



ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE

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

September 19th 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services this Sunday:

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

*As we sit in silence before the service, help us remember that
'This waiting on God in quietness may be our greatest service to the
world if in our very apartness the love for people is on our hearts.'*

Michael Ramsey.

Benefice website: www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk

This week's notices...

Services this Sunday:

The 9.30am service at St John's is **Parish Communion** and the celebrant is Canon Keith Anderson. The service will be streamed live as usual, and the link to a recording of the service will be emailed out and will also be on the Benefice website. At our Sunday worship we will be continuing to screen the words of our hymns, but if you prefer to use a hymn book do please take one from the shelves at the back of the church and return it at the end of the service.

The service at St Mary's and at All Saints is **Holy Communion**, the celebrant being Canon Graham Trasler at both. The service at St Peter's is **Morning Praise** with Peter Colquhoun.

Friday 10am Communion Service at St John's:

The next service is on **Friday 24th September**, the celebrant being Canon Graham Trasler.

The service 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 be available on the website.



Solos:

Solos Tea is on **Sunday 19th September** at 2pm till 4pm in the John Pearson Hall. Do join us for Homemade Cake, Tea and Conversation. Hope to see you then.

More info: Marion 733921 Margaret 735185.

COVID precautions in St John's:

PCC discussions have concluded that, recognising the release of Government restrictions, the wearing of masks in church is no longer mandatory but please feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

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.

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...

Harvest at St John's:

Harvest Supper in the John Pearson Hall Saturday 25th September - 6pm for 6.30pm.

Tickets £8 (children £3) - available NOW from Hefin Tudor each Sunday after church. (After 9th September tickets will also be available from the Benefice Office).

On this occasion please bring your own plates, cutlery and drinks.

Special dietary requirements? Do contact the Catering Team.

(PS could you rustle up a dessert?

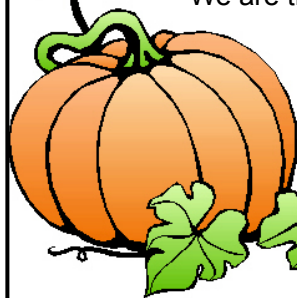
There'll be a sign-up sheet at the back of church.)

Harvest Service - Sunday 26th at 9.30am.

We are thankful that we are free from restrictions to celebrate and thank God in fellowship for His goodness.

Harvest Appeal

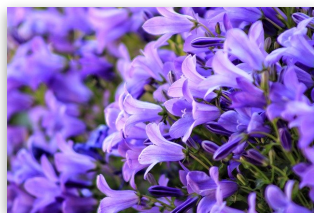
There will be a trolley in the church porch in which to place donations to the
Basics Bank.



Flowers in St John's:

The chancel flowers have been sponsored by Val Bond in memory of her mum, Nancy King, on her birthday.

If you would like to sponsor a pedestal please contact Diana Robbins on 01420 565668 or email: dianarobbins@me.com.



Tabletalk is happening again in the John Pearson Hall, 12.30pm - 2pm on **Friday 17th September** with bring and share or personal picnic lunch and friendly chat about something topical around small tables. We'd be delighted to see some new people as well as the regulars.
Further details call Sue on 733597.

Ropley Church Appeal: There is a Zoom talk by Douglas Skeggs on Catherine the Great in aid of the Ropley Church Appeal. Friday, 24th September at 7 pm.

Tickets cost £10 and are available online from stpetersropley.org.uk.

This week's notices...

Apple Day at St John's

Apple Day at St John's is on **Saturday 2nd October** 11am to 3pm, followed by the **Apple Day Finale Concert** at 7.15pm.



Sign up sheets for helpers and making cakes are now at the back of church.

There are lots of different ways in which you might help before, during and after the events... whether your talents lie in one or all of the following: helping in the kitchen, clearing tables, serving cakes and drinks and of course baking cakes at home.

OR serving drinks from the concert bar in the evening!

If you can help in any way please sign up and help make this a successful day. Especially we would be grateful for any apples anyone might have as we are short of them this year. Thank you!!

Apple Day Committee

St John's Vacancies:

Two more jobs are shortly becoming vacant. Please would you consider filling one of them? A comprehensive handover will be arranged, and you would be joining friendly and welcoming teams, as part of the generous band of volunteers who keep St John's a safe and pleasant place to be:

Churchyard Manager

After many years of conscientious service Chris Lillywhite is stepping back from this role. Chris has provided wise counsel on all 'outdoor matters', supervised the upkeep of our grounds and garden machinery and rallied the troops on our twice yearly churchyard clear-ups. We are immensely grateful to Chris, and we hope he would agree that the task has been an enjoyable one.

Health and Safety Co-ordinator

Greville Dawson has been filling this role for some time, alongside the significant amount of work he does for us in relation to the fabric of the church. We are looking for someone to take on Health and Safety oversight from November. Do please speak to Greville to see what the role entails.

Please direct:

- ▶ **Material for notices:** email 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.**

Collects and Readings for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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: Proverbs 31.10-31

To be announced as a Reading from the Book of Proverbs

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
'Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.'
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.
*At the end the reader will say: **This is the Word of the Lord***
*The response is: **Thanks be to God***



Second Reading: James 3.13-4.3,7-8a

To be announced as a Reading from the Epistle of James

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

When the Gospel is announced we respond with:

Glory to you, O Lord

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

*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:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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...

The people of Afghanistan, especially women and children who are frightened and anxious about the future. For all refugees risking their lives to start a new life in a new country.

As COP26 approaches, pray that we may make necessary changes to save our planet and recognise that we can all do something however small.

Our government as ministers take on different, challenging roles. Help them all to act with wisdom, humility and compassion, working together for the common good.

All who are sick at home or in hospital, especially all suffering with mental health issues. Pray for all in abusive relationships. In our community pray for our young people going away to university; we will miss them but hope they enjoy and grow through the experience of leaving home to study with others from different backgrounds.

Our preparations for Apple Day, that it may be a significant community event enabling us to have fun together as well as raising funds for St Johns. Pray for all involved in the leisure and travel industries who are anxious about the future.

Our Diocese, for Bishops Tim, David and Debbie. We pray for Heather and her family as they prepare to move to Alresford. Help us all to give her support as she takes on a challenging job. Pray for all our churchwardens and PCCs.

Please continue to pray for **Valsa Augustine and all the staff at Shanthigramam village**, who are deeply grateful for our support and prayers for their work with leprosy-affected elderly residents. May they be able to continue this important work.

Lord, we do not presume to tell you what to do, nor how or when to do it. We simply bring before you those who need your love, and needs your grace alone can meet. Amen.