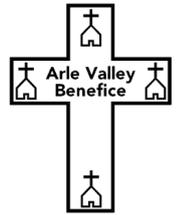


The Arle Valley Benefice



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

14th & 21st September 2025 - Trinity 13 & 14

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

Please feel free to introduce yourself to the Clergy or a Churchwarden after the service.

Services this Sunday:

Bible Readings:

14th September

Philippians 2.6-11 p.194 John 3.13-17 p.90

21st September

2 Corinthians 4.1-6 p.177 Matthew 9.9-13 p.8

Sunday, 14th September

St. John's 9.30am Breakfast Church
6pm Sunday @ Six

St. Mary's 9.30am Morning Praise

All Saints 11am Morning Prayer

St. Peter's 11am Harvest Festival
(Heather's last service at St. Peter's)

Service schedule for Sunday, 21st Sept (p. 2)

Collect - 14th Sept

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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.

Post Communion Prayer - 14th Sept

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collect - 21st Sept

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer - 21st Sept

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.
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.

The Arle Valley Benefice takes its duty and obligation to protect everyone, extremely seriously. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding nature our Safeguarding Officers are:
Sarah Wilding (St. John's) or
Alison Mayne (St. Mary's/All Saints/St. Peter's)
e-mail: arlevalleysafeguarding@gmail.com

Two Week Diary (15th - 26th September)

Mon 15 th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat (restarts)	DON'T MISS!! BIGHTON VILLAGE FETE & FUN DOG SHOW Sunday, 14th Sept 1.30 - 4.30pm Bighton Village Hall Field SO24 9RE Adults £2, children free
Tues 16 th	9am 2pm	St. John's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Mothers' Union Meeting	
Wed 17 th	9am 10am 10.45am 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's John Pearson Hall Vestry in St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion Wednesdays with Heather Chill, Chat & Chomp (restarts)	
Thurs 18 th	9am 10am	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group	
Fri 19 th	10am 2.30pm 3.30pm	St. John's St. John's John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting Thanksgiving Service - David Carr Thanksgiving Tea - David Carr	
Sat 20 th	12pm 2pm 2pm	St. John's All Saints St. Mary's	Wedding - Miles Holt & Alicia Donatantonio Wedding - Nicholas Finney & Sophie Mayne Memorial Service - Gregory Thistlethwaite	
Mon 22 nd	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat	
Tues 23 rd	9am 11.45am	St. John's St. John's	Morning Prayer Thanksgiving Service - Alan Binfield	
Wed 24 th	9am 10am 10.45am 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's John Pearson Hall Vestry in St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion Wednesdays with Heather Chill, Chat & Chomp	
Thurs 25 th	9am 10am 4pm	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall St. John's	Morning Prayer Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group Soul Children	
Fri 26 th	10am	St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting	

SUNDAY 21ST SEPT TRINITY 14	9.30am 10am 11am 11am 2.30pm	St. John's St. Peter's St. Mary's All Saints John Pearson Hall	Battle of Britain Parish Communion Morning Praise Harvest Festival Morning Prayer Solos Sunday Tea	
SUNDAY 28TH SEPT TRINITY 15	9.30am	St. John's	Heather's Final Service Benefice Informal Communion (Followed by Brunch in the JPH)	



TABLE TALK: Please note that Table Talk will not meet on Friday, 19th September but will be back in the JPH on Friday, 17th October at 12pm.

Notices

TWO WEEK NOTICES: Please note that Penny will be away for two weeks but the office will be manned by our lovely group of volunteers. **Next notices: Friday, 26th Sept.**

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

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

14th Sept: Sue Clarke - "In memory of John with love"

21st Sept: The Flowers have been sponsored by Maureen and George Skayman celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary and by Hilary Carr for David's Memorial Service.



UPCOMING THANKSGIVING SERVICES

David Carr - Thanksgiving Service at St. John's on Friday, 19th September at 2.30pm

Gregory Thistlethwaite - Memorial Service at St. Mary's, 20th September at 2pm

Alan Binfield - Thanksgiving Service at St. John's, 23rd September at 11.45am

WEDDINGS

Please pray for our two wedding couples who will be married next week:

Miles Holt and Alicia Donatantonio on Saturday, 20th Sept at 12pm in St. John's

Nicholas Finney and Sophie Mayne on Saturday, 20th Sept at 2pm in All Saints



➔ SUNDAY @ SIX SPECIAL EVENT - 14TH SEPTEMBER AT 6PM

Heather will be giving her Testimony. Do come and join us for some cake, worship & fellowship.

DON'T MISS THIS SATURDAY'S (13TH SEPT) CTIA AWAY DAY! JUST DROP PAST!

Everyone welcome to all or some of the day. 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 - Team Rector of The Avon River Team.** 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).**

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.

HARVEST SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

St. Peter's - Sunday, 14th Sept at 11am
St. Mary's - Sunday, 21st Sept at 11am
St. John's - Sunday, 12th Oct at 9.30am
All Saints - Sunday, 12th Oct at 11am



Harvest Supper @ St. John's Saturday, 11th Oct at 6.30pm
in the JPH. Details to follow.



**NEW FOCAL MINISTER FOR OVINGTON!
PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT MINNA ON TUESDAY.**

Minna Bruce is to be commissioned as the focal minister for **St. Peter's, Ovington on Tuesday, 16th September at 6pm.** Minna will be our third focal minister in our benefice! Focal ministers help with growth, mission and discipleship within their church. *Please pray God's guidance and blessing to Minna during this exciting time.*

OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION MEETING - TUESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 16th September, 2 for 2.30pm at the John Pearson Hall.** New members always welcome. Contact Heather Galley on t. 01962 732326.

SOLOS are looking forward to seeing you on **Sunday 21st Sept from 2.30pm in the John Pearson Hall** for sandwiches, tea and homemade cakes, conversation and friendship. For more info: t. 01962 733545.



MEN'S SUPPER CLUB (FOR WIDOWERS) (LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 25th Sept at 7pm in the Swan Hotel

A very pleasant evening meal to meet men in a similar situation with light-hearted chatter/banter. **Please contact Roger Whiffen on 01962 734045 for further details.**

ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Penguin Lessons - Tuesday, 7th Oct at 7pm, Tickets £10 (card or cash on the door)

This is a comedy-drama starring Steve Coogan as a disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976, and finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach. Bookings t. 01962 736282 or t. 07780 703543.



PRAYERS FOR:

Marion M, Shirley W, Margaret Se, Barbara G, Audrey C, Les W, Rosemary F, Sylvia P, Hazel G, Val L, John L, 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:

Robin Gorham, Gregory Thistlethwaite, Alan Binfield, David Carr, Jan Rose, David Hughes and Stephen Pinch



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.



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

e: arlevalleyrector@gmail.com
t: 01962 732105

Benefice Office

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Prayers for the coming two-week period (14th - 27th September)



Please pray for...

Pray for all countries under attack at the present time remembering Ukraine and Gaza, especially as the fighting there intensifies and the people have no way of escaping it. Pray for Poland and Qatar recovering from the shock of the recent surprise attacks and for all who live in constant fear for their lives. Hold before God the world leaders who are trying to bring about ceasefires in Ukraine and Gaza, that they will be filled with wisdom and courage. Pray for a change of heart in the ones so intent upon war and destruction.

For our politicians as they hold their party conferences. May they all be filled with humility, integrity and compassion and a true desire to serve the people of this country.

For young people going off to university or college for the first time in the next couple of weeks and for their families as they adjust to life with them away from home. Bring before God those who are unemployed and finding it hard to find work.

For the homeless as the weather becomes cold and wet. Pray for the Winchester Night Shelter and the Trinity centre.

For the sick in body, mind or spirit that they may receive wholeness and healing. Pray for the staff at our local surgery, hospitals and hospice. Hold before God the bereaved and those who are coming close to the end of life that they may feel the comfort of His healing touch.

For the Churches Together Day on Saturday and for the service of renewal of the CTiA covenant in the afternoon. Bring before God the person who has been called to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray for Heather as she enters her last weeks of ministry in the Benefice and for the Churchwardens as they prepare for the vacancy.

Lord of love, hear our prayer.