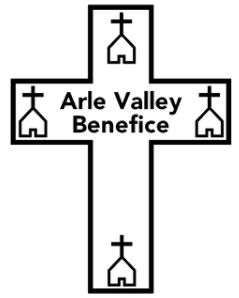


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



18 May 2025 - Fifth 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:

Genesis 22.1 - 18 p. 18

Acts 11.1 - 18 p. 126

John 13.31 - 35 p. 104

Bibles are available in our churches.

Watercress Festival Day

St. John's

8.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

No Service

St. Peter's

No Service

All Saints

11.00am Morning Prayer

Live Streaming at St. John's

The link for the live-streaming of services 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.

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten
Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened
to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace
going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life; 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 (19th - 23rd May)

Mon - 19th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Tues - 20th	9am 2pm	St. John's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Mothers' Union Meeting
Wed - 21st	9am 10am 10.45am 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's John Pearson Hall John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion Wednesdays with Heather Chill Chat & Chomp (Youth Y7+)
Thurs - 22nd	9am 10am	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group
Fri - 23rd	10am	St. John's	Parish Outreach Prayer Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY (25th May) Sixth Sunday After Easter

8am 9.30am 9.30am 11am	St. John's St. John's St. Mary's All Saints	Holy Communion (BCP) Celtic Service of the Word Parish Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
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PRAYERS FOR:

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, Zena C, 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
Arle Valley Benefice website:

'Our Faith / Prayer'

'What's On / Weekly Notices and Prayers'

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
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:

Rosie Waring Green: *Remembering Mum and Dad's Wedding Anniversary*

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, 30th May at 12pm. All welcome.

WATERCRESS FESTIVAL CAKES

Please leave your cakes in the JPH between 4 and 6pm on Saturday 17th May if possible but if not leave them in the church or bring them on Sunday.

Thank you so much.

PARKING PASS FOR WATERCRESS SUNDAY (18TH MAY)

If you need to bring your car for the 8.30am service, you will need a pass.

Passes available from the parish office.

EVENTS SCHEDULE AT ST JOHN'S - WATERCRESS FESTIVAL

10am - 4pm The Café at St. John's

10.30am Sun Hill Infants Song and Dance

12.00pm Godalming Brass

1:15pm Alresford Community Choir

3:00pm Winchester Rock Choir

SOLOS

Please note that we are unable to have our Solos Tea on Sunday 18th May as it is the Watercress Festival, ***Our next Solos Tea is on Sunday afternoon June 15th from 2.30pm in the John Pearson Hall.*** We look forward to seeing you all again then. Margaret and the team.

****NEW** THE PRAYER COURSE - WEDNESDAY, 28TH MAY AT 7.30PM**

You are invited to join this course based on the Pete Greig book 'How to Pray', at the Housegroup which runs at 2 Grange Road run by Ian and Rosie Waring Green. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month and we are very excited to be running this course and are all looking forward to growing together in our understanding of prayer. Contact Rosie t. 07891 120662 or e. rosie@22rwg.co.uk to join/further details.

OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 20th May 2025, 2 for 2.30pm in the John Pearson Hall. Our speaker is Rev. Jo Crescent who will be telling us about her involvement with Mothers' Union. New members always welcome.

Contact Heather Galley on t. 01962 732326.

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HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE (BCP) - TWO SERVICES ON FOURTH SUNDAYS Sunday, 25th May (8am) St. John's & (9.30am) St. Mary's

Do you prefer a more traditional said service of Holy Communion celebrating the rich tradition and liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)? Please join us at one of our BCP services to enjoy the peace and tranquillity.

CELTIC SERVICE OF THE WORD - FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH Sunday, 25th May (9.30 - 10.30am) St. John's Church

This quiet, reflective service contains music, hymns, bible readings and periods of silence in the Celtic tradition. You don't have to be "religious" to attend.

Those with faith, those without faith and those who are searching, are all very welcome. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Tech Team would be very grateful for some more help on the rota to either help with the live streaming aspect of the service and also with the overheads on the screen during the service. Full training will be given. Please pray about this ministry and think also if there is anyone else you know who could come in and help occasionally. Please contact Rosie on 07891 120662 or rosie@22rwg.co.uk

****SAVE THE DATE****

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING - FRIDAY, 6TH JUNE AT 6PM

Please join Andrew Lumsden (former Director of Music at Winchester Cathedral) for an evening of fine music at St. Mary's Church. Tickets £15 which includes wine and canapes after the concert. All funds raised for St. Mary's kitchen servery and toilet project.

**Tickets available from Six West (cash only), St. John's Parish office
Mon - Fri (10am - 12pm) or from Sue Armstrong (01962 734542) or
Erica Sisk (01962 732735).**



Our Facebook page
Our Instagram page

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAlresford>
[the_alresford_area_churches](https://www.instagram.com/the_alresford_area_churches)

Material for notices:

please email Penny Forbes at
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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Benefice Office

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Prayers for the coming week (18th - 24th May)

Our fragile world and all countries where there is conflict remembering Ukraine and Russia and The Holy Land. Hold before God the people of Gaza, especially the children, where restricted aid is resulting in a serious humanitarian crisis and many face starvation. Pray that ways will be found to bring an end to this crisis.

The Watercress Festival that it will be a time of joy for the community.

Pray for our Watercress Cafe and all who will be involved in ensuring it runs smoothly. May all who come to it experience warm and friendly hospitality and feel welcomed.

Young people taking important exams over the next few weeks remembering especially those who struggle under the pressure. Pray for those who continue to seek work in their chosen career but are having little success.

Healing for the sick, those receiving treatment and those who suffer from depression. Bring before God all who care for a loved one at home and pray for families where relationships are at breaking point.

Our Benefice and for all who minister in it. Pray for Heather and her family as they prepare for a different future and for ourselves as we prepare for change. Pray that we will all appreciate God's wonderful creation and do our best to preserve it. Hold before God Pope Leo XIV as he settles into his new role and pray for those who are involved in selecting the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

Loving Lord, hear our prayer.

