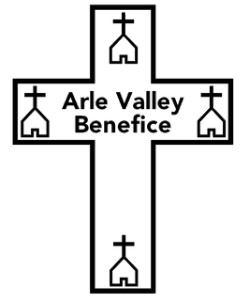


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



18th January 2026 - Epiphany 2

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:

Isaiah 49.1-7 p. 688

1 Corinthians 1.1-9 p. 162

John 1.29-42 p. 88-89

St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Peter's

10am Morning Praise

All Saints

11am Morning Prayer

St. Mary's

Services will held in Old Alresford Place during the renovation.

11am Parish Communion

Collect for Today

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen

Live Streaming at St. John's

LIVE

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.

GROUP APCM REPORTS

This is a reminder to get your group's APCM report to Jo by **28th April**.

Please email:

joanna.whiteman@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you.



WELCOME!

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 (19th - 24th January)

Mon 19 th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat (Families)
Tues 20 th	9am 2pm	St. John's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Mothers' Union Meeting
Wed 21 st	9am 10am 5pm	Vestry at St. Mary's St. John's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Midweek Communion Chill, Chat & Chomp (Youth Group)
Thurs 22 nd	9am 10am	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Chatterbox Baby and Toddler Group
Fri 23 rd	10am 11am	St. John's - Prayer Space St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting Interment - Alan Binfield
Sat 24 th	6.30pm	St. John's	Come and Sing Event - Singing Workshop

NEXT SUNDAY (25th January) - Epiphany 3

8am 9.30am 9.30am 11am	St. John's St. John's Old Alresford Place (St. Mary's) All Saints	Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Celtic Service of the Word Parish Communion - Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion
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PRAYERS FOR:

Sue C, Janet P, Audrey S, Marion M, Shirley W, Margaret Se, Barbara G, Audrey C, Les W, Rosemary F, 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:
Sylvia Percival



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.

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL AT ST JOHN'S

You are invited to come in to St John's Church to **pray specifically for the advert for the new Rector of the Arle Valley Benefice**, This will appear on Wednesday, 4th February in the Church Times and on the Winchester Diocesan website.

We are **hoping to cover 24 hours of prayer** - this would be actually in church from 12 noon to 11pm on Saturday, 31st January and 6am to 12 noon on Sunday, 1st February, or could be done at home. The **prayer time at home need not be limited to the hours in church, but could include times between 11pm on the Saturday and 6am on the Sunday.**

If you are praying in church, you can stay as long as you like or just pop in but what we would like to achieve is commitment to 24 hours of continuous prayer. The more of us able to commit to a time is encouraging for others who may be thinking about it too. ***There is a list for you to sign up for praying for a specific time either at church or home which will include the hours between 11pm and 6am for prayer at home.***



Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by:
Victoria Mackintosh: Remembering Ian with love.

COME AND SING

Community Singing Workshop

24th January - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
St. John's Church

Everyone can sing, but sometimes, people don't get the opportunity no previous experience required, no sight reading.

*Just a fun evening of song
perfect for those who can't sing.*

Tickets £10

events.gospelcollective.co.uk



ALPHA COURSE

STILL TIME TO JOIN!

**Mondays at 7pm
2 Grange Road,
Alresford**



***A time to meet others and to ask questions
or just listen to the talks about what
Christianity is all about.***

There is no pressure at all - engage in
however is best for you. **Supper included!**
There is no cost involved.

**Contact Rosie Waring Green for more
details rosie@22rwg.co.uk**

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

CLOSURE for 3 months (exciting renovation works!)

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of so many people locally,
we will be starting the work to put in the kitchen servery and
disabled access toilet from early January. This should take
around 3 months and so the church will be closed during that time.

**Services on Sundays will be held at Old Alresford Place at their
usual times during this period. All are most welcome.**

We will, of course, let you know when St. Mary's with its new
facilities will reopen.



UPCOMING GROUPS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



SOLOS @ ST. JOHN'S

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, 18th January from 2.30pm in the
John Pearson Hall for sandwiches, tea & homemade cakes, conversation & friendship.
For details: t. 01962 733545.

OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION MEETING - TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY

Our next meeting is our **Wave of Prayer and AGM** on Tuesday, 20th January, 2 for 2.30pm at the
John Pearson Hall. New members always welcome. Contact Heather Galley on t. 01962 732326.



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

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 29th January at 7pm in the Swan Hotel

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY CHURCH MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

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 help, it
would be VERY much appreciated.***

Rosie: 07891 120662 rosie@22rwg.co.uk

OLD ALRESFORD 2025 CHRISTMAS QUIZ

**Congratulations to winners:
Tracey Pontin, Tessa MacDonald
and Jane & David Nash.**

£1,000 was raised for the project
at St Mary's. ***Thank you everyone
for your support!***



Answers are available from all points of sale.

Notices

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY - A PLACE TO TALK

FRIDAY MORNINGS: 9.45 - 11.45 AM (16TH JAN - 27TH FEB)
ALTON MALTINGS CENTRE, 2 MALTINGS CLOSE, GU34 1DT

Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long-term effects of loss? The Bereavement Journey is a seven week programme of short videos and focussed conversations, providing a safe space for you to process your bereavement and discern your next steps. Topics include attachment; separation and loss; difficult feelings; rites of passage; the impact and pain of bereavement; coping with others; coping with change; moving forward; and an optional session on questions of faith.

Suggested voluntary contribution £20 (for the whole course).

To book your place, or to find out more about it, please email:

bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk or phone Wendy Burnhams 07514 280362



Grief is hard.
Death can impact
all of life.

The Bereavement
Journey
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films
and discussion
for **anyone bereaved anytime**

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:
thebereavementjourney.org

Running soon:
Fridays 0945 - 1145
16th Jan - 27th Feb
Alton Maltings Centre.

Suggested voluntary contribution £20 (for the whole course).
To book your place, or to find out more about it, email bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk or phone 07514 280362

IMPORTANT APPEAL FROM THE ST. JOHN'S FINANCE TEAM

The PCC's bankers Natwest have changed the rate at which they will be charging us to run our accounts. Instead of a flat, and fairly reasonable rate, they will now be charging us per entry on our account.

Therefore we need to keep our number of financial transactions as low as possible.

This is how you can help!

If, for example you are one of our amazing volunteers who needs to **reclaim expenses**, it would be really cost effective if you were able to **'batch' small amounts and wait to claim them in one go**. Of course, if this would cause you cashflow problems just carry on as you always have.



On-line payments to the PCC cost less! (35p per electronic payment as opposed to 95p for each cheque we have to pay in, and similar for cash). So, for example, when it comes to Harvest Supper tickets, magazine renewals and all those other times when we dig out our cheque books, or purses and wallets, it really would save the church quite a large amount in bank charges if we could, if possible pay money directly (electronically) into the PCC's account.

Of course we are, as ever hugely grateful for everyone's generous monthly giving, and are still very happy to collect cash in the plate at the end of services! **Do speak to Jon, or Jane Parsons for more details.**

Yours

Jon Whale, Treasurer



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 (18th - 24th January)



O Lord our God, you call us in the depths of our being, you have a purpose for us; open our ears to hear your call, open our hearts to your love, open our minds to your purpose, that we may know you and give ourselves fully in your service. Amen

Please pray for.....

God's broken world...Bring before God all the situations in the world today....Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and especially the Middle East. Pray that World Leaders may have their hearts turned from war to peace, from tyranny to justice. Pray that solutions may be found for countries and governments to work together for the good of mankind.

The NHS...Pray for our NHS which is overworked and finding the winter months difficult. Ask God to be with all NHS staff at this time; that patients will feel loved and cared for despite the bed shortages and that staff will not be too overwhelmed. Give thanks for the work and care we receive from our own surgery.

Our Young People...Give thanks for the activities provided in our benefice for young people. Pray for all the folk who give up their time to help at them and pray for the young people who attend.

Our Town...As we begin a New Year pray for all who give service in our town. Pray that the shopkeepers will survive in this economic situation and that the empty shops will be filled. Give thanks for our fire service plus Rotary and The Pigs. May we appreciate of all that we have in our beautiful Town.

Our benefice...During our vacancy pray for all who are working to keep things going, especially the Church Wardens who have so much more work upon their shoulders. Give thanks for the visiting clergy who come to take services for us. Ask God to inspire each of us to help where we can until we have a new incumbent.