLY EVENTS

The Mandarin Community at St Peter's House meet regularly, offering welcome and belonging to Mandarin speaking students who are often a long way from home.

1st Tuesday every month, Mandarin Community Festival Night: 6-9pm

A monthly celebration of all things Mandarin! This monthly festival night brings together food, special guests, the opportunity to learn about British culture, and one way for you to join this diverse and growing community.

Email countmein@stpeters.org.uk

L Milk & Honey **B** Booking essential.

2nd Tuesday every month, Evening Pause: 6-7 pm

A quiet space for Mandarin speaking Christians and those who are interested in knowing more about faith. A monthly gathering to build friendships, share questions, and pray together in Mandarin.

Please note: This event will be hosted in Mandarin.

L St Peter's House Chapel **B** Booking essential

3rd Tuesday every month, Let's Talk Mandarin: 7-9 pm

In partnership with the Manchester Taiwanese Association, this is an opportunity to practice Mandarin or Taiwanese. Taking a different theme each month, this group is a place to grow friendships, exchange ideas and develop language confidence.

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SPECIAL EVENTS



milk & honey
CAFE

25,029
LUNCHES

10,000
VOLUNTEERING
HOURS

44,663
PROPER COFFEES

HAPPY 2nd BIRTHDAY MILK & HONEY!

February 10th-14th, 8am-3pm

O.M.G.....Yep, we're going to be two years old!! Join us all week to celebrate two delicious years of Milk & Honey café!

Over 10,000 volunteering hours; 25,029 lovely lunches from local, sustainable ingredients that reduce food waste and support other social enterprise ventures; 44,663 proper coffees and fine cups of tea from local, ethical suppliers..... and we could go on. Milk & Honey has been busy making a difference for two whole years, and it's time to put on our party frocks and light up our birthday candles!

Our little birthday gift-cards (For you! Free, and available in the cafe) can be brought to the cafe at any time throughout the week to receive a

birthday gift of 20% off your total bill. There'll be general mood of merriment all week, as well as our usual breakfast and lunch menus — this week inspired by bright and beautiful birthday beets.

Enter the draw to win our big fancy birthday cake, and come along to our special drop-in birthday events — including bird-box building, cookery demo's and a Global Crafts with a birthday flavor!

L Milk & Honey **B** Drop in

Chinese New Year January 30th, 11am-3pm

One 'Happy New Year!' is never enough... and we love to mark Chinese New Year in Milk & Honey style. Join us in the café all day for a unique cultural celebration. Hand-make vegan dumplings with our chefs in a one-off mini-cook-school, learn Chinese calligraphy, and create beautiful paper-cutting art...

L Milk & Honey **B** Drop in



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Death Café March

19th: 7.30–9pm

Death café is a place for anyone who wants to talk about death.

We're all going to die — and so this is a place to wonder, to forget taboos and to talk about anything to do with death and dying.

Email hello@milkmahoneycafe.org

L Milk & Honey **B** No booking required



'Cook School' National Vegetarian

Week: May 13th, 3.30–6.30pm

7.30–9pm

As one of Manchester's finest vegetarian cafés we're all fired up to spread some veggie love for NVW. Join our Head Chef for this 3-hour lesson (and 3-course feast!), and add some vegetarian skills to your culinary toolkit as you master some of our signature menu dishes.

Email: countmein@stpeters.org.uk

Students /Concs: £10

Non-students: £15

L Milk & Honey **B** Booking essential



Wholeness Retreat: 11–12th July

Love what we do here at St Peter's House to build community and make good things happen?

Seeking to find more ways to Wholeness in your own life....?

This summer our Wholeness Retreat weekend will bring these things together; giving you a chance to support our work whilst enjoying a weekend of yoga, pilates, cooking and eating, learning and meditating, sound therapy, massage and more....

Further details to be announced, but spaces will be limited and it'll be EPIC so watch. this. space....

Email wholenessretreat@stpeters.org.uk for more information.



WHOLENESS



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