



ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE

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

March 24th : Palm Sunday

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:

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- 08.00: St John's: Holy Communion & Blessing of Palms
(Rev'd Heather)
- 09.30: St John's: Procession and Celtic Service of the Word
(Jackie Connell & Angela Peel)
(Procession will start at the church)
- 09.30: St Mary's: Parish Communion & Blessing of Palms
(Rev'd Heather)
(Procession will start at the church gate)
- 11.00: All Saints: Parish Communion & Blessing of Palms
(Rev'd Heather)

*Sing Hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the king of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the king.*

Services during Holy Week:

Monday March 25th

09.00: *All Saints*: Morning Prayer

21.00: *Benefice*: Compline on Zoom (see page 3 for zoom details)

Tuesday March 26th

09.00: *St John's*: Morning Prayer

21.00: *Benefice*: Compline on Zoom

Wednesday March 27th:

09.00: *St Mary's*: Morning Prayer

10.00: *St John's*: Holy Communion

21.00: *Benefice*: Compline on Zoom

Thursday March 28th: Maundy Thursday

09.00: *St Peter's*: Morning Prayer

19.00: *St John's*: Maundy Service - *there will be an opportunity for foot washing for those who would like it.*

Friday March 29th: Good Friday

12.00: *All Saints*: Brief Reflective Service

14.00: *St John's*: An hour at the cross

Sunday March 30th: Easter Sunday

08.00: *St John's*: First Communion of Easter (*Rev'd Heather*) with lighting of fire and Paschal candles

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

10.00: *St Mary's*: Parish Communion (*Sue Armstrong by ext*)

11.00: *St Peter's*: Parish Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

11.00: *All Saints*: Parish Communion (*Ian Waring Green by ext*)

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

Please note: if you would like to use a Service booklet, they are always available from the Sidespeople as you come into church.



What's on this week:

Prayer Meeting for the parish and our community - every Friday at 10-11am in church - *feel free to drop in.*

St John's Church Spring Clean - Saturday 23rd March 9am.

Marie Curie Daffodil Day - Saturday 23rd March

St John's Barn Dance - Saturday 23rd March 7.30pm in St John's.

Monday Meet and Eat - Monday 25th March at 3.30pm.

Wednesdays with Heather - Wednesday 27th March at 10.45am in JPH.

Chill Chat and Chomp! - Wed 27th March at 5pm in St John's Vestry.

CTiA Walk of Witness - Good Friday at 11am at Methodist Church

This week's notices...

St John's Easter Flowers: We would be very grateful for donations towards the cost of buying lilies and spring flowers to decorate the church on Easter Day. There will be a box in the office for donations in an envelope. *Thank you.*



Compline on Zoom in Holy Week:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy week 25th, 26th, 27th March at 9pm, we will be saying Compline together as a Benefice using Zoom. A twenty minute time of peace and prayer.

The Zoom details for our Holy Week Compline...

Meeting ID: 857 6552 3503

Passcode: 392927

or use this link to join Zoom Meeting...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85765523503?pwd=QzNiZW5oRHUrTk1ua3hDcVNPL21NZz09>

There will be refreshments and pastries between our services at St John's on Easter morning (as well as coffee and Easter egg hunt after the 9.30). *Do join us, stay after the 8am service or come early before the 9.30!*

Churchyard clear-up at St Johns: We will be holding a churchyard clear-up session on **Saturday 30th March** between 9am and 12 noon. Please bring your garden tools and gloves and volunteer to help prepare the churchyard for the spring season. Refreshments will be provided.



For any further details please contact James lees on 01962 732574 or via james@lees92.plus.com.

Please do watch the heartfelt video posted by Archbishop Em Elias Chacour from Ibillin, Galilee, about the present situation in Israel/Palestine. He is well known and well respected for his peacemaking through the interfaith colleges which he set up. It can be found on the Benefice website at <https://www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk/media/allmedia.aspx>.

Forthcoming Funerals:

- Andrew Johnson's funeral will be on April 2nd at St Mary's Church, Twyford at 2pm. Parking is at Twyford School, Bourne Lane, not at the church.

Please email andrewmemorialservice@gmail.com if you would like to partake of refreshments at The Phoenix Inn, High St, Twyford.

- The funeral of Margaret Underwood will take place on Thursday 11th April at 2pm in St John's Church.

This week's notices...

We would like to encourage all of our church to pray together for our mission, and ministry in Alresford. You can join us on Fridays 10am-11am in St John's or you can pray wherever you might be on a Friday 10am-11am. Set an alarm on your phone and let's pray together wherever we might be on a Friday. *Rev'd. Heather.*

Monday Meet and Eat: Churches Together in Alresford have been supporting the Monday Meet and Eat initiative for 18 months and we are now hosting 8 families and providing a hot meal and great fellowship. We appealed for funds from the churches and community to help fund this 18 months ago and we would be very grateful for a top up of our nearly diminished funds.

If you feel able to support this, please would you

- either drop a cheque to PCC of New Alresford or cash into the Office.
- or you can do a bank transfer to BACS Sort 51-61-09 Acc No 04129849 PCC of New Alresford (*please note these are amended details*).

Please reference MME somewhere on any donation so that this will go to the appropriate fund and not get lost. You can of course use the card machine at the back of the church or in the office but please let Jane Parsons know of any card / bank payments so that they can be tracked once in the church account. *Thank you so much.*

Fund Raising for Gaza refugee crisis: Sunday 24th March at approximately 10.30am after the morning service at St John's, some of our young people will be running many laps round the churchyard as a fund raising event to raise money for the Refugee appeal in Gaza. Between them they are going to run 41km, the length of Gaza. We will have a bucket for your donations or the card machine or you can pop in a donation in an envelope to the Office anytime in the week. *Many thanks in advance.*

Church Family Tree: At the last Second Sunday Service at St John's as part of our service we created a Church Family Tree and every person there wrote their name on a leaf and came and stuck it on the tree. If you were not at the service, we would love you to pop into church in the week or on a Sunday and write your name on a leaf and stick it on the tree. It is wonderful to see how many leaves there are representing people and children in St John's.

Wednesdays @ St John's Church:

Come and join Rev'd Heather at 10.45am for a brew and a chat. *Everyone Welcome.* Every Wednesday in the John Pearson Hall.

St John's Church Spring Clean: Please save the date - Saturday 23rd March 9am. Please bring along dusters etc.

This week's notices...

Live Streaming at St John's:

The new link for the live-streaming of services at St John's is:

www.youtube.com/@thearlevalleybenefice5720/streams

It will come up under a Live heading with a green oblong with a small round picture of St John's underneath. Click on the oblong and it will open the live stream.

New church chairs at St John's: We are gradually getting closer to being able to order the new chairs. We have passed the first stage of permission and are now waiting for the final approval. Please pray for this process to run smoothly. We will no longer need the kneelers that are kept under each chair (apart from a few) so we will be advertising locally that the kneelers will be available to be collected from St John's porch - free or voluntary donation in the donations box by the right entrance on the inside of the church. Great to use for kneeling in your garden!

Marie Curie Daffodil Day - Saturday 23rd March:



Daffodil Day is the annual fundraising day for Marie Curie. There will be a cake stall at the surgery and a street collection in the town from 9am-1pm.

Cakes will be gratefully received. Please deliver to Alresford Surgery either on Friday 22nd March or on the day. Thank You. Val Bond

CTIA Easter Monday Walk:

Too much chocolate on Easter Day? Join us for a walk of about 4 miles at 10.00am meeting outside Freightways (formerly White & Etherington) at the south end of New Farm Road. May well be muddy. Optional climbing of a five bar gate for the more athletic! Dogs welcome.

Any queries to Rex Corfield (alresfordcorfields@talktalk.net).



Men's Supper Club (for widowers): We normally meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm for a meal. Our next meal is on **Thursday 28th March**. *Please contact Roger Whiffen on 01962 734045 for more information.*

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...

St John's Electoral Roll:

The Electoral Roll is revised every year prior to the APCM. In order to vote at the APCM, or to be elected to the PCC or any office, you must be on the Roll. If you are not on it yet and wish to be, please add your name now. Should you be unsure if you are already on the Roll, there is a copy in the Parish Office or you can ask our Electoral Roll Officer, Janet Pooley. **The closing date for entry on the Roll is Monday 8th April**, after which no names may be added until the APCM has been held on Tuesday 23rd April. You can download a form from the [Arle Valley Benefice web site](#) (look under 'Our Churches – supporting our churches') or apply with a paper form available at the back of the church or direct from Janet.

Completed forms should be left in the Parish Office or be sent to the address below...

*Janet Pooley, 8 The Mulberries, Off Station Approach, Alresford SO24 9FL.
Tel 01962 732779.*

You are invited to attend...

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 23rd AT 8PM IN THE CHURCH

At the meeting, we will be electing or re-electing Churchwardens and PCC members to serve from 2024, as well as the normal reporting functions of the annual meeting. To be eligible to stand for election, candidates must be aged 16 or over (21 for Churchwardens), be actual communicants, have been registered on the Electoral Roll for the previous 6 months, and have indicated a willingness to stand. Other considerations are contained in the Church Representational Rules--nomination forms for election to all roles are available at the rear of the church.

If you would like further information on what is involved in any of these roles, or to volunteer to stand for election, please speak to the Rector or the Churchwardens. The Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2023 will again be distributed by email this year. For those on the Electoral Roll who are not on email, printed (named and addressed) copies will be available at the rear of the church, from where they can be collected after March 23rd. *Thank you*

Please direct:

- ▶ **Material for notices:** please email Rob Attenborough at 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...



St John's Barn Dance

Saturday 23rd March

7.30pm in

St John's Church

Fish & Chips Supper

Tickets: £12.50 Adults

£7 Under 16s

The St John's Barn Dance next Saturday March 23rd is being led by our very own Roger Whiffen. We are going to be setting everything up at 3pm. If you have a short while to spare to help us put up decorations and move chairs etc, we would love to see you. Just let Rosie know if you are able to help.

Giving in 2024!

Three ways you may donate to St. John's by credit or debit card:

1. At the back of the church is a unit where you can choose from different amounts or enter your own amount. Then just tap your card and it is done.
2. Scan this QR code with your phone or tablet. This takes you to the Parish Giving Scheme website for St. John's where you make your donation. This code can also be used to set up a regular donation.
3. Phone David Griffiths on 01962 734408



With all three options you can Gift Aid your donation.

Members can donate to St. Mary's with their phone or tablet by scanning this QR code

or by contacting Roger Parsons on 01962 734561



With many thanks for your generosity.

This week's notices...

Alresford Community Cinema

**MICHAEL CAINE
GLENDA JACKSON**


Community Centre
Tuesday 2nd April
7.00pm start

THE GREAT ESCAPER
INSPIRED BY A TRUE LOVE STORY

Card or cash
on the door
Licensed bar
Tickets £8

Brought to you by the
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Bookings 01962 736282
or 07780 703543



The Great Escaper

Based on a true story that made national news about pensioner Bernard Jordan, who in 2014 absconded from his care home in Hove to attend the D-Day events in France.

The film tells the story of the people he meets and places he goes. Poignant but also life affirming. Described as a 'fabulous film'. Michael Caine (always popular but he has hinted it may be his last film, and sadly, the last film by Glenda Jackson).

Saturday 27th April - Winchester College Quiristers in Concert at St. John the Baptist Church Alresford. West Street. SO24 9AG

The much acclaimed Quiristers will be in concert at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday 27th April 2024. They will perform a mixture of musical pieces including sacred and popular items.

Tickets can be obtained from the St. John's Church website:

www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk email: arlevalleychurches@gmail.com

Tickets can also be obtained from:

ticketsource.co.uk/st-john-the-baptist-church-new-alresford

Tickets priced at £16.00 for adults, Quirister parents £12.00 and Students £8.00. Under 12's go free.

Each ticket includes a glass of wine/non-alcoholic drink and light refreshments.

Time 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

The choir will sell their latest CD after the concert (cash only please)

Enquiries: Email: lawrencewill@tiscali.co.uk

Collect and Readings for Palm Sunday

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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



Palm Gospel: Mark 11.1-11

When the Gospel is announced we respond with:

Glory to you, O Lord

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." '

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

At the end the reader will say: This is the Gospel of the Lord

*The response is: **Praise to you, O Christ***

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

No response is made

Mark 14.32-15.39

At the conclusion of the Passion the reader says:

This is the Passion of the Lord

No response is made



Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

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...

CMS - please pray for Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu Uganda. They have recently received via CMS enough laptops for each student at Archbishop Janani Lwum Theological College to have access to a computer during classes, for which they are deeply grateful. Remember them as they observe Holy Week and celebrate the joy of Easter, as we do.

The world. Millions of people are facing a humanitarian crisis, especially in Sudan, Gaza and Haiti, while many more are living in a war zone. Pray for all trying to deliver aid to these people and pray for world leaders trying to find peaceful solutions to these conflicts.

All suffering long term effects of climate change, floods, extreme temperatures and melting ice. Pray that the world may take this seriously and encourage and enable everyone to change their lifestyle a little to reduce their carbon footprint.

Our NHS as waiting lists continue to rise and A and E departments and the ambulance and emergency services are overstretched. Pray for all doctors and nurses and for all awaiting treatment, but giving thanks for the excellent treatment being received by so many. Pray for all undergoing treatment and all being cared for at home.

All who are homeless or dependent on the Basics bank for everyday essentials. As the Easter holidays draw near, pray for families who will struggle to provide enough food for their children. Pray for our families and friends and for our local community.

Our churches, for Revd Heather and all the LLMs, BCMs and LPAs. Pray that this Holy Week may strengthen our faith and commitment and that we offer a warm welcome to all who may join our services for the first time this Easter. Pray for all who receive communion in their own homes.

*God so loved the world, God so loved the world,
That he gave his only begotten son,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him
Should not perish, should not perish
But have everlasting Life.*