



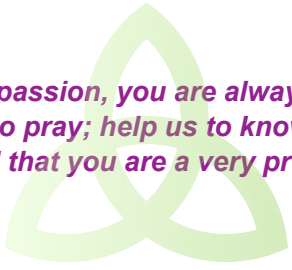
# ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE

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

**June 20th 2021**  
**Third Sunday after Trinity**

***Services this Sunday:***

<b>09.30: St John's:</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
<b>09.30: St Mary's:</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>
<b>10.00: St Peter's:</b>	<b>Morning Praise</b>
<b>11.00: All Saints:</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>



*God of love and compassion, you are always more ready to hear  
and help than we are to pray; help us to know that you are with us,  
now and always, and that you are a very present help in trouble.*

Benefice website: [www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk](http://www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk)

## ***This week's notices...***

### ***Services this Sunday:***

This Sunday's service at St John's is *Parish Communion* led by Canon Keith Anderson. The 9.30am service will be streamed live via St John's Facebook page. The link to a recording of the service will be emailed out (it will be available on YouTube as usual) and the link will also be on the Benefice website.

The services at St Mary's and All Saints are *Communion services* taken by Canon Graham Trasler. The service at St Peter's is *Morning Praise* taken by Peter Colquhoun.

*To attend any service, you will need to book a place with the relevant church:*

**All Saints, Bighton** please telephone Bob Ellis on 01962 773427.

**St Mary's, Old Alresford** - booking not required.

**St Peter's, Ovington** please email Pip and Liz at [stevenson71@btinternet.com](mailto:stevenson71@btinternet.com) or telephone 01962 733055.

**St John's, New Alresford** please email Penny at [arlevalleychurches@gmail.com](mailto:arlevalleychurches@gmail.com) or telephone the parish office - 733545 **by 11am on the Friday before please.**

### ***The Friday 10am Communion Services at St John's:***

The next service is on **Friday 25th June**, taken by Canon Graham Trasler. Congregation are welcome.

The services will also be streamed live via the St John's Facebook page. A recording of the services will be emailed out later for viewing on YouTube, and the link will also be on the Benefice website.

*A copy of the service sheet and sermon will also available on the website.*



***Prayer Time:*** We are asking you to join with us in prayer at 11am on Sunday mornings for half an hour. You could chose to pray on your own, with a friend, in a small Zoom meeting or perhaps on a walk. The important thing is that we will all be praying together at the same time.

***This Sunday*** we shall be praying for our Benefice in this time of vacancy, for those who are leading our services, and for the person called by God to be our Rector. Pray that the process of appointment will be successful and that we stay strong and steadfast in our worship in this interim period, thanking God for all his blessings in this place.



## ***This week's notices...***

***Please note*** the service on June 27th at St John's is the ***Service of the Word*** - as below - and NOT Parish Communion as printed in the magazine. We would like to invite any groups within the church to bring a symbol or a banner representing their part in church life to share as part of the service....

### **St John's Alresford Patronal Festival and Church Grounds Picnic**

**9.30am and 12 noon Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**



We would love you all to join everyone for an outdoor *Service of the Word* at 9.30am and a 'bring your own picnic' at 12 noon.

The Service and the Picnic will be inside if wet.

Sadly no refreshments can be provided so do bring your own delicious picnic and drinks.

Chairs provided if ground not too soggy!!

### ***Flowers in St John's:***



The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by Maureen and John Mackrell, celebrating their wedding anniversary.

*If you would like to sponsor a pedestal please contact Diana Robbins on 01420 565668 or email: [dianarobbins@me.com](mailto:dianarobbins@me.com).*

***Arle Valley Voice:*** Penny would very much appreciate some help in encouraging people to write regularly for and also to help with the collection of articles for the magazine. It has been challenging with so little going on to find enough content and so some inspiration and ideas would be very welcome.

*Please contact her on [magazine@stjohnsalresford.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stjohnsalresford.org.uk).*

***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](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or 01962 733237. We of course always respect the confidentiality of your requests.



## ***This week's notices...***

**SUNDAY@6 is returning each month but on the  
FIRST Sunday of the month**

**6pm Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 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

***Please save the date***

***On Sunday 13th June*** we heard from Jackie how a tiny mustard seed can grow into something as big as a tree. We gave out Sunflower Seeds and asked you to plant them at home and bring them back to St John's when they are small plants to put in troughs and pots outside the West Door. The idea is to share with our community how a collection of beautiful sunflowers can show God's love and joy to everyone through nature.

*If you were not able to be in church last week, please do pop in to church and collect your 2 seeds to plant and then bring them back once they have grown a small amount. They will be kept watered. Thank you.*

***Safeguarding Officer:*** We are looking for someone to take over this role from Rosie. There is a need for a small amount of experience in this area but of course there is training available. The actual role is not onerous with the online DBS applications for new PCC members or other essential roles in the church, but there is of course the responsibility of ensuring all church members are aware of the importance of Safeguarding in a church context. *Please speak to Rosie if you would like to find out more about this very essential role.*

***Giving at St John's:*** If you would like to make a contribution to church funds with a debit or credit card, this can usually be done at the back of the church after the main services, or by phoning David Griffiths on 01962 734408.

### **Please direct:**

- ▶ **Material for notices:** email [notices@arlevalleychurches.org.uk](mailto: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.

## ***Collect & Readings for the Third Sunday after Trinity***

### **Collect:**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**



### **First Reading: 1 Samuel 17.32-49**

*To be announced as a Reading from the First Book of Samuel*

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the LORD be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?'

And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.' When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

*At the end the reader will say: **This is the Word of the Lord**  
The response is: **Thanks be to God***



### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13**

*To be announced as a Reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians*  
As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

*At the end the reader will say: **This is the Word of the Lord**  
The response is: **Thanks be to God***

### **Gospel: Mark 4.35-41**

*When the Gospel is announced we respond with:*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

*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:**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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...***

**An easing of tensions between East and West** after the conversation between two of the most powerful men on the world stage, Vladimir Putin and Joe Biden. Pray that mutual respect, humility and wisdom will prevail.

**All countries in the world** where limiting financial aid causes difficult, life changing decisions to be made by those in authority, whether charities or governments; for all in need of the COVID vaccine. Pray for our Prime Minister and his cabinet ministers as they continue to assess the risks and benefits of further relaxing lockdown rules.

**For all who are bullied by those with power**, especially young people unable to deal with abuse through social media. Pray that those who set out to cause such distress to others may learn to be kind.

**Our Diocese, for Bishops Tim, David and Debbie and for Archdeacon Richard in this difficult time.** Pray that they may find a way to move forward with love, care and healing for all, clergy, laity and the wider community. Pray for our benefice as we wait for a new incumbent.

**For all working to heal our planet** and reduce the effect of climate change. Pray that we may all make small changes that together could change the world before it is too late.

**Our CMS partner, Lynn Treneary**, as she recovers from a back operation in Scotland before returning to South Sudan. She asks us to pray for the people of Maridi, whose faith remains wonderfully strong, and the Chaima institute, where she teaches when she is there, the buildings of which were damaged in recent storms.

***Jesus Christ, Saviour and Prince of Peace,  
still us as you stilled the storm, calm us and keep us from harm.  
Enfold us Lord in your deep peace.***