

# The Messenger

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

## BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF EASTER EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

20th April

9.00am Mass at SB

Baptism Rhiannon SB during Mass

11.00am Mass at SM

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2: Psalter week 1

Monday within the Easter Octave 21st April No Service  
Tuesday within the Easter Octave 22nd April No service  
Wednesday within the Easter Octave 23rd April No Service  
(St George, patron of England, transferred to 28th April)  
Thursday within the Easter Octave 24th April No Service

Friday within the Easter Octave 25th April Mass 10am SM  
Saturday within the Easter Octave 26th April Mass 10am SM  
Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER of the Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

### Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 20th April

Anniversaries this week: Bill Chainey (24th), James Connaughton (24th), Vera West (24th), Patrick Bolton (26th)

Those who have died recently: Ellen Pick F/M, Honora Power, Canon Terence Walsh

Other Intentions: Petra Daniels (Health), Keith Jerram (special intention),

### WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev David Adams -Parish Priest- based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

Rev Vincent Convery

Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) Tel:02380 207449

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### New Forest East Pastoral Area: Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside,

Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am

Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni : Tel: 023 8086 2270

Rev Andrew Philpott (Deacon)

### New Forest West Pastoral Area: Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton

Parish Priest :Rev David Adams Tel: 01590 676696

Rev Stephen Morgan (Deacon)

St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington, St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.

Parish Priest: Rev Marcin Drabik : Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton at 6pm

Sunday: Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am,

New Milton 6.30pm Mass in Polish

Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

## RESURRECTION – THE RESPONSE OF THE FATHER

When Mary of Magdala goes to visit the tomb of Jesus she expects to make a rendezvous with death. It is very early on the first day of the week. It is still dark, but there is light enough to see that the stone has been moved from the entrance to the tomb. Mary's reaction is not immense relief that Jesus is not dead. She does not cheat herself with that mad groundless hope. The only conclusion she can come to is that some unknown people must have stolen the dead body of Jesus. Even in death Jesus is not allowed to rest in peace.

When Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple hear Mary's story they run to the tomb. The account in John's Gospel is clearly written in favour of the Beloved Disciple. When Peter enters the tomb he sees the burial clothes; when the Beloved Disciple enters the tomb he sees and he believes. The disciple who was closest to Jesus in love is the one who is first to believe in him as the risen Lord. Perhaps the Beloved Disciple reckoned that if someone had stolen the body he would not have taken the trouble to strip the body first and then roll up the burial clothes. Or perhaps the evangelist John is simply telling us that beloved disciples are always the first to get to the heart of the matter. For the heart of the resurrection is the matter of love.

What we celebrate in the resurrection is God's liberating love for his beloved Son. Resurrection is the Father's response to the cross, his defiant answer to a world that hoped violence could keep Jesus in its hold. In raising Jesus from the dead God raised every value that Jesus stood for, every story that Jesus told, every preference that Jesus made, every purpose that Jesus followed. All this was given new life and new significance.

If death had spoken the final word about Jesus, it would only have been a matter of time before everything about Jesus would have been reduced to a curiosity, a forgettable footnote in the crowded history of lost causes. But God had the last word. As indeed he had the first. The resurrection of Jesus was not a hysterical invention of people who refused to accept the death of their master. On the contrary, resurrection is the original act of accepting Jesus' death. The Father's act of raising Jesus from the dead is the Father's way of accepting his Son's death. Jesus is wakened to new life by the applause of his Father, by the sheer energy of his Father's love, by the loud shout of his Father's gratitude. The dead Jesus has no alternative but to rise to the occasion. The tomb can never be his permanent address.

The Good News is that the Father's affirmation is not confined to Jesus; it is extended to all who follow the way of the beloved Son. As Paul says in today's second reading: "When Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him." In the meantime, however, we struggle to let some of that glory shine through our halting efforts to follow the Lord. We know the way of the cross leads to our own doorstep and that we are challenged to take it. But it also leads us to the Father's ultimate affirmation, to the God who will laugh us out of our tombs. Today let us bless the God who insists on having the last laugh!  
(from Denis McBride: Seasons of the Word).


(Book Recommendation: *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,)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Gabrielle Hennig, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Morag Horne, Serena Hoskyns, Keith Jerram, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, George Raffray, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Emmie Walker, Neil Tisdale, George Watson, Helen Whitty.  
(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)


### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:


- + The people of England and all those named after St George
- + The sick of the parish and those who care for them.
- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement.
- + Those in conflict around the world, especially the Ukraine.
- + The First Holy Communion Candidates: Leon Carbayo-Borges, Carlos Carbayo-Borges & Caitlin Cross as they start their preparation for their First Holy Communion.
- + Win Cocker - Happy birthday!
- + The passengers on the ferry in South Korea and their families.
- + New members of the Church.

**QUIZ NIGHT** The next quiz night will be held on Saturday 3rd May 2014. Tickets will be available after masses at both churches on Sunday 27th April, or you can just turn up and pay on the night. There will be an American supper and as always, tea and coffee will be available but you are welcome to bring along wines and any other drinks you like. Proceeds from this very popular event help towards the Christmas lunch for our more senior parishioners. (Mary King)


 **DON'T FORGET** the Spring Fair/Plant sale 17th May. St Bernard's 10am-12.30. With all this sun your plants must be getting nice and strong ready to donate to the plant sale! If you need to buy more plants for your garden then this is the place to be!

If you have any prizes for the raffle please take them to the parish shop or leave at the back of the church marked 'for plant sale raffle'. To all the bakers among you- please help by baking a cake and taking it along on the day.

 **EASTER SUNDAY - ST BERNARD'S** - We very much look forward to Rhiannon's Baptism during the Mass on Easter Sunday at St Bernard's. There will be breakfast refreshments after Mass so, if you can, you're very welcome to stay behind a while and celebrate with the family.

 **HOLIDAY** I will be away from 1st to 19th May so the office will be closed. If you have anything for the newsletter- especially Mass intentions/prayers- please let me have it by Thursday 24th April, preferably earlier, as I have to put together three newsletters for the three Sundays I am away.


Happy Easter to you all!

 **MANY THANKS** A big thank you to all the staff at Faith Hope & Charity for donating various eggs, chocolates, new bunnies, baskets etc. and also A big thank you to you, the parishioners, for buying the raffle tickets. We can't do this without you! We have raised the GRAND TOTAL OF £450 !!! Hooray hip hip hooray! Winners will be notified. (Tina Bowler)


**DIBDEN METHODIST CHURCH** warmly invites you all to their Anniversary service on Wednesday May 14th at 2.30pm at the Methodist Church in North Road. Please enter by the door at the rear of the church. The speaker is Mrs Sue De' Jong & the soloist/pianist will be Mrs Val Mead both from St Andrew's church. A tea will follow.

**NOAH' the movie** starring Russell Crowe as Noah. The film was inspired by the epic story of courage, sacrifice and hope. Directed by visionary filmmaker Darren Aronofsky. It has been described by some as a 'bizarre' film. It has had incredibly mixed reviews from 'Astonishing and miraculous' to 'A captivating but flawed epic'. Why not see it and make up your own mind.

 **The Pope Tweets:** @Pontifex With Jesus our life becomes full. With him everything makes sense.

 **Papal Prayer Intention** If we want to cultivate peace, we must protect creation. The condition of our planet and its resources are directly linked to the wellbeing of the people who live on it. The way we decide to share and ensure a sustainable future, determines how just or unjust a legacy we create. The quest for peace will become easier if all acknowledge the indivisible relationship between God, human beings and the whole of creation. The duty to protect creation falls to each of us, but as individuals there is only so much we can achieve. We are asked in addition to put pressure on our governments to act in non self-ish and non greedy interests. This month we join in Pope Francis' prayer intention

**"That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources."**

 **Urbi Et Orbi** Today Pope Francis will celebrate Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square at 10:15am, followed by his Easter address *urbi et orbi* (to the city of Rome and the world) from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica at midday. Tune in.

 **CANONISATION OF BLESSED POPE JOHN XXIII AND BLESSED POPE JOHN II** on Sunday 27 April. On Divine Mercy Sunday Pope Francis will Canonise Popes John XXIII & John Paul II.


Asked to describe the two late popes, Pope Francis said Blessed John was "a bit of the 'country priest,' a priest who loves each of the faithful and knows how to care for them; he did this as a bishop and as a nun-cio."

He was holy, patient, had a good sense of humour. By calling the Second Vatican Council, he proved he was a man of courage. He was a man who let himself be guided by the Lord."


As for Blessed John Paul, Pope Francis told the reporters "I think of him as 'the great missionary of the church,'" because he was "a man who proclaimed the Gospel everywhere".

### COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL:

**THE EASTER OFFERING 20th April:** As is traditional the collection at Easter is for Fr David & Fr Vincent and forms a part of their ordinary income for the year. They will be very grateful for whatever you can give at this time.

 Saint George is popularly identified with England and English ideals of honour, bravery and gallantry, but actually he wasn't English at all. Saint George was a Roman soldier who protested against the Roman's torture of Christians and died for his beliefs.

The popularity of St George in England stems from the time of the early Crusades, when it is said that the Normans saw him in a vision and were victorious. The most famous legend of Saint George is of him slaying a dragon. In the Middle Ages the dragon was commonly used to represent he Devil. Because St George's day falls on a day within the Easter Octave its solemnity has been transferred to 28th April.

 **SPECIAL THANKS FROM FR DAVID & FR VINCENT TO ALL WHO HELPED US CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER:** To our Deacons, Steve & Ian, to Tony for advice and keeping us all in check, to Irene for liturgical preparation & music, to our choir (St Michaels) & music arrangers (St Bernards), to our Servers, to Ministers of the Word and Communion, Childrens' Liturgy Catechists, to our Welcomers, to cleaners, flower arrangers, Collectors & Collection Auditors and to all those who pray for others.

**IF YOU ARE IN LYMINGTON ON EASTER MONDAY:** Please come and support the opening, to passers by, of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph in Lymington on Easter Monday, 21st April, from 10 am until 3pm.

This is an event of the Diocesan's 'Court of the Gentiles' where we create space for those who are seeking to be quiet, light a candle, be still and then, afterwards, have coffee and conversation if they want to.

### Bitesize

There are two ways to slide easily through life; to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking.

Alfred Korzybski  
US (Polish-born) author, logician, & scientist (1879 - 1950)