

The Messenger

St Michaels Church, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR
St Bernard's Church, (SB) Southbourne Ave, Holbury, SO45 2NT

12th June 2011

Pentecost Sunday - Divine Office: Week 3

Sun 12 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 13 th	No Service <i>(Liturgy: Memorial - St Anthony of Padua, Religious, Doctor, 1195-1231)</i>
Tues 14 th	10.00am SM Morning prayer & Mass <i>(Liturgy: of the Day, - 11th Week of the Year)</i>
Wed 15 th	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass <i>(Liturgy: of the Day, - 11th Week of the Year)</i>
Thurs 16 th	10.00am LT Mass <i>(Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial - St Richard of Chichester, Bishop, 1197-1253)</i>
Fri 17 th	No Service <i>(Liturgy: of the Day)</i>
Sat 18 th	10.00am SM Mass Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation Until 11.30am <i>(Liturgy: of the Day, or Our Lady on Sat)</i> 1.00pm SM Baptism - Eve Hannah Gallagher
Sun 19 th	The Most Holy Trinity 9.00am St Bernards 11.00am St Michaels

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Confirmation Candidates of the Pastoral Area, for the good estate of Rev Steven Bowler, Rev Bill O'Connell & Rev Ian Tobin, Sarah Hedges (Intentions), Efigenia Acantilado RIP, Bert Smith RIP Anniv, Dennis Stanfield RIP Anniv.

For the week beginning 19th June: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Confirmation Candidates of the Pastoral Area, for the good estate of Rev Steven Bowler, Rev Bill O'Connell & Rev Ian Tobin, Bert Smith RIP Anniv, all fathers & grandfathers.

New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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HEARING GOD IN OUR OWN LANGUAGE

For Luke, the writer of the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel, Pentecost is the great empowerment of the disciples of Jesus. They had been discouraged by Jesus death, mysteriously enlivened by the resurrection experiences of Jesus but they were still afraid and unsure of their next move.

So they were altogether, women, men, apostles, disciples - and Jesus' mother was there too. They were praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amazingly, just as was prophesied by the prophet Joel, the Holy Spirit comes down on all of them, with wind & tongues of flame. They are given courage and boldness to openly praise God for all God's wonderful works. And all those who heard it were amazed that they could hear the praises of God in their own language.

So, irrespective of gender and status, the great gift of the Holy Spirit is given to everyone, male & female, slave or free person. The praises of God are declared in the different languages of the hearers. They didn't have to listen to it in Hebrew or get a translator.

So the Holy Spirit was overcoming divisions, prejudices, statuses and empowering everyone male or female, young or old. The Holy Spirit was establishing the democracy of the Spirit. In harmony with Jesus' own teaching the Spirit does away with selfish ambition, status, power, privilege. The Holy Spirit does away with special clothing and any other obsession with appearances or trivial things. The Holy Spirit makes known to everyone that God is with us in all our situations. We don't have to be in any particular places, or say any particular words, or use any particular style of language. We don't have to reach up to God, or try to make ourselves acceptable to God. We don't have to change God's mind or persuade God to be good to us. God has already done all this for us in Jesus. God is now Emmanuel, God With Us. In Christ we become his Body & Blood and God is present with us in the ordinary things and situations of every day.

The Holy Spirit gathers the community together where all are brothers and sisters. No one sets themselves up as the only Teacher or Master, because Christ is the Teacher. No one allows themselves to be called Father and the others do not allow anyone to dictate or dominate the group because they have only one Father, in heaven. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the followers of Jesus learn from the gentleness and humility of Jesus. They allow themselves to be changed and become as children, not silly, naive and irresponsible, but spontaneous, grateful, non-judgemental, trusting, believing, & benevolent. The Spirit teaches them to love and serve one another with joy and graciousness. The Spirit teaches them that they are all one. So there is no need for competition, jealousy or envy. Everyone has an equal value in God's eyes and everyone has some role they can fulfil which helps the community. No one is better than anyone else.

The Holy Spirit teaches everyone that they are on a spiritual growth journey. The Spirit is leading them into the fuller truth. They will come to know other "sheep" that Jesus has that don't come from the same culture or religious tradition. The followers of Jesus will listen to them, share with them and learn from them. They will admire and respect the work that God has done in gathering all these different groups in different parts of the world.

The Holy Spirit will dwell in the hearts of all, leading them on a spiritual journey of prayer. On this journey it doesn't matter about words, because the Spirit will pray in ways that are beyond words. The prayer of the "little ones who have faith" will be primarily thanksgiving and praise. They will praise God for all the wonders of the creation. They will thank God for all the greatness of God's compassion, mercy and goodness revealed in Jesus.

They will delight in all the marvellous things they can do, in all the gifts and talents they have, in the many ways they can be kind, loving, caring and life-giving. They will recognise also limitations, weaknesses, faults and failings. But because they have complete trust in God's love they do not waste energy on self-condemnation, guilt or anxiety. They do not allow themselves to be paralysed by discouragement. Instead, taking responsibility for themselves and for those in need they take positive action and do all they can to make things better for everyone. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Jackie & Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Ellen Pick, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Sarah, Eileen Shanley, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

THANK YOU. The collection for World Communications raised £140.93p.

JUNE EDITION OF PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: is now available at the back of church. It is full of interesting articles & it has more detail from Bishop Crispian about the new translation of the Liturgy.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES: This was issued & read last weekend. It concerns the new translation of the Roman Missal which will be introduced partially in September and completely at the beginning of Advent 2011. Some copies are still available at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Please keep Anna Lawes & Hannah Teague in your prayers as they begin preparation for Confirmation. They are joining a group of young people from Totton on their programme. Marion Teague is also assisting Deacon Andy Philpott as a Confirmation catechist. The celebration of the Sacrament will be at St Michaels on Thursday, June 30th at 7pm. The Sacrament will be conferred by Mgr Tom McGrath, Vicar General. Due to health issues Bishop Crispian has had to cut back on his duties

THANKS FROM IAN & BARBARA TOBIN: to all the cleaners, flower arrangers (from St Michaels & St Bernards) and helpers who prepared the church for Dominic & Gillian's wedding last weekend. It was a lovely celebration and they were blessed with good weather too. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dominic & Gillian for a long & happy married life together.

WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: There is a continuing need for regular donations of food for Waterside Foodbank. There is a growing number of individuals and families suffering hardship through redundancy, illness, unemployment, homelessness, etc. Collection boxes are in the foyers of St Michael's and St Bernard's churches, with leaflets listing the types of food needed.

Book Recommendations:

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life. By Richard Rohr. Jossey-Bass, ISBN 978-0-470-90775-7

Unmasking God: revealing God in the Ordinary. By Daniel J. O'Leary, The Columba Press, ISBN 978-1-85607-726-2

We Walk the Path Together: Learning from Thich Nhat Hanh & Meister Eckhart. By Brian J. Pierce OP, Orbis Boos, ISBN-13: 978-1-57075-613-9

The Warmth of the Heart prevents your Body from Rusting - Ageing without growing old. By Marie de Hennezel, Rodale ISBN 978-1-905744-84-8, (a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week)

For helpful spiritual reflections check out; Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. He is an internationally acclaimed writer, retreat giver & columnist. Go to www.ronrolheiser.com for his weekly reflection & archives of those of past years.

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CAFOD:CONNECT 2 RWANDA LUNCH ON 10 JULY

Feza and Adela from the Connect programme are visiting England to meet some parishes involved in helping them. CAFOD groups from Waterside, Totton and Lydhurst are arranging a buffet lunch at St Theresa's Parish Hall, 20 Beaumont Road Totton at 12noon on Sunday 10 July for them to meet supporters. There will be a short presentation and talk by Adela before lunch at 1pm This will be a unique opportunity to meet some of the people that our CAFOD collections help. All are welcome Tickets include 2 course lunch and soft drinks (cost £5) will be available after Masses on 26 June and 3 July.

On 26 June there will be an exhibition of Rwanda artefacts in the porches after Mass: an introduction to meeting the ladies. Also raffle tickets for funds for Rwanda will be on sale.

CHEESE & WINE WITH AN AUCTION OF PROMISES

This will take place on **Saturday, July 9th at 7pm at St Bernard's Hall. Tickets are ON SALE NOW £4** - cheese & biscuits and 2 glasses of wine or non-alcoholic drinks. Thank you to all those who have offered items for the auction or have promised to make/do something. However, we could do with a few more promises. See a member of the St Martha group after Mass to make your 'promise'. We hope you will also come along on the night as the auction won't be successful without you! You can view the auction items from 6p.m. on the 9th July.



STREET PASTORS - NEW FOREST: Local churches in the new Forest Area are being asked to support this new initiative. Could you become a Street Pastor? Or a member of a Support team? For information email: fstreetpastors@hotmail.co.uk

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OPEN EVENING

Monday 27th June 2011
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Parents with daughters in Year 5 considering applying for admission to St Anne's are invited to

The Open Evening
in the School Hall

Parking: Bedford Place public car park & local streets

For the Ideal Gift visit
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