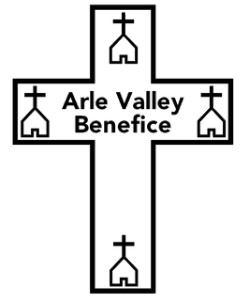


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



31 August 2025 - Eleventh 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:

Jeremiah 2.4 - 13 p. 709 - 710

Luke 14.1, 7-14 p. 74



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.



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.

Collect for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



THIS WEEK (1st - 5th September)

Mon 1st	9am 10am	All Saints Christy Hall	Morning Prayer <i>Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00</i>
Tues 2nd	9am 7pm	St. John's Alresford Community Centre	Morning Prayer <i>Alresford Community Cinema</i> <i>'Small Things Like These'</i>
Wed 3rd	9am 10am 10.45am 12.30pm 2pm	St. Mary's St. John's John Pearson Hall St. John's Alresford Library	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion Wednesdays with Heather <i>Interment - Valerie Newell</i> <i>Befriend the End</i>
Thurs 4th	9am	St. Peter's	Morning Prayer
Fri 5th	10am	St. John's - Prayer Space	Parish Prayer Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY (7th September) - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am 11am 11am 4pm	St. John's St. Peter's St. Mary's St. John's	Parish Communion <i>Café Church</i> Village Family Praise <i>Families @ 4pm</i>
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PRAYERS FOR:

Marion M, Shirley W, Margaret Se,
Barbara 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:

David Carr, Jan Rose, David Hughes,
Stephen Pinch and Pearl Court

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:

Bill Bailey: For Sheila on what would have been her 90th birthday with love



UPCOMING BAPTISMS



Please pray for **Ronnie, Bailey and Lennie** who will be baptised at St. John's on **Saturday, 30th August at 1pm.**

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.**

FUNERAL SERVICE

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



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.

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.

GOSPEL COLLECTIVE - FIRST REHEARSAL BACK - 11TH SEPT (6.30 - 9.30PM)

Come and join us at St. John's for an evening of uplifting Gospel music in a welcoming group and see if Gospel Collective is the right choir for you. **Sit down meal and supportive community included!** Email to book a space: office@gospelcollective.co.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S

1) **URGENTLY NEEDED Church Locking** - the church needs locking, lights out etc at about 5pm each night (weekly). **2) Monday, Meet and Eat (term time)** - Either making tea, washing up or playing games with the children or cooking a simple meal for approx 15. Contact Rosie t. 07891 120662 or email: rosie@22rwg.co.uk.

Notices

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 email: rosie@22rwg.co.uk or t. 07891 120662.**



Sunday Services - 7th September

CAFE CHURCH @ ST. PETER'S

11am - 1st Sunday every other month. Join us for good conversation about faith and life in a friendly, informal setting at St. Peter's. Coffee, tea + homemade treats!



VILLAGE FAMILY PRAISE @ ST. MARY'S

11am - 1st Sunday every month.

A service of Morning Praise at St. Mary's for the whole family. Refreshments afterwards.

FAMILIES AT 4PM @ ST. JOHN'S

We gather together in St. John's on the **1st Sunday of every month** for fun interactive storytelling, songs, a great craft session and a cuppa. We have babies and toddlers to teens and all in between.

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!

CITIZENS ADVICE WINCHESTER INFORMATION SESSION - 11th SEPTEMBER

Come and learn about the scope of Citizens Advice Winchester at 2.30pm on Thursday, 11th September at the Alresford Methodist Church. Have your questions answered on topics such as Wills and Powers of Attorney, Attendance Allowance or Energy Efficiency.'



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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t: 01962 732105

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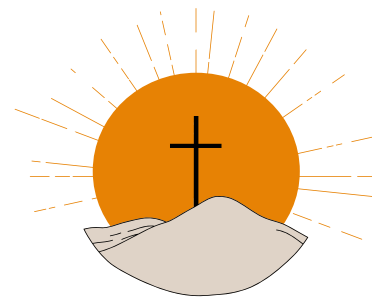
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Prayers for the coming week (31st August - 6th September)



Please pray for

The world, especially those countries devastated by war. Pray for the people of Gaza, for doctors and nurses trying to help those in their care with minimal resources and for journalists risking and losing their lives. Pray for people in Ukraine as they hope for a ceasefire in the war with Russia. Pray for all who are suffering from hunger due to conflict or famine.

Our world as this summer breaks all records for average temperatures.

Pray for all affected by climate change, the countries dealing with floods or droughts. In our country pray for those affected by fires in Yorkshire. Pray for farmers whose crops have failed due to the lack of rain. Pray that those in authority may take necessary actions to protect our beautiful planet.

All awaiting medical test results or further treatment. Pray for all in hospital, all being cared for at home, all dealing with pain and long term illness. Give thanks for the work of the hospices, for all working to give people a good and peaceful death. Pray for all who grieve, all who are facing an uncertain future and all who are suffering with mental illness.

Our churches and for Heather as she prepares to leave Alresford. Pray for the Ministry team, for Penny and for all Church Wardens as they prepare to take more responsibility during the interregnum.

Merciful Father, hear our prayer.