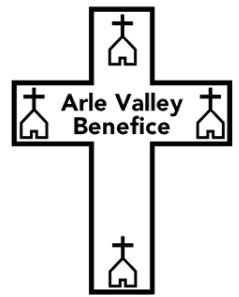


# The Arle Valley Benefice

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



**19th October 2025 - Eighteenth 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 3.14-4.5 p. 210**

**Luke 18.1-8 p. 78**

**St. John's**

9.30am Parish Communion

**St. Peter's**

10am Morning Praise

**St. Mary's**

11am Parish Communion

**All Saints**

11am Morning Prayer



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

**The church office will now be open  
Monday to Friday  
from 9am - 11am.**

## Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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

We praise and thank you, O Christ,  
for this sacred feast: for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you  
reign with all your saints for ever.

**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 (20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October)

|                              |                             |                                  |                                                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>9am</b><br><b>3.30pm</b> | All Saints<br>John Pearson Hall  | <b>Morning Prayer</b><br><b>Monday Meet &amp; Eat (Families)</b>  |
| <b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>9am</b><br><b>2pm</b>    | St. John's<br>John Pearson Hall  | <b>Morning Prayer</b><br><i><b>Mothers' Union Meeting</b></i>     |
| <b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>   | <b>9am</b><br><b>10am</b>   | St. Mary's<br>St. John's         | <b>Morning Prayer</b><br><b>Midweek Holy Communion</b>            |
| <b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>9am</b><br><b>10am</b>   | St. Peter's<br>John Pearson Hall | <b>Morning Prayer</b><br><b>Chatterbox Baby and Toddler Group</b> |
| <b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>10am</b>                 | St. John's - Prayer Space        | <b>Parish Prayer Meeting</b>                                      |
| <b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>9am</b>                  | St. John's Churchyard            | <i><b>Churchyard Clear Up</b></i>                                 |

## NEXT SUNDAY (26<sup>th</sup> October) - Last Sunday after Trinity

|               |            |                                   |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>8am</b>    | St. John's | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>       |
| <b>9.30am</b> | St. John's | <b>Celtic Service of the Word</b> |
| <b>9.30am</b> | St. Mary's | <b>Parish Communion (BCP)</b>     |
| <b>11am</b>   | All Saints | <b>Parish Communion</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:

John Rabjohns, Michael Baron, Peter Radford, Peter McDermott, Margaret Kerlogue, Robin Gorham, Alan Binfield and David Carr



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.***

## A BIG THANK YOU!

**I don't know how to adequately thank you all for all your love, gifts, cards, messages and good wishes. My final service with you all was wonderful and far more joyful than I expected it to be.**

Thank you for celebrating with me our 4 yrs together.

Our house is still in chaos, but we will get organised!

***I already miss you all, please stay in touch and come and visit too.***

***With much love, Heather and Mick***

**THANK YOU!**

# Notices

## ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by:  
**Maureen Skayman - Remembering my Father.**



## FUNERAL SERVICES

**Michael Baron** - St. John's on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October at 11am  
**Peter McDermott** - St. Mary's on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 11am

## St. John's Church Clock



The church clock is being repaired and will not be showing the correct time for **at least 3 months**, so please don't worry if you see it is incorrect.

## AUTUMN LIGHT PARTY - Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

## CAFE CHURCH @ ST PETER'S - SUNDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER AT 11AM

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



## Upcoming Groups and Events - Mark Your Calendars...



### SOLOS - THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

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 details: t. 01962 733545.**

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

### OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION MEETING - TUESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 21st October, 2 for 2.30pm at the John Pearson Hall. **We will be filling shoe boxes for the Rotary appeal.** New members always welcome. Contact Heather Galley, Branch Leader on t. 01962 732326.



### ST JOHN'S AUTUMN CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP \*\* HELP NEEDED \*\*

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.



### MEN'S SUPPER CLUB (FOR WIDOWERS)

Last Thursday of the month (except Nov & Dec)

**Our next meeting is on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 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.**

# Notices



## **FAMILIES @ 4PM IN ST. JOHN'S - SUN, 2<sup>ND</sup> NOV**

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. **Everyone welcome!**

**EXTRA JAM JARS?  
WE WOULD LOVE  
TO HAVE THEM!**



Rosie is collecting Jam Jars (label free, if possible) for this year's Light Party and Gift From St. John's.

## **SERVICE OF COMFORT & HOPE - SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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.

**Help is needed to serve the refreshments after this service.**

**If you would be willing to help, please give Kathryn a call on 01962 809078.**

## **HELLO AND WELCOME TO REV JO CRISCENTI!**

**The Arle Valley Benefice is looking forward to welcoming Rev Jo Criscenti into our churches and our communities for 4 weeks starting on Sunday 9th November.**

Jo is a curate in training and is joining us as part of that training. She will be involved in all aspects of parish life from taking some services to joining in with group activities and meetings. Jo would very much like to come along to see as many different aspects as possible of the variety of mission and life in our benefice.

We have already created a timetable of regular diary activities for Jo to do this, but **we would welcome some offers from home groups, bible study groups, home communions etc that are not part of our regular dates where you could invite her to join in with you.** We hope to give her an insight into the running of and organising of 4 churches and their communities.

**If you are able to help in any way, please contact Rosie Waring Green: [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or 07891 120662.**



**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](mailto:notices@arlevalleychurches.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: Position Vacant**

### **Benefice Office**

**Open Monday - Friday 9 - 11am  
t. 01962 733545**

**e. [arlevalleychurches@gmail.com](mailto:arlevalleychurches@gmail.com)  
[www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk](http://www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk)**

# Prayers for the coming week (20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October)



**Amazing grace [how sweet the sound] that saved a wretch like me**

***Please pray for.....***

**The world....** Pray for those who are picking their way through situations of conflict and danger... The fragile peace in Gaza; the people of Ukraine and all those other places in the world suffering war, injustice and pain. Bring before God all world leaders and law makers.

**Teach us your path**

**Our benefice....** As we try to work together in this uncertain time of interregnum ask that we may all be given courage and wisdom to work together. Pray for all the Church Wardens as they guide us and ask God's blessing on all the clergy who are coming to help us. May we all listen more carefully to God's word and try our best to live our Christian faith in daily life.

**Teach us your path**

**Our Town....** Pray for the shops and businesses in our town as we begin the winter and lead up to Christmas. Give thanks for the wonderful service given in our town, the warmth of community and sense of togetherness we are blessed with. Bring before God all those who are still finding life difficult due to high prices, especially those who will find heating bills a problem. Pray that we may all look out for each other in the spirit of generosity and co-operation.

**Teach us your path**

**The sick and bereaved....** Pray for all those suffering illness in our town. May they be surrounded by God's love and never feel alone or forgotten. Remember all those who have recently died and hold their loved ones in your prayers. Give thanks for the care given in hospitals, hospices and at home for those in need.

**Teach us your path**

**I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now can see**