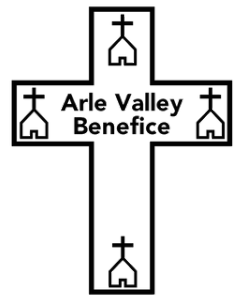


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



26th October 2025 - Last 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:

Joel 2.23-end p. 862-3

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 p. 211

Luke 18.9-14 p. 78

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



Collect for Today

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest
them that, through patience, and the comfort
of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the
hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour
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

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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.

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

THIS WEEK (27th October - 1st November)

Mon 27 th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat (Families)
Tues 28 th	9am 11am	St. John's St. John's	Morning Prayer <i>Funeral - Michael Baron</i>
Wed 29 th	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion
Thurs 30 th	9am 10am	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Chatterbox Baby and Toddler Group
Fri 31 st	9am 10am	Zoom - Online St. John's - Prayer Space	Zoom Morning Prayer (previously Thursdays)* Parish Prayer Meeting
Sat 1 st	10am 4pm	John Pearson Hall John Pearson Hall	<i>Michael Project Coffee Morning Fundraiser</i> <i>St. John's Autumn Light Party</i>

*ZOOM MORNING PRAYER - FRIDAYS

Friday mornings at 9am there is a Lay-led Morning Prayer via zoom, with a short address and discussion.
For details and Zoom invite contact **Miranda Pinch** via miranda.pinch@gmail.com.

SUNDAY (2nd November) - 4th Sunday before Advent

9.30am	St. John's	Parish Communion
11am	St. Mary's	Village Family Praise
11am	St. Peter's	<i>Café Church</i>
2pm	St. John's	<i>Service of Comfort and Hope</i>
4pm	St. John's	<i>Families @ 4pm</i>

PAT TESTING AT ST. JOHN'S

Please bring in all electrical equipment that you use in church to the parish office **BEFORE 7th November.**



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 McDermott and Margaret Kerlogue



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.

FUNERAL SERVICES

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



ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by:
Dennis Malpass - Remembering Jean on our anniversary.



St. John's Church Clock



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

Notices

CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEKEND



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

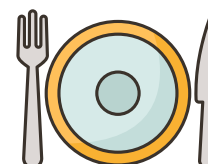
UPCOMING GROUPS AND EVENTS - PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

MEN'S SUPPER CLUB (FOR WIDOWERS)

Last Thursday of the month (except Nov & Dec)

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 30th 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.



MICHAEL PROJECT COFFEE MORNING - SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER @ 10AM

We are having a coffee morning for the Michael Project on **Saturday, 1st November from 10am until 12 noon** 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.

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. **Contact Rosie Waring Green: 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.

Sunday Services - 2nd November

PARISH COMMUNION @ ST. JOHN'S (1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS)

9.30am Our service of Holy Communion from Common Worship. Refreshments afterwards in the JPH.

CAFÉ 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, Ovington.

Coffee, tea + homemade treats! + The Book Nook for quality 2nd hand books!



VILLAGE FAMILY PRAISE @ ST. MARY'S

11am - 1st Sunday every month.

Our service of Morning Praise for the whole family. Refreshments after the service. All welcome.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE @ 2PM IN ST. JOHN'S - SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS

FAMILIES AT 4PM @ ST. JOHN'S

4pm - 1st Sunday of the month. We gather together in St. John's for fun interactive **storytelling, songs, a great craft session and a cuppa**. We have babies and toddlers to teens and all in between.



PROFILE QUESTIONS

The **NEW deadline** for answers to the recent MailChimp bulletin about the church community and our new Rector is now **Friday, 31st October**. Thank you.



Notices

SERVICE OF COMFORT & HOPE

St. John's Church, Sunday, 2nd Nov 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 809078.

SAVE THE DATE!

A Gift from St John's 2025

This year we plan to welcome everyone on Sat, 29th November 10am – 4pm in the church.



The church will be beautifully lit with:

- A holiday café for refreshments
- Christmas themed activities for all ages
- Nativity story clue treasure hunt
- Prayer wall

More details to follow!

**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.



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 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

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
www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk**

Prayers for the coming week (27th October - 1st November)



O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee

Please pray for.....

God's broken world.....Bring before God the political issues, the moral dilemmas and dreams of peace, which concern our world at this present time. Ask that where we can see no way forward you will show us your vision and help us to do what is right.

Guide us into the way of peace

Climate change.....Pray that God will be with all those suffering from climate change through floods and lack of crops etc. Ask that we may love the world in the same way God loves us. That we may do all we can about conservation and not be wasteful with all God supplies.

Guide us into the way of peace

Our Benefice.....Give thanks for all those who are helping us during this time of interregnum, especially the visiting clergy who come to share Communion with us. Pray that we may all work together so that we appreciate one another more and value what each has to offer.

Guide us into the way of peace

Our Town....Give thanks for the variety of shops we have; the kindness of the shopkeepers and the community spirit that exists. Pray for the work of all the churches in the town and for the Basics Bank. Ask God to help us share with others the blessings we receive.

Guide us into the way of peace

The sick.....Bring before God all those who are ill at home and in hospital. Pray they may not feel alone but encircled with God's love.

Guide us into the way of peace

***I give the back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths
its flow may richer, fuller be***