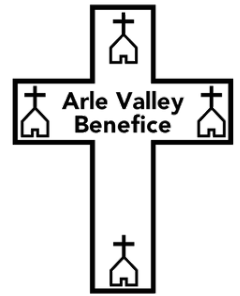


# The Arle Valley Benefice

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



**5th October 2025 - Sixteenth 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:**

**2 Timothy 1.1 - 14 p. 209**

**Luke 17.5 - 10 p. 77**

### St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

4pm Families @ 4pm

### St. Mary's

11am Village Family Praise



**BENEFICE OFFICE NEWS...**  
**NEW OFFICE HOURS!!**

**Starting Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October,**  
**the church office will now be open**  
**Monday to Friday**  
**from 9am - 11am.**

## Collect for Today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear  
the prayers of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and  
know what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power  
faithfully to fulfil them;  
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,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**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](mailto:arlevalleysafeguarding@gmail.com)**

## Live Streaming at St. John's



The link for the live-streaming of services is: [www.youtube.com/@thearlevalleybenefice5720/streams](https://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.



## THIS WEEK (6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October)

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am	All Saints Christy Hall	Morning Prayer <b>Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00 (Toddlers)</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	9am 7pm	St. John's Community Centre	Morning Prayer <b>Community Cinema - 'The Penguin Lessons'</b>
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am 4pm	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall St. John's	Morning Prayer <b>Chatterbox Baby and Toddler Group</b> <b>Soul Children (Youth Singing)</b>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St. John's - Prayer Space	Parish Prayer Meeting
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	John Pearson Hall	<b>Harvest Supper</b>

## NEXT SUNDAY (12<sup>th</sup> October) - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	St. John's	<b>Harvest Festival + Breakfast Church</b>
9.30am	St. Mary's	Morning Praise
11am	St. Peter's	Parish Communion
11am	All Saints	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
6pm	St. John's	<b>Sundays @ Six</b>

### PRAYERS FOR:

Janet P, Olive K, Audrey S, 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, Audrey S, Joy F and those who attend worship at Wayfarer's Place, Bailey House and Makins Court

### THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Margaret Kerlogue, Robin Gorham, Gregory Thistlethwaite, Alan Binfield, David Carr, Jan Rose and David Hughes



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

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

## HACKED! - DIOCESAN DBS SCREENING

Sadly, a third party company, looking after data for our Diocesan DBS screening process, has been hacked and some data leaked. This does include data belonging to individuals from our Benefice. They have been informed. **Please be extra vigilant NOT to open suspicious emails or answer phishing phone calls over the coming weeks... if in doubt, delete.** If anyone receives an email about renewing DBS checks please contact the safeguarding officers Sarah and Alison.



# Notices

## ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

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

**Audrey Chalk: Remembering Pete and my lovely family.**



### HARVEST SERVICES & SUPPER IN THE BENEFICE

**St. John's** - Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.30am

**All Saints** - Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct at 11am



**St John's Harvest Supper in the John Pearson Hall**

**6pm for 6.30pm on Saturday, 11th October - Adults £8 Children £4**

Please bring own cutlery, plates, pudding plates, drinks, glasses, and a carrier bag to take home to wash. We can cater for diabetics/coeliacs and vegetarians.

**Harvest Supper tickets available on Sundays and from the Office.**

### HARVEST TROLLEY AT ST. JOHN'S

The shopping trolley is in the porch at St John's for anyone who would like to donate any items to be given to the Winchester Basics Bank.



**FOOD ITEMS** - Rice / Microwaveable Rice / Pasta / Noodles / Cook in Sauces / Tinned Fruit (in Juice) & Veg Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding / Jelly / Angel Delight/ Tinned Meat / Meatballs / Chicken in White Wine Sauce Tinned Soup / Cereals / Porridge / Jam Peanut Butter / Honey / Marmite

**NON FOOD ITEMS** - Cleaning Sprays / Toilet Cleaner / Bleach / Washing Up Liquid / Shampoo Conditioner Deodorants / Shower Gel / Toothpaste / Toilet Rolls / Laundry Tablets

**Fresh Foods should not be donated, nor should Alcohol or Homemade items**

### COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT @ ST JOHN'S

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October (10 - 11.30am) in the John Pearson Hall**

**Come and join us on the second Tuesday of each month for tea, coffee**

and delicious homemade cakes! This is **for everyone** across the local community.

**Feel free to invite friends, family and neighbours as well...the more the merrier!**



### SOLOS

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30pm in the John Pearson Hall for sandwiches, tea & homemade cakes, conversation & friendship. **For more details: t. 01962 733545.**

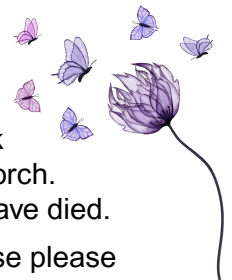
### Service of Comfort & Hope - Sunday 2nd November at 2pm

**This annual peaceful and reflective service is for everyone to remember loved ones who have died.**

The congregation will be invited to add a flower to the bouquet of memories - a single flower for each person remembered. Some flowers will be available in the church, but most people prefer to bring one of their own. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle.

Memorial cards, on which to write the names of those who have died, are available at the back of the Church. If you are unable to come to the service, they can be placed in the box in the porch. During the service the cards will be collected and offered to God with a prayer for those who have died.

Refreshments will be served in the JPH after the service. If you would be able to help with these please give Kathryn a call on 01962 809078.



### AUTUMN LIGHT PARTY - Saturday, 1st November, 4 - 6pm in the John Pearson Hall

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE and invite your family and friends.**



We will be holding our annual Light Party at St. John's again this year to celebrate all that is light and bright! All primary school aged children and younger siblings are welcome, accompanied by an adult, but places need to be booked. **To book your place, please contact Rosie Waring Green: [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or t. 07891 120662**

**We would love some help on the day with different activities, if you are free to help please contact Rosie as above. Thank you.**

# Notices

## CAN YOU HELP THIS SUNDAY AFTER THE 9.30AM SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S?

Volunteers are needed for a **quick check and a tighten up of the screws on the chairs** in the John Pearson Hall. **Please bring a crosshead screwdriver.** Thank you. Rosie



## ST JOHN'S AUTUMN CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP

Our traditional Autumn churchyard clear-up day will take place on **Saturday, 25th October between 9am and 12 noon.** Please just turn up on the day, suitably attired with the right footwear and gloves and some hand tools. **Refreshments will be provided.** For more details, please contact James Lees 01962 732574 or email: [james@lees92.plus.com](mailto:james@lees92.plus.com)

## MICHAEL PROJECT COFFEE MORNING

We are having a coffee morning for the Michael Project on **Saturday, 1st November from 10am until 12noon** in the John Pearson Hall. Do come for coffee/tea and cake. There will be a raffle and a sale table. Do hope to see you then. Margaret 01962 735185.



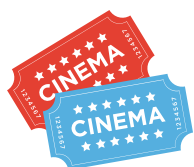
## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES!

Although the "traditional" Churches Together Shoebox Packing Party is not taking place this year Alresford Rotary remains fully committed to making a significant contribution to the 2025 Wessex Rotary Scheme bringing happiness at Christmas to disadvantaged & displaced children in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania and via Poland, Ukraine. Please help!

**Full details and instructions are on the scheme leaflet - see [www.wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk](http://www.wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk) or request a copy from me ([wjrp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wjrp@hotmail.co.uk) – 01962 738788).** The leaflet includes the important list of what items cannot be included – most importantly No Food, No Sweets, No Liquids. **All items must be for education, health and hygiene purposes and be new or "as new".**

It is now mandatory for a supplied standard size box to be used, available upon request (contact details above). Because of the current unrest in eastern Europe the deadline for this scheme is earlier than it used to be and all involved are asked to **have their boxes available for collection or delivered by 18<sup>th</sup> October.** Please get involved and don't delay! If you're unable to make up one or more boxes but have a few small items you wish to donate please let us have them and we'll make sure they're put to good use. The scheme does ask that everyone who makes up a box also donates £2 towards transportation and administration costs. While most do, there is normally a shortfall so any donations are also welcome upon the basis that any surplus will be used by Wessex Rotary for the benefit of disadvantaged children worldwide.

**Thank you – remember your gift may be the first gift the recipient ever receives! James Pinniger**



## ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA

**The Penguin Lessons - Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm, Tickets £10 (card/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. But Argentina under military rule is a dangerous place to be.

**Bookings t. 01962 736282 or t. 07780 703543.**



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@arlevallychurches.org.uk](mailto:notices@arlevallychurches.org.uk)

**Deadline: 12pm Wednesday**

### Information about those in hospital to:

Jackie Connell 01962 732056 or  
Patricia Todd 01962 738408

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

### Rector: Postion Vacant

### Benefice Office

**Open Monday - Friday 9 - 11am**

t. 01962 733545

e. [arlevallychurches@gmail.com](mailto:arlevallychurches@gmail.com)

[www.arlevallychurches.org.uk](http://www.arlevallychurches.org.uk)

# Prayers for the coming week (6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October)



**God hears our distress and our crying, and feels it with us; so let us pray**

***Please pray for***

**FOR GOD'S BROKEN WORLD:** Pray for the healing of nations, for the cure of past hurts, for forgiveness of past sins, that all may take the opportunity of a new start; that animosity may be exchanged for trust and love. Remember all communities broken by war, hatred and suspicion; pray for those driven out of their land and homes by violence, remembering especially the peoples of Gaza and Ukraine.

***You alone can make us whole***

**OUR BENEFICE:** As we begin our interregnum pray that all of us in the Benefice will be kept strong in our faith, be endowed with energy and have the resources we need to hold us altogether. Pray for all the clergy that will be coming to help us, and that we may be supportive to them.

***You alone can make us whole***

**OUR COMMUNITY:** Bring before God our town and surrounding villages. Pray for the surgery as they begin a busy time giving flu and covid vaccinations; pray too for our hospitals as the weather is getting colder and the old and vulnerable require urgent treatment. Give thanks for the Alresford Food Bank; may our harvest contributions make a difference this year as we remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

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**THE FRAIL AND SICK:** Pray for all those in hospital at this time, being cared for at home or have to be taken into care homes. Ask God to help us all to be helpful wherever we can, to care for relatives of the sick where ever possible and to continue in prayer for those who are lonely, in pain or convalescing.

***You alone can make us whole***

**Thank you, Lord, for being there through all the dark  
and rocky places in our lives**