



ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE

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

October 17th 2021 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Festival at St Peter's

Services this Sunday:

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

*Lord, we give you thanks today for so many things,
a thousand miracles we take for granted every day.
Train our hearts to be thankful so that we live daily
out of a deep sense of gratitude and humility. Amen*



Benefice website: www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk

This week's notices...

Services this Sunday:

The service this Sunday at **St John's** is our **Parish Communion** service taken by 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 a **Communion Service**. The celebrant at both is Canon Graham Trasler. The service today at **St Peter's** is **Harvest Festival** with Peter Colquhoun.

Friday 10am Communion Service at St John's:

The next service is on **Friday 22nd October**, 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.



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.

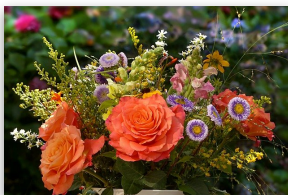
Giving at St John's: If you would like to make a contribution to church funds with a debit or credit card, this can usually be done at the back of the church after the main services, or by phoning David Griffiths on 01962 734408.

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.



Flowers in St John's:



The chancel flowers have been sponsored by Rosemary Francis remembering her wedding anniversary.

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

This week's notices...

***Collation service for Rev'd Heather Brearey
Friday 19th November 7.30pm
St John's Church, Alresford:***

The congregation of the Arle Valley Benefice are invited to attend this service to welcome Heather to the Arle Valley Benefice. The service will also be live-streamed in the usual way on the Facebook link via the Arle Valley Benefice website.



Please would you either email Penny at the Parish Office arlevalleychurches@gmail.com or phone 01962 733545 to book a place and please state which parish you are from. Thank you.

St John's Light Party: It is two years since we were able to have a Light Party at St John's!! We would love to invite any Infant and Junior children to come along on **Saturday 30th October** between 4.30 and 6.30pm to the John Pearson Hall for fun, food and light activities.

We would also like to ask if there are any Secondary youngsters or adults who would be able to help us with the activities on the day and prepping some activities beforehand? £5 per child or £3.50 per child if more than one child per family. More details are on the church website under Upcoming Events.

Do get in touch to book your place or offer help - Rosie Waring Green rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891120662.

Coffee Morning: There will be a Coffee Morning with a sales table and raffle in aid of the **Michael Project** on **Saturday October 23rd** in the John Pearson Hall from 10am till 12noon.

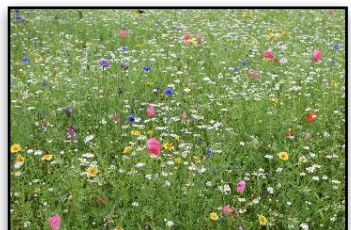
Eyesore in St John's Churchyard:

The eyesore: the out of control jungle of brambles and weeds beside the East/West pathway and beyond.

The challenge: To improve this conservation area for flowers and wild life as part of St John's Creation Care agenda.

Weather permitting, the Creation Care Team have set aside the morning of **Saturday 16th October** to make a start.

We will be there from 9am. If you are able and can spare a little time to help, you will be welcomed with open arms. Please bring any tools you think might be useful, together with strong footwear and protective gloves.



This week's notices...

Service of Comfort & Hope: Sunday 7th November at 3pm.

This annual peaceful and reflective service is for everyone to remember loved ones who have died. The congregation will be invited to add a flower to the bouquet of memories - a single flower for each person remembered. Some flowers will be available in the church, but most people prefer to bring a flower of their own. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle. Memorial cards will be available to complete as you come into the Church and these will be collected and offered to God during the service.

These are uncertain times and many attending this service will be elderly. Although no longer mandatory, we would therefore encourage people to maintain social distancing and to wear a mask when moving around the Church.

St John's Churchyard Clear-up:

Our traditional Autumn churchyard clear-up day will take place on **30th October** between 9am and 12 noon. The tasks will involve removing debris and the tree stump near the north door, removal of as much ivy as possible and cutting down small low hanging or dead tree branches. Following the Creation Care Team's work in the Conservation area on 16th October there may also be more to do there. There will be a skip!



Please just turn up on the day, suitably attired with the right footwear and gloves and some hand tools.

AND, before Rev'd Heather arrives in November we would also like to give the church itself a good clean, so come prepared at the same time on 30th with dusters (feather or otherwise!) and whatever else you feel might be needed to make our church sparkle.

Refreshments will be provided for all and as a bonus you'll get an extra hour's sleep!

If you have questions please speak to Rosie (733237), Jane (734561) or Greville (01420 362607).

Solos:

Solos Tea is on the **Sunday 17th October** 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.*

Mothers' Union:

Will be meeting on **Tuesday 19th October** 2pm - 4pm in The Christy Hall, Old Alresford. This month we are filling shoe boxes. *All welcome.*

This week's notices...

Tabletalk: This relaxed lunchtime group will be meeting on Friday 22nd October in the John Pearson Hall, 12.30-2pm. We will be bringing our own picnic lunch (Covid safety) and sitting at well spaced small tables to discuss a topical issue and generally enjoy having a chat. Regulars and newcomers welcome. For further details call Sue 733597 or Jackie 732056.

Wanted: A4 envelopes that can be REUSED for parish magazines that need to be posted. Seven are needed each month. Can be left in the Parish Office. *Many thanks Olive 735287.*

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.**



Readings for Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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: Job 38.1-7(34-41)

To be announced as a Reading from the Book of Job

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements – surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together
 and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
 'Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
 so that a flood of waters may cover you?
 Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
 and say to you, "Here we are"?
 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
 or given understanding to the mind?
 Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
 Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
 when the dust runs into a mass
 and the clods cling together?
 'Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
 or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
 when they crouch in their dens,
 or lie in wait in their covert?
 Who provides for the raven its prey,
 when its young ones cry to God,
 and wander about for lack of food?
*At the end the reader will say: **This is the Word of the Lord***
*The response is: **Thanks be to God***



Second Reading: Hebrews 5.1-10

To be announced as a Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things
 pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is
 able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is
 subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his
 own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to
 take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was
 appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son,
 today I have begotten you';

as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever,
 according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with
 loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and
 he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a
 Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been
 made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey
 him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order
 of Melchizedek.

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



Gospel: Mark 10.35-45

When the Gospel is announced we respond with:

Glory to you, O Lord

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*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, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
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...

All who work in the NHS and care homes as they face a difficult winter with staff shortages and the continuing threat of Covid alongside seasonal flu. Pray for patience and good humour as patients may need to wait longer than usual for appointments. Pray for all in hospital and all awaiting test results.

All who are facing increasing hardship this winter with rising fuel costs, rising food costs and reduced benefits. Pray for all who are worried about their future.

Our government as negotiations continue with the European Union over trade between the UK, Northern Ireland and Ireland. Pray for all world leaders as COP26 approaches, that they may have imagination and foresight and a will to act to reduce emissions from fossil fuels.

All countries where Covid and the lack of vaccination increase the pressures on already overstretched aid agencies. Pray for the people of Afghanistan, Palestine and the Yemen, and for all refugees risking their lives to escape from oppression.

Our Diocese, for Bishops Tim, Debbie and David and Archdeacon Richard. Pray for Heather and her family as they prepare to move to Alresford. Pray for all our churchwardens as they prepare the way for Heather.

The Mar Elias Educational Institutions (MEEI), Ibillin, Israel as they rejoice in the return to school this term of their students, after a year's absence due to Covid. The school is an oasis of hope for the future educating Christian, Muslim and Druze children on "unity within the diversity".

***You, Lord, came to give us life.
Help us to live our lives in gratitude and joy. Amen***