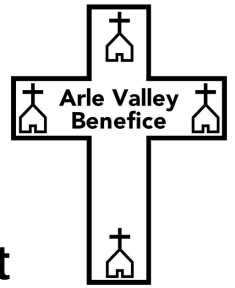


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



16th November 2025 - Second Sunday before Advent

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:

Malachi 4.1-2a p. 905

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 p. 204

Luke 21.5-19 p. 81-82

St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Peter's

10am Morning Praise

St. Mary's

11am Parish Communion

All Saints

11am Morning Prayer

Collect for Today

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to
destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power
and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal
and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen



**NEW BENEFICE
OFFICE HOURS!!**

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

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 (17th - 21st November)

Mon 17th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat (Families)
Tues 18th	9am 2pm	St. John's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Mothers' Union Meeting
Wed 19th	9am 10am 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's Vestry in St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion Chill, Chat and Chomp (Youth Group)
Thurs 20th	Paused 10am 4pm	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall St. John's	Morning Prayer (PAUSED UNTIL MARCH) Chatterbox Baby and Toddler Group Soul Children
Fri 21st	9am 10am 12pm	Zoom - Online Prayer Space - St. John's John Pearson Hall	Zoom Morning Prayer* Parish Prayer Meeting Table Talk

*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 (23rd November) - Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent

8am	St. John's	Holy Communion (BCP)	
9.30am	St. John's	Celtic Service of the Word	
9.30am	St. Mary's	Parish Communion (BCP)	
11am	All Saints	Parish Communion	

PRAYERS FOR:

Janet P, 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, and Peter McDermott



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.



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.

Two unclaimed raffle prizes from the Michael Project Coffee Morning...

Unclaimed raffle ticket winners: **171 356**
Prizes are in the church office at St. John's (open 9-11am Weekdays)

Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by:
Beryl Moody - Remembering Jack. God Bless.



BAPTISM



Please pray for **Henrietta Bruce** who will be baptised at St. Peter's on Sunday, 16th November at 12pm and her parents, **Otto** and **Charlotte**.

Upcoming Events & Groups

SOLOS

Looking forward to seeing you on **Sunday 16th November at 2.30pm** in the **John Pearson Hall** for tea/coffee, homemade cake, conversation and friendship. **For more information: Margaret 01962 735185 or Roger 01962 734045.**



OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION MEETING - TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 18th November, 2 for 2.30pm** at the **John Pearson Hall**.

It's our remembrance meeting, we will be remembering when we joined MU and why.

New members always welcome. Contact Heather Galley, Branch Leader on t. 01962 732326.

SAVE THE DATE! COME JOIN THE FUN!!

A Gift from St. John's

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

You are invited to join us at St. John's Church, Alresford to share in **FREE festive nibbles** and **FREE Christmas themed activities and crafts**.

Offers of help and food are greatly appreciated.
Signup sheets will be at the back of St. John's.



QUIET NIGHT OF WORSHIP WITH TIM UFFINDELL SUNDAY, 30TH NOV AT 6PM

Join us for a moment of stillness before the busyness of Christmas.
Singing + Worship + Refreshments.



TINSEL AND TEA TOWELS NATIVITY MUSICAL - 5TH & 6TH DECEMBER (6PM)



Please join us at 6pm (both nights) in St. John's for a funny musical take on the nativity story with a backstage insight into putting on a performance children from ACTS and the Sunshine Singers.

Tickets available online: £5 Adults / Over 5's £3 / Under 5's Free
www.ticketsource.co.uk/alresford-community-theatre-society
Bar and Cakes will be available before and after the show.



Notices

Upcoming Sunday Services - 23rd November

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE (BCP) - TWO SERVICES ON FOURTH SUNDAYS

(8am) St. John's & (9.30am) St. Mary's

Do you prefer a more traditional said service of Holy Communion celebrating the rich tradition and liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)? Please join us at one of our BCP services to enjoy the peace and tranquillity.



CELTIC SERVICE OF THE WORD - FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

9.30am at St. John's Church

This quiet, reflective service contains music, hymns, bible readings and periods of silence in the Celtic tradition. **You don't have to be "religious" to attend.**

Those with faith, those without faith and those who are searching, are all very welcome. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

PARISH COMMUNION @ ALL SAINTS

11am Our Sunday service that follows the service of Holy Communion from Common Worship.



BENEFICE SERVICE - SUNDAY, 30th NOVEMBER AT 9.30 AM (ST. MARY'S)

Please join us as we come together at **9.30am in St. Mary's Church, Old Alresford** for our share Benefice Service.

A great opportunity to see our wider group of friends in the benefice. We would love to see you there!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - COULD IT BE YOU?

HEALTH & SAFETY VOLUNTEER - ST. JOHN'S

St. John's Churchwardens are looking for someone who can look after our maintenance programme for our church. The role would involve booking regular outside agencies and overseeing risk assessments. ***If you could you help, it would be VERY much appreciated. Please contact Rosie: 07891 120662 or rosie@22rwg.co.uk.***

We have been so grateful to Paul Whiffen who has done an outstanding job over the last few years. Thank you, Paul.



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

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Prayers for the coming week (16th - 22nd November)



Please pray for.....

All countries currently at war, especially Ukraine /Russia and Sudan.

Pray that desperately needed aid is allowed into Gaza and that the fragile ceasefire holds. Pray for civilians losing their lives, their homes or their property who are left feeling helpless and devalued.

Our planet as COP 30 takes place in Brazil, that those present and those who are absent take the damage caused by climate change seriously and make decisions which could reduce its impact.

Our community as shops and restaurants prepare for the Christmas celebrations. Pray that those for whom Christmas is difficult will find some joy and comfort in our services.

All who are unwell, in hospital, nursing homes or at home, especially those who have a long term illness. Give thanks for all doctors and nurses who dedicate their lives to caring for others. Pray that the current dispute with hospital doctors is fully resolved quickly.

All who have died recently and for all who mourn, praying for those who feel alone in their grief.

Pray for our churches and for all who will be taking services here during the vacancy. Pray that we may be welcoming and supportive to all.

***Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping
Trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping.
Amen***