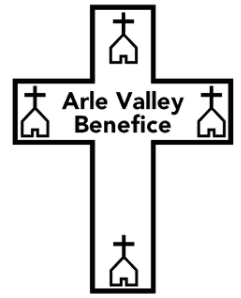


# The Arle Valley Benefice

St. John's Church, New Alresford + St. Peter's Church, Ovington  
St. Mary's Church, Old Alresford + All Saints Church, Bighton



## 4 May 2025 - Third 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.

### Services this Sunday:

#### This morning's Bible Readings:

**First Reading:** Micah 4; 1-4 p. 879

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 5; 16-21 p. 178

**Gospel:** Luke 15; 18-24 p.75

*Bibles will be available as you come into church.*

#### St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

4.00pm Families @ 4

#### St. Mary's

11am Village Family Praise

#### St. Peter's

11.00am Café Church

**All Saints** *No service*

### Live Streaming at St. John's

The link for the live-streaming of services is:

[www.youtube.com/@thearlevalleybenefice5720/streams](http://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.

### Collect for Today

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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**

### Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Children are welcome at all services here.**

**A hearing aid 'loop' system** operates at St John's, St Peter's & St Mary's.

**If moving is difficult** and you wish to have communion brought to you, please ask the Churchwarden on duty.

**If you require a gluten-free wafer**, please inform us before the service begins.

**Know of anyone who'd appreciate reading this notice sheet?** Please feel free to forward it to them.

## THIS WEEK (5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May)

<b>Mon - 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	All Saints	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tues - 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	St. John's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wed - 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>10.45am</b> <b>5pm</b>	St. Mary's St. John's John Pearson Hall <i>Apostle House Café</i>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Midweek Holy Communion</b> <b>Wednesdays with Heather</b> <b>Chill Chat &amp; Chomp (Youth Y7+)</b>
<b>Thurs - 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b> <b>10am</b>	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Chatterbox Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b>
<b>Fri - 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	St. John's	<b>Parish Outreach Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Sat - 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> <b>7pm</b>	John Pearson Hall St. John's	<b>First Aid Course</b> <b>Come and Sing Workshop</b>

## NEXT SUNDAY (11<sup>th</sup> May) Fourth Sunday After Easter

<b>9.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11am</b> <b>11am</b> <b>6pm</b>	St. John's St. Mary's St. Peter's All Saints St. John's	<b>Breakfast Church</b> <b>Morning Praise</b> <b>Parish Communion</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Sundays @ Six</b>
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### PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Barbara G, Carol R, Bec G, Audrey C, Les W, Rosemary F, Sylvia P, Hazel G, Pearl C, Val L, John L, Alan B, Joyce K, Tony H, Ian V, Jilly C, Sarah G, Dennis, David O, David H, Robina S, Meg R, Roger and Jocelyn F, Monica D, Moira J, Robin G, Audrey S, Joy F and those who attend worship at Wayfarer's Place, Bailey House and Makins Court.

### THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Anne Hanson, Hedley Parker, Joan Le Marchand, Michele Widdicombe

***Our Prayers for the Week are in the St. John's Prayer Space and on the Benefice website.***

### 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: e. [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or t. 01962 733237.

***We of course always respect the confidentiality of your requests.***

# Notices

## ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by:  
**Sue Clarke: *Remembering Paul on his birthday***



## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

### Anne Hanson's Thanksgiving Service

St John's Church on Friday, 16th May at 11.30am. All welcome.

### Michele Widdicombe's Thanksgiving Service

St. John's Church on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm. All welcome.

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO ROB ATTENBOROUGH!

Thank you Rob for all your dedication and diligence in producing the Friday notices for the last 17 ½ years! We all hope that you enjoy your 'notices' retirement. Relaxed Thursdays will be a new experience for you!

## CHILL, CHAT & CHOMP

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm**

Our Yr 7+ youth group will next meet at Apostle House Café instead of the West Room.

## GOSPEL WORKSHOP AT ST JOHN'S

**Saturday, 10th May at 7pm**

Come to St. John's Church to learn an upbeat, fun Gospel song about resilience, 'Giants'. The songs are upbeat, fun, and will be in your head for weeks!

This workshop is for anyone, whether you can sing or you can't.

It doesn't matter what you believe; come and experience an inspiring evening of singing.

**Tickets: <https://tickettailor.com/events/gospelcollectiveuk>**

## ST JOHN'S CAFÉ at the Watercress Festival on Sunday 18th May.



We need to start gathering our wonderful army of volunteers who make this, our biggest fundraiser, the success it has always been in the past. Sign up sheets are now at the back of the Church. There are many ways in which to help, so please have a look and add your name to one or maybe more of the boxes. Encourage your friends to join us - many hands make light work!

**The organising team look forward to sharing this exciting day with you.**

**It is important that all volunteers are risk aware. So please take a risk assessment sheet and tick the red box beside your name on the sign up sheet to indicate that you have one.**

# Notices

## JPH KITCHEN CUPBOARDS

Please note that the kitchen cupboards in the John Pearson Hall have been deep cleaned and reorganised. Everything is labelled but some things may be in different places!! Thank you for your patience.

## PARKING PASS FOR WATERCRESS SUNDAY (18<sup>TH</sup> MAY)

If you need to bring your car for the 8.30am service, you will need a pass. Passes available from the parish office.

## \*RESCHEDULED - HISTORICAL INSIGHTS BY ALASTAIR BRUCE AT ST. PETER'S\* New Date - Friday, 11th July (Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start)

Alastair Bruce has been covering the Pope's funeral for Sky News and now has to stay in Rome to cover the Conclave and inaugural communion. His talk has been rescheduled for Friday, 11th July. We will be honouring the old date tickets and we do hope you can still attend.

Join us at St. Peter's Church, Ovington for a fascinating talk about Historical Insights by Alastair Bruce. Tickets £15 (including a drink and nibbles) and are available on [www.ticketsource.co.uk/ovington](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ovington) or in the Parish Office (10am - 12pm Mon - Fri) at St. John's Church in New Alresford. Proceeds to go to St. Peter's Fabric Fund.

## ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA

### Paddington in Peru - Tuesday, 6th May at 7pm

Paddington has received a letter from the Home for Retired Bears in Peru, informing him that Aunt Lucy deeply misses him and is acting strangely. So Paddington and the Brown family decide to travel to Peru to visit her. On arrival, though, they learn from the Reverend Mother that Aunt Lucy has gone missing in the jungle ...!

Please note that booked seats will, in future, be reserved until 6.45pm but then released for general sale.

Licensed bar, tickets £8 (card or cash on the door), bookings t. 01962 736282 or t. 07780 703543



Our Facebook page  
Our Instagram page

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### Material for notices:

please email Penny Forbes at  
[notices@arlevalleychurches.org.uk](mailto:notices@arlevalleychurches.org.uk)

### Deadline: 12pm Wednesday

### Information about those in hospital to:

Jackie Connell 732056 or Patricia Todd  
738408 or Keith Sweetland 735255.

**Urgent information for Intercessions  
to the churchwardens.**

### Rector: Rev'd Heather Brearey

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