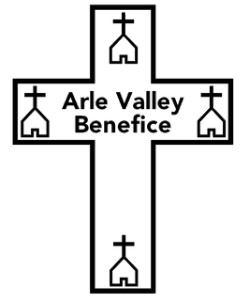


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



24 August 2025 - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our worship today. Good to have you with us.

Please make yourself known to the Clergy or one of the Churchwardens after the service.

Services this Sunday:

This morning's Bible Readings:

Isaiah 43.8-13 p. 682

Luke 22.24-30 p.83



St. John's

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Celtic Service of the Word

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion (BCP)

All Saints

11am Parish Communion

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 and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
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

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost sent your
Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind
from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 (25th - 29th August)

Mon 25 th	9am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
Tues 26 th	9am	St. John's	Morning Prayer
Wed 27 th	9am 10am 10.45am	St. Mary's St. John's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion Wednesdays with Heather
Thurs 28 th	9am	St. Peter's	Morning Prayer
Fri 29 th	10am	St. John's - Prayer Space	Parish Outreach Meeting
Sat 30 th	1pm	St. John's	Baptisms - Ronnie, Bailey & Lennie

NEXT SUNDAY (31st August) - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11am 1pm 4pm	All Saints St. Peter's St. Mary's, Itchen Stoke	Benefice Communion Service Baptism - Frank Gilbertson Hymns and Pimms - Itchen Stoke
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BENEFICE SERVICE - SUNDAY, 31st AUGUST AT 11AM (ALL SAINTS, BIGHTON)

Please join us as we come together at **11am in All Saints Church, Bighton** for our shared Benefice Service. **A great opportunity to see our wider group of friends in the benefice.** We would love to see you there!

PRAYERS FOR:

David C, Marion M, Shirley W, Margaret Se, Barbara G, Bec G, Audrey C, Les W, Rosemary F, Sylvia P, Hazel G, Val L, John L, Alan B, Tony H, Ian V, Jilly C, Sarah G, Dennis, David O, 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:

Jan Rose, David Hughes, Stephen Pinch, Pearl Court and Lynda George

Our Prayers for the Week are in the **St. John's Prayer Space** and on the **Arle Valley Benefice website (links):**

'Our Faith / Prayer / This Week's Prayers'
'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.

ZOOM MORNING PRAYER THURSDAYS

We are taking a break for the Summer and will be back in September.

Please keep an eye out in upcoming notices for further time/date details.

Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by:

Margaret Stewart: *In memory of Gordon with love.*



FUNERAL SERVICE

David Hughes - Basingstoke Crematorium on **Wednesday, 10th September at 11am.**

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Please pray for **Frank Earnest Peris Gilbertson** who will be baptised at St. Peter's on **Sunday, 31st August at 1pm** and his parents, **Christopher and Rosanna.**

Please pray for **Ronnie, Bailey and Lennie** who will be baptised at St. John's on **Sat., 30th August.**

HEATHER'S FINAL BENEFICE SERVICE - SUNDAY, 28TH SEPT AT 9.30AM IN ST JOHN'S.

All are welcome to this service of Holy Communion which is a celebration of Heather's time with us as well as a goodbye and thank you. This will be followed by a Brunch in the church with time for fellowship and food!!

Heather has requested no gifts, but has asked that if anyone would like to give a donation or a pledge to the Children and Families Worker project, it would be much appreciated as a wonderful and meaningful gift to her. This would be Heather's legacy to us as we acknowledge her inspiring ministry to all of us and the town of Alresford. Details on how to give are on the benefice website under Community and Outreach / Children and Families Worker Appeal. Please do join us on September 28th.

Plans are well under way for the services to be covered during our time of vacancy and everyone is working hard to ensure church life carries on smoothly.



CHURCHES TOGETHER AWAY DAY - SATURDAY, 13TH SEPT @ OLD ALRESFORD PLACE



Our Away Day (10am - 4pm) is an opportunity for the whole church family to come together for worship and fellowship, getting to know one another in Old Alresford Place.

Special guest: Rev Philip Bromiley is the Team Rector of The Avon River Team in the Salisbury Diocese. His roles include Associate Director of Ordinands and Bishop's adviser for Ecumenism in Wiltshire. Philip is passionate about Church Unity and Mission and is joining us to share some reflections about how we are called, as the Body of Christ, in different denominations, to pray and work together.

The morning will begin with prayerful reflection and some insights into our shared story through the holy sites of Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

The day includes: Lunch (please bring your own) (1 - 2pm), CTIA AGM (tea and cake afterwards) (2 - 3pm) and CTIA Covenant celebration service at St. Mary's Old Alresford (3pm).

Everyone welcome to all or some of the day.

ALPHA COURSES - There will be an **Alpha** and a **Youth Alpha** course running in the **Autumn**. These courses are designed to help you grow in your Christian faith, to give you an opportunity to ask any questions you have and to enjoy friendship and good food!! **For more details and discussion about dates please contact Rosie Waring Green** rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891 120662.



Notices

Upcoming Events - Fun, fun, fun!

HYMNS AND PIMMS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ITCHEN STOKE

Sunday, 31st August at 4pm

Come and enjoy and sing along to a few cracking hymns, followed by several glasses of Pimms and other delightful treats. **No singing experience necessary!**

Everyone welcome. Non-alcoholic alternatives available.



BIGHTON VILLAGE FETE AND FUN DOG SHOW

Sunday, 14th September, 1.30 - 4.30pm Bighton Village Hall Field, SO24 9RE

Family fun with traditional stalls + games for everyone: BBQ, Bar, Cream Teas, Craft Stalls, Falconry Display, Classic Cars. A perfect afternoon to end the Summer Season.

Adults £2, children free. Do come and join in the fun!

CHURCHYARD BINS HELP... (TEMPORARY)



Rosie would be VERY grateful if someone would kindly put out and put back the church bins next to the JPH on Tuesday 2nd and 9th September and the bin in the churchyard next to the path on the north side on Thursday 4th and 11th September. This particular bin doesn't need to be put back as the council do that on Friday morning. Two different people could, of course, do these bins.

Also, the bin that has a liner near the bench on the east wall near the JPH needs emptying every 3 or 4 days - replacement bags in the Office.

Please contact Rosie: rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891 120662

HAVE SOME FREE TIME THIS SATURDAY?

Come Help Us Tidy Up St. Mary's Church, Itchen Stoke on Saturday, 23rd August at 10.30am in preparation for the upcoming Hymns and Pimms Afternoon! (See above).



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S

If you could you help with either of these two opportunities it would be VERY much appreciated: **Please contact Rosie 07891 120662 or rosie@22rwg.co.uk.**



****URGENTLY NEEDED** Church Locking** - the church needs locking, lights out etc at about 5pm each night (weekly).

Monday, Meet and Eat in term time - Either making tea, washing up or playing games with the children or cooking a simple meal for approx 15.



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

**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 (24th - 30th August)



Please pray for

Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India: the children, housemothers, grandmothers and all the staff who care for them. With much appreciated financial support from St John's they are able to provide a safe, healthy, child-friendly, and elderly-friendly environment for the residents.

Pray for our troubled world and for its leaders at a time when they are heavily involved in discussion and negotiation about ending wars and moving towards a lasting peace. May they may be filled with wisdom, integrity, humility and compassion and have a willingness to really listen to one another. Pray for the innocent people caught up in these wars, the starving people of Gaza and remembering all those living in Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar Pray for the children who are growing up in war zones who know only gun shots and violence and have little understanding of peace.

For the people of Pakistan who have lost homes and loved ones in the recent floods. Hold before God the farmers in the UK who are anxious because of low yielding crops, the result of this Summer's drought, and remember especially those worried that they will have insufficient to feed their livestock over the winter. May all these serious signs of climate change alert the whole world to the urgency of making lifestyle changes.

For young people receiving important exam results and having to make decisions about the next step in their life. Hold before God those who have completed their full time education and are now looking to find work in their chosen career.

For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Remember before God those who are awaiting tests, treatment or surgery and those who are nearing the end of their life. Pray for all who work in local hospices supporting the sick and their families.

For those who are looking to appoint the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray for this Benefice as we prepare for the interregnum, especially remembering the Churchwardens and all who will take on additional responsibilities. Pray for Heather and her family as she prepares for the next stage of her life.

Loving Lord, hear the prayers we offer.