



ARLE VALLEY BENEFACTICE

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

June 19th : First Sunday after Trinity

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 (*Revd John Dawson*)

11.00: St Mary's: Parish Communion (*Revd John Dawson*)

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

Father, give us a love for this world and a yearning to be its stewards as you intended. Open our eyes to see what we can do to make a difference, for the greater good of all creation. Amen

Services this week:

Monday June 20th

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

Tuesday June 21st

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

Wednesday June 22nd

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

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

Thursday June 23rd

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

Sunday June 26th: Second Sunday after Trinity

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

09.30: *St John's:* Patronal Service (*Rosie / Angela*)

09.30: *St Mary's:* Common Worship Communion
(*Rev'd Heather*)

11.00: *All Saints:* Parish Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

The Holy Communion service on Wednesday will be followed by coffee

What's on this week:

Solos Sunday Tea:

Solos Sunday tea will be on **Sunday 19th June** in the John Pearson Hall 2pm-4pm. Do join us for tea, home made cakes, chat and friendship. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Information Marion 733921 Margaret 735185.

St John's Patronal Festival: - **Sunday 26th June 9:30am.** You are invited to bring a banner or a symbol to represent any church group that you might head up or help with, to present at the beginning of the service so that we can celebrate all the different parts of our church life. We will bring them up from the back of the church.

And then at **12 noon** you are invited to bring a **picnic** to celebrate the Patronal Festival. 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.

This week's notices...

Flowers in St John's:



The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by Sue Clarke remembering Paul and Callum.

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

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.

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.



This week s notices...

Steal Away Home: a celebration of American choral music

[Southern Voices](#) are producing a concert of American music / American influenced music in St John's Church on **June 25th at 7.30pm**. The programme is a mix of mostly shorter pieces, including the Barber Agnus Dei, and the Tippett Spirituals from A Child of our Time, but also some early pieces by Aaron Copland and the three Flower Songs by Eric Whitacre.

Tickets are £16 (concessions £1 for age 18 and under) available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/southern-voices, by phone to 03336663366, or on the door.

Alesford Community Cinema:



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.**

Rector: Rev'd Heather Brearey
Email: arlevalleyrector@gmail.com Tel: 01962 732105
Benefice website: www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk

Collect and Readings: First Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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: Isaiah 65.1-9

To be announced as a Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The word of the Lord through the prophet:

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, 'Here I am, here I am',
to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

who say, 'Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it',
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

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



Second Reading: Galatians 3.23-29

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

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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Gospel: Luke 8.26-39

When the Gospel is announced we respond with:

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before

him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for 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

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of 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...

Pray for our world and for its leaders that they may be filled with wisdom, humility and integrity. May we understand how it grieves you to see nations and communities divided because you created us be interdependent, sharing one another's gifts and resources.

Pray for all places where there is fighting and unrest especially remembering Ukraine, Afghanistan and Israel / Palestine. Hold before God the soldiers fighting in Ukraine and the people trapped in the besieged city of Severodonetsk. Pray for refugees as they try to escape desperate situations and for all who have nowhere that they can call home.

On the fifth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire pray for those who are still traumatised by the memory and losses of that night. Pray for the anxious living in flats still covered in this cladding and that removal of this material will become a priority.

Pray for all who face difficult journeys as the transport problems continue and that solutions will be found to the on-going difficulties and disputes. Remember too all who are struggling to live because of the escalating fuel and food prices.

Pray for Heather and Mick and all who minister within the Benefice. Give thanks for our flower arrangers who often go unnoticed but whose floral arrangements add great beauty to our churches.

Pannai Family Farm in Tamil Nadu, southern India: the children, house mothers and the staff who look after them.

May God's spirit dance in our hearts and be the song we sing.