



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 29th : Seventh 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:

11.00: All Saints: Benefice Service (Rev'd Heather)

*May God give us the gifts we need;
so we may be able to do the work asked of us by him.*

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Services this week:

Monday May 30th

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

Tuesday May 31st

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

Wednesday June 1st

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

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

Thursday June 2nd

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

Sunday June 5th: Pentecost

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

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

15.00: *St John's:* Platinum Jubilee Service (*Rev'd Heather*)

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

What's on this week:

Deanery walk on 28th May:

Come and join Rev'd Heather on a pilgrimage walk from St. John's Church to Winchester Cathedral. People can easily join along the way.

Please see the advert on [page 6](#) for details about the walk.

St Mary's Jubilee Celebrations, 2nd - 5th June:

Please see the advert on [page 7](#) for details.

Platinum Jubilee Service on 5th June:

Please see the advert on [page 8](#) for details.

Forthcoming Funerals...

Jill Read:

Many of you will remember Jill Read who has been living in Pax Hill Care Home for the past few years. Sadly Jill died early on Thursday morning last week. She was a faithful and much loved member of St John's, always known for her warmth and friendship. Details of her funeral will be announced later. May she rest in peace.

David Sutcliffe:

The funeral service for David Sutcliffe will be held in St John's at 2pm on 9th June.

This week's notices...

Flowers in St John's:



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

*These Flowers are placed here in memory of
Christine Diana Morgan
Who passed away on 26 August 2014
Always in our hearts*

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

Ian and Chris are keen to explore the musical resources of St John's. They would like to invite anyone who is interested in singing or playing an instrument to come to St John's between 10.00 and 11.30am on **Saturday 11th June**. This will be an informal opportunity for **all ages** to sing, play and chat.

Please contact Ian on iwg@robinhoodmusic.com or just turn up.

SUMMER FUN IS BACK AFTER 2 YEARS!!!!



DANIEL and the Lions Den – a musical for all ages from infant school children to teenagers and all in-between.

Come and enjoy taking part in, helping and creating a musical over 3 days - Front or Back Stage.

The production this year from Summer Fun will run from 9am - 3pm each day on Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th August 2022 in the John Pearson Hall and St John's Church.

The performance will be on Friday 26th August at 6.00pm in St John's Church.

The cost per child will be £5 per day and £3 per day for other children in the same family. You will also need a £3 practice CD for the songs.

To sign up or further details please contact Rosie Waring Green 07891120662 or rosie@22rwg.co.uk.

We would appreciate any help from older teenagers and adults for 1, 2 or 3 days.

Many congratulations to one of our parishioners (Gilly Shilson) on the publication of her book 'Now I Can See the Moon' by Bonar Ash. Kindle £3.99 /Amazon paperback £8.99. You may know the author as she is often to be found writing her books in Coffee#1 !!

More information on www.Bonarash.com.

This week's notices...

Alresford Ladies Group: On **9th June** Louise Brown will give a talk on *Basket Making*. The meeting will take place in the John Pearson Hall at 7.30pm and new members are always very welcome. *Enquiries to Beverly Terrill, 01962 733112.*

Alresford Community Cinema - 7th June: BELFAST

Alresford Community Cinema
Tuesday 7th June
7.00pm start
Community Centre



Tickets £8 - Card or cash on the door
Reservations - 01962 736282 - Licensed bar

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BELFAST

Brought to you by the Friends of St John's

This isn't a film full of violence; it's an award-winning coming-of-age story set in The Troubles, seen through Buddy's eyes, an exuberant nine year old. *Does his family stay in this neighbourhood where they've lived their whole lives, where everyone knows everyone, or move away and start over?*

Thy Kingdom Come - Thursday 26th May to Sunday 5th June:



Pray for friends, the nation, ourselves to grow in a new or continued relationship with Jesus. Link to the website for a video and a reflection each day.

www.thykingdomcome.global/videos

This week's notices...



CAROL BEETHAM

A service to celebrate Carol's life
will be held at St Mary's, Old Alresford
on Friday 27 May 2022 at 2pm

*This is to be a joyous occasion
so please wear bright colours*

Thank you: We would like to thank Penny for all her hard work and dedication as Editor of the Arle Valley Voice over the last 3 years. Her patience is extraordinary when we are way past the deadline for submitting articles!! We have loved the new look of the Voice that Penny created and we wish her a well-earned rest and we hope that the 'end of the month' will return to some normality again!!

Thanks also to Penny's husband, Andrew, for coping with the deadline scenario that comes with compiling the Voice.

There is still time to join the new editorial team – contact Miranda Pinch - miranda.pinch@gmail.com

St John's Patronal Festival:

You are invited to bring a picnic to celebrate St John's Patronal Festival at 12 noon on **Sunday 26th June 2022**. Hopefully we can have lunch outside so feel free to bring a rug or picnic chair – there will also be chairs available from the church.

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 phone David Griffiths on 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.



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.

This week's notices...



Please Join us for a Deanery Walk 28th May 2022

A pilgrimage from St John's Church, Alresford to Winchester Cathedral some 8 miles taking approximately 4 hours at a modest pace plus stops. All but the very beginning of the route follows the St Swithun's Way (SW)

Use Ordnance Survey map OL 32 with MOBILE DOWNLOAD

If you would like to join the walk on the way at one of the locations with parking please note that the times listed below are only approximate.

**09.30am - Gather at the north door of St John's, Alresford
10am start**

Parking available at Station Carpark SO24 9JH

**Approx 12noon - St Swithun's Church and Village Hall, Martyr Worthy
lunch break, leave at approx 1pm**

Limited parking available in Church Lane, Martyr Worthy SO21 1DY

**Approx 1.45pm - St Mary's Church Kings Worthy
Parking available in Church Carpark SO23 7QL**

**Approx 3pm - Riverpark Leisure Centre
Parking available SO23 7DD**

Approx 3.30pm - Winchester Cathedral



Do Come!



**Celebrate and Explore the Seven Decades
of
HM Queen Elizabeth II's 70-year Reign**



Floral Display, Family Fun and Games at St Mary's Church Old Alresford

Church open every day over the Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend

2nd June- 2pm-4pm

3rd to 5th June 2022 - 10am to 4pm daily

****Stunning Floral displays for each decade ** A look back at events over the last 70 years****

**** Puzzles and Craft Activities for the family to enjoy****

****Timed Spot the Corgi** **Where did The Queen go on tour? ****

****Find the royal palace and castles****Try on some hats like the Queen****

****Make and decorate a crown or tiara****

The Jubilee Beacon will be lit at St Mary's at 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June

****Music and Refreshments from 9pm****



This week's notices...

Service of
Thanksgiving for
HM Queen Elizabeth II



**Join us at St. John's
to celebrate the
Queen's 70th Jubilee**

Sunday 5 June 2022

**Service at 3 pm
Followed by refreshments and cake**

St. John's Church, West Street, Alresford
arlevalleychurches@gmail.com

Collect and Readings: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect:

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen



First Reading: Acts 16.16-34

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

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them

outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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



Psalm 97



Second Reading: Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21

To be announced as a Reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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Gospel: John 17.20-26

When the Gospel is announced we respond with:

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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 ...

That God's world may be seen as God's Kingdom. May all rulers, leaders and politicians be guided by God's rules. Pray for all people suffering war, tyranny and injustice; and that peace will come throughout the world.

For all those living in bad housing, squalor or deprivation. Pray also for those made homeless and for any suffering from broken relationships. Give thanks that God is with us always and pray for the courage to tell others the Good News of Jesus.

For the senselessness of Gun Crime. Bring before God all those who lost loved children in the Texas shooting. Pray that young people will not feel the need to carry either guns or knives to feel safe themselves. Pray that more may be done to stop the easy access to guns.

For all those feeling lonely and neglected in our world. As money worries increase pray for all those in our community of Alresford. Pray that we as the Church will look after those in need; give comfort where needed and practical help when asked for it.

For the Queen's Jubilee. Give thanks to Her Majesty for seventy years of service. Pray that all the planned celebrations may unite people in gratitude; and that much fun will be enjoyed after two years of restrictions due to covid.

For Joe McCullagh and Geraldine Pinniger who are marrying at St Mary's Bishopstoke on 3rd June.

For the Michael Project. We pray for all the children who are in transition at Shalom. We ask for wisdom so that we continue to work for each Child's good according to God's will.

*Praise and bless the God of our making,
for the way he draws us deeper into the meaning of life.*