



ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE

*St John's Church, New Alresford ♦ St Mary's Church, Old Alresford
St Peter's Church, Ovington ♦ All Saints Church, Bighton*

May 5th : Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our worship today. If you are a newcomer, please make yourself known to the Clergy or one of the Churchwardens after the service.

If you are hard of hearing, there is a hearing loop system in operation at St John's, St Peter's and St Mary's. If moving is difficult and you wish to have communion brought to you, please ask the Churchwarden on duty.

We would encourage quiet time for 5 minutes before the start of each service.

You are welcome to take this pew sheet home with you.

Services this Sunday:

09.30: St John's: Parish Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

11.00: St Peter's: Café Church (*Minna Bruce*)

11.00: St Mary's: Village Family Praise (*Sue Armstrong*)

16.00: St John's: Families at 4pm (*Rev'd Heather*)

***Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.***

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Services this Week:

Monday May 6th

09.00: *All Saints:* Morning Prayer (*Rev'd Heather*)

Tuesday May 7th

09.00: *St John's:* Morning Prayer (*Rev'd Heather*)

Wednesday May 8th

09.00: *St Mary's:* Morning Prayer (*Rev'd Heather*)

10.00: *St John's:* Holy Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

Thursday May 9th

09.00: *St Peter's:* Morning Prayer (*Rev'd Heather*)

Sunday May 12th: Seventh Sunday of Easter

09.30: *St John's:* Second Sunday (*Rev'd Heather & Rosie*)

09.30: *St Mary's:* Morning Praise (*Sue Armstrong*)

11.00: *St Peter's:* Parish Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

11.00: *All Saints:* Morning Prayer (*Ian Waring Green*)

18.00: *St John's:* Sunday @ Six (*Rev'd Heather*)

The Communion Service on Wednesday will be followed by coffee in the John Pearson Hall.

Please note: if you would like to use a Service booklet, they are always available from the Sidespeople as you come into church.

Live Streaming at St John's:

The link for the live-streaming of services at St John's is:

www.youtube.com/@thearlevalleybenefice5720/streams

It will come up under a Live heading with a green oblong with a small round picture of St John's underneath. Click on the oblong and it will open the live stream.

What's on this week:

Prayer Meeting for the parish and our community - every Friday at 10-11am in church - *feel free to drop in*.

Old Alresford Family Mondays - Mon 6th May at 10am in Christy Hall.

Monday Meet and Eat - Monday 6th May at 3.30pm.

Alresford Community Cinema: Tuesday 7th May at 7pm - see [page 7](#).

Wednesdays with Heather - Wednesday 8th May at 10.45am in JPH.

Chill Chat and Chomp! - Wed 8th May at 5pm in St John's Vestry.

The Collect and Readings for this Sunday start on [page 8](#)

This week's notices...



The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by

Sue Clarke

"Remembering Vera Clarke with love"

The Michael Project:

Helen (Margaret Stewart's daughter) and Dave Hobbs, who started The Michael Project, are over from Zimbabwe and will be joining us and speaking at our 9.30 service at St John's on Sunday May 5th. St John's has given great support to the Michael Project and this is a wonderful opportunity to meet them and hear about the care for children in Harare which they initiated.

Chairs at St John's:

We are about to order the new church chairs as we now have the final permission to proceed with them. We will hopefully have them in place by the end of August.

Heating at St John's:

The heating will now be switched off for the summer so please wear something warm to church if we happen to have a cold snap!!

Watercress Festival Day:

There are parking passes available from the Office if you are coming to the 8.30am service on Sunday May 19th - Watercress Festival Day. This service will be recorded as usual.

At 11.15am on Sunday 19th May, the Bishop of Winchester will be coming to St John's to launch the fabulous new brochure celebrating the town and community of Alresford and history of St John's which has been produced by the Friends of St John's. We would love to see as many of you there as possible at this time, especially as it is Pentecost Sunday.

Cleaner wanted at St John's:

If you have some free time, would you please consider joining the cleaning team for Church? There is a vacancy to clean part of Church, alongside a dedicated team. You can spend as little as 1/2 hour a week, fortnight or once a month, timing to suit yourself.

If interested, please contact Hefin Tudor. 733666.

This week's notices...

MORE HELP NEEDED!

ST JOHN'S CAFÉ – our biggest fund raiser – is just 2 weeks away
and we still need a lot more volunteers and cakes



- so please have a look at the sign-up sheets at the back of St John's Church and see if you can help.
- if the stints are too long for you, perhaps split one with a friend
- encourage your friends to join us - helpers don't have to have a connection with the church
- many hands make light work, so come along and enjoy working alongside others, serving and welcoming visitors to the Café

Monday Meet and Eat:

We would like to thank you for the financial help we have received towards funding Monday Meet and Eat. If anyone has a couple of hours on a Monday afternoon between 3.15 and 5.15pm to either help play games with the children, make drinks and wash up or cook a meal or pudding, please let Rosie Waring Green know as we are just compiling the summer rota and we would be grateful for a few more helpers.

Thank you. email: rosie@22rwg.co.uk or phone 07891120662.

New Wine Worship and Teaching Event :

Last year Jane and Rosie spent 5 days at the New Wine Worship and Teaching Event which we found really inspiring. This year 5 of us have booked to go for one day on Tuesday 30th July to the same event in Shepton Mallett and we wondered if anyone else would like to join us? We would leave about 7.30am and return by 10.45pm. The day would have 2 sessions of amazing worship and teaching in the big arena and 2 or 3 other small seminars. The cost is £50 for a day ticket and we can organise lifts. *Please speak to Rosie if you would be interested or would like further details. rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891120662.*

We would like to encourage all of our church to pray together for our mission, and ministry in Alresford. You can join us on Fridays 10am-11am in St John's or you can pray wherever you might be on a Friday 10am-11am. Set an alarm on your phone and let's pray together wherever we might be on a Friday. *Revd. Heather.*

Prayer requests:

If you would like the Prayer team to pray for you, your family, friends or any other situation, please contact Rosie Waring Green: rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 01962 733237. We of course always respect the confidentiality of your requests.



This week's notices...

SUNDAY@6 on the SECOND Sunday of the month

6pm Sunday 12th May at St John's



We would love you to join everyone for a service with a reflective informal contemporary feel.

Worship, Readings, Prayer and a Talk.

Time to chat with tea and cake from 5.45pm

We are starting a new series exploring the book of Daniel and continuing over the next few months. Do come and join us.

Message from Heather NOT to reply to this scam email going round:

From: "Rev. Heather Brearey" <hoffice041@gmail.com>

Do you have a few minutes to spare? I need you to discreetly manage a request for me today. Kindly get back to me Via email Asap.

Rev. Heather Brearey

Giving in 2024!

Three ways you may donate to St. John's by credit or debit card:

1. At the back of the church is a unit where you can choose from different amounts or enter your own amount. Then just tap your card and it is done.
2. Scan this QR code with your phone or tablet. This takes you to the Parish Giving Scheme website for St. John's where you make your donation. This code can also be used to set up a regular donation.
3. Phone David Griffiths on 01962 734408



With all three options you can Gift Aid your donation.

Members can donate to St. Mary's with their phone or tablet by scanning this QR code

or by contacting Roger Parsons on 01962 734561



With many thanks for your generosity.

Please direct:

- ▶ **Material for notices:** please email Rob Attenborough at notices@arlevalleychurches.org.uk **Deadline: 3pm Thursday.**
- ▶ **Information about those in hospital** to Sue Greenway 732406 or Patricia Todd 738408 or Keith Sweetland 735255.
- ▶ **Information for Intercessions** to the churchwardens.

This week's notices...



10AM - 12PM

**1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
CHRISTY HALL, OLD ALRESFORD**

Old Alresford Family Mondays

**TOYS FOR TODDLERS AND A CHANCE TO
MEET AND CHAT TO OTHER FAMILIES.**

REFRESHMENTS TOO!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME FROM 10AM - 12PM
ON THE 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**ORGANISED BY ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
OLD ALRESFORD**



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This week's notices...



TABLE TOP Sale

**Saturday, 8th June
10.30am - 2.30pm
John Pearson Hall
St. John's Church, Alresford**

**Tea, coffee and
light refreshments available!**

Everyone welcome! Free Admission.

Sellers £10 a table

To book a table or for further information:

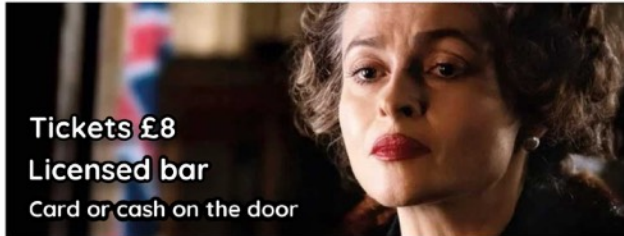
email: cstryton@gmail.com

Alresford Community Cinema



Tuesday 7th May
7.00pm start
Community Centre

SAVE ONE LIFE. SAVE THE WORLD.



Tickets £8
Licensed bar
Card or cash on the door

ANTHONY HOPKINS JOHNNY FLYNN and HELENA BONHAM CARTER

ONE LIFE



Brought to you by the Friends of St John's

Bookings 01962 736282 or 07780 703543

The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children before the Nazis closed the borders of Czechoslovakia. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions. A race against time: how many children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed?

Fifty years later, it's 1988 and Nicky lives haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England, blaming himself for not doing more. It's not until a live BBC television show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children - now adults - that he finally begins to come to terms with the grief he had carried for five decades.

Collect and Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect:

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen



First Reading: Acts 10.44-48

To be announced as a Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*At the end the reader will say: **This is the Word of the Lord***

*The response is: **Thanks be to God***



Second Reading: 1 John 5.1-6

To be announced as a Reading from the First Epistle of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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Gospel: John 15.9-17

When the Gospel is announced we respond with:

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

At the end the reader will say: This is the Gospel of the Lord

The response is: **Praise to you, O Christ**



Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

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For Prayer

Please pray for:

- Those who are in **hospital**
- Those who are ill **at home** or recovering from being in hospital
- Those **receiving on-going care**
- Those in **Nursing and Rest Homes**
- **Home Communicants**
- **R.I.P.** Those who have recently died. We pray too for their families.

Please pray for...

Michael Project: Give thanks for the visit of David and Helen Hobbs to St John's on May 5th and continue to pray for the work the Michael Project carries out and specifically for five children recently admitted to Shalom house and a young boy whose eye surgery they have funded.

All places in the world where there is conflict, especially Israel/Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan. Pray for all who are suffering as a result of these wars, those who have lost their homes, jobs and security and all who are starving. Pray for all who have lost many members of their families and for children who are now orphans.

All world leaders that they may find a way to bring peace to this troubled world. Pray that Jesus' commandment that we love one another as he has loved us may be taken seriously, by those in authority and by people administering justice, army, police and local officials.

All countries affected by climate change, including some farmers in our country. Pray that wealthy countries may make decision that protect and save the planet.

All who are in hospital or recovering at home, and for those who care for them. Pray for all who grieve the loss of a loved one, especially the parents of Sarah the refugee child and Daniel Anjorin killed in a sword attack this week. Pray for all victims of knife crime and for parents unable to keep their children safe.

Heather and all the ministry team. Pray for all who give their time to the church, wardens, visitors, flower arrangers and cleaners, maintaining our beautiful church and reaching out to the community.

*Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.*