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St Michael's churches***28th march 2010
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St Bernard's Church

Southbourne Avenue,

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Waterside Catholic Parish

PASTORAL TEAM

Priest: Fr David Adams**Deacons:** Steve Bowler (8020 7449)

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call between 9am - 2pm (Mon & Tue only)**For the Ideal Gift**

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Faith, Hope & Charity**8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE****SO45 6DA****Tel: 023 8020 7882**

PALM SUNDAY

Sun	28	9 am	SB	Mass: Palm Sunday	
		11 am	SM	Mass: Palm Sunday	
		3 pm	SM	Baptism: Hayden Brodrick	
		6 pm	SM	Mass: Palm Sunday	
Mon	29	11 am	SM	Funeral Mass: Patrick Keane RIP	
Tue	30	11 am	SM	Prayer Pottery (11am Chrism Mass at Cathedral)	
Wed	31	7.30 pm	SM	Mass: of Holy Week	
Thu	1	8 pm	SM	Holy Thursday Mass with watching Altar of repose until Midnight	
Fri	2	10.45 am for 11	Hythe	Ecumenical Gathering of Witness , from car parks at Jones Lane, Library, and St John's	
		10 am		Ecumenical Walk of Witness from Hardley Pentecostal walking to Baptist church, Blackfield	
		3 pm	SM	Good Friday Liturgy	
		7.30 pm	SM	Stations of the Cross	
Sat	3	10 am	SM	Sacrament of Reconciliation (10am - 11am)	

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Sat	3	8 pm	SB	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun	4	9 am	SB	Easter Sunday Mass
		11 am	SM	Easter Sunday Mass
				NO EVENING MASS TODAY

For the week beginning 28th March we will be offering Masses for: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, deceased members of the Chryzanowski family, Charles Ketley RIP (Anniv), Lucy Elliott RIP

For the week beginning 4th April we will be offering Masses for: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, deceased Clergy of the Diocese

ROOF FUND

Due to your amazing fundraising and contributions we have reached a staggering 70% of our target with £9513.51 **raised in less than a year.**
Thank you all, for your generosity

HOW DOES THE CROSS OF CHRIST SAVE US?

When the Christian Bible refers to the death of Jesus it relies heavily on metaphors of ransom, payment and blood sacrifice. This is because the first believers in Jesus had to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus in terms of what went before in their own religion. What preceded it, of course, was the Law and the Prophets and all the ritual of animal sacrifice associated with the Jewish religion before the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. While this provided a rich, interpretative framework for the first Christians it is not so important for us now. And in some ways it has become a barrier to the proclamation of the Good News precisely because of its richness, complexity and historical remoteness. We really need to leave behind all these metaphors which if interpreted logically end up completely distorting the image of God. Unfortunately many Christians are still unaware of the implications of these crude metaphors which if used unthinkingly without qualification can make God appear as an angry monster demanding a blood sacrifice in order to be appeased.

Abandoning the Scriptural imagery may appear dangerously presumptuous if it wasn't for the biblical writing attributed to John the Evangelist. The text is: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:16). And in another place we are told quite emphatically "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Jesus remained faithful to his Father, refusing to deny his goodness and compassion even when it cost him his life. Jesus' love for the Father is the expression of God's love for us. Jesus' forgiveness of his enemies is God's forgiveness of us. This is the light, the truth of love and this love takes our sins away. They are taken away not by ceasing to be, for what was and what is will always be. They are taken away in the sense that sin no longer has the power to separate us from God. This power of condemnation was given by the Law but the Law has been abolished as the sole arbiter of our relationship with God. It is replaced by God's invincible graciousness. "Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. (but now the law is abolished so) thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:56). God sacrifices God's self for us to bring us the revelation of the love that reconciles and unites all things in heaven and all things on earth (Eph 1:10; Col 1:20).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Joan Cocker, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Andrew Handol, Irene Mitchell, Roy Nicholas, Joan Olden, Leslie Palmer, Bridget Reeves, Margaret Scott, Valerie Slipper, Marcus Smith, Lena Westfoot (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY - Tuesday Mornings 11-12 am led by Christine Olden. Tel: 023 80848754 at St Michael's Hythe. 30th March (Lent). All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.



GIVE IT UP FOR LENT—One more week to go. Please fill those CAFOD boxes. A tremendous £846 (over £1000 with Gift Aid) was given for the Fast Day so keep giving.

Good Friday Open Air Service - Fri 2nd April at 11 am outside Waitrose in Hythe. Meeting points are Jones Lane Car Park, Library Car Park, St John's Car Park all at 10.45 am. Hot cross buns, tea & coffee at St John's Hall afterwards. Organised by Waterside Churches Together and this year Waterside Catholic Parish is leading the service.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE: tickets on sale after Mass proceeds for St Michaels Roof Fund

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: for the year 2010/2011 are now ready for collection and will be in the porch at St Bernard's & St Michael's this Sunday, 21st March and for the next two weeks. Thanks to Carmel McClatchey for organising the envelopes. Anyone wishing to join the scheme should contact either the Parish Office on 80843479 or Carmel McClatchey 80842403.

YOUNG PEOPLE: We still have only 3 adult volunteers for the 9am children's liturgy. We could give the young more and better Catholic-based learning, worship, friendship and fun, both at Mass and beyond - but only with more help. Can **you** help the Church of the future? Irregular/occasional volunteers welcome too: please ring Clare (8084 2232) or Hilary (8084 3173).

EASTER DRAMA: Our young people will act out the Gospel reading at the 9am Easter Sunday Mass (4th April). All youngsters are welcome to take part: we need to rehearse for around 20 mins after 9am Mass this Sunday, 28th. Please also try to arrive at least 10 mins early for Mass on the 4th. Contact either Sam or Clare (8084 2232).

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE: Ecumenical Gathering at Lepe Country Park—upper level car park at **6am**. We join together as One to proclaim 'Jesus is Risen, Jesus is Alive'.

THE DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN - "LIVING OUR FAITH":

Message from Bishop Crispian: There have been amazing—and humbling—acts of generous and sacrificial giving from over 3000 families, all of whom have been eager and willing to play their part in building and sustaining the life and future of our diocese. They have readily given new money for the new work that faces us". (*So far money given and pledges made amount to £8 million; £4.5 million towards the Diocesan target of £6.5 million and the remainder for specific parish projects*).

This campaign is to raise funds so that the Diocese can continue: 1) vocations work for priesthood & diaconate; 2) the training of students for the priesthood; 3) the work of adult formation and training for lay ministry; 4) the provision of financial support for parish projects. The campaign has been running very successfully in other parishes. **The Parish Team is now in place. They will be helping Fr David meet with parishioners to invite support for the campaign.**

PLEASE SAY "YES" TO SHOPPING VOUCHERS next time you do your shopping and you are offered vouchers at Sainsbury or Tesco checkouts. You could then place them in the CAFOD stamps flip-top bins and we will then pass them on to Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Primary School, who are asking for them. Also... ..A huge sack of used stamps, foreign coins and some old mobile phones was handed over to the CAFOD office at Wonerish, Surrey recently. Thank you all very much, and keep them coming in. Why not get friends and relatives, at home and abroad, to collect them too?

RED BOX HOLDERS: Would all Red Box Holders please bring Boxes to Mass on Sunday 4th April (Easter Sun). Many thanks.

MARTHA GROUP SOCIAL EVENTS: Next function: Quiz Night & American Supper, 24th April.

THE 2010 PLANT SALE: will be held on May 15th this year and organised by Veronica Chadwick. So all you gardeners please get busy.

Average Income & Expenditure for Sept 2009—Feb 2010

Ord. Income: Average per Month

SOs & Envs & Loose:	£3185
Gift Aid Tax reclaimed:	£704
Rent	£703
FHC Shop	£648
Other incl Fund Raising	£629

Total Av Mnthly Income £5869

Ord. Expenditure: Av per Month

(actual figures incl. half yr insurance & exceptional costs provision)

Ordinary Expenditure	£5321
Exceptional Cost Provsn	£600

Total Av Monthly Exp. £5921

Giving to Other Charities Through the Parish:

Average per Month: £1247
(includes Christmas Offering)

BLUESTAR BUS SERVICE NO 9 (which links our churches) is now half hourly during the day on Sundays.