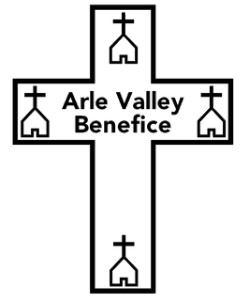


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



25th January 2026 - Epiphany 3 / Conversion of Paul

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 9.1-4 p. 647-648

1 Corinthians 1.10-18 p. 162

Matthew 4.12-23 p. 3-4

St. John's

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Celtic Service of the Word

St. Mary's

Services will be held in Old Alresford Place during the renovation.

9.30am Parish Communion (BCP)

All Saints

11am Parish Communion

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 January**.

Please email: joanna.whiteman@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful
conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
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,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach
the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



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 (26th - 31st January)

Mon 26th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat (Families)
Tues 27th	9am	St. John's	Morning Prayer
Wed 28th	9am 10am 5pm	Vestry at St. Mary's St. John's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Midweek Communion Chill, Chat & Chomp (Youth Group)
Thurs 29th	9am 10am 4pm 7pm	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall St. John's Swan Hotel	Morning Prayer Chatterbox Baby and Toddler Group Soul Children Men's Supper Club for Widowers
Fri 30th	10am	St. John's - Prayer Space	Parish Prayer Meeting
Sat 31st	11.30am 12pm	St. John's St. John's	Interment - Paul Copping Prayer Vigil (12 noon to 11pm)

NEXT SUNDAY (1st February) - Epiphany 4

6am 9.30am 11am 11am 4pm	St. John's St. John's Old Alresford Place (St. Mary's) St. Peter's St. John's	Prayer Vigil (6am - 12 noon) Parish Communion Village Family Praise Café Church Families @ 4pm
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PRAYERS FOR:

Roderick O-E, Paul D, 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

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@22rwc.co.uk

or t. 01962 733237.

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



SUNDAY SERVICES - 1ST FEBRUARY - MAYBE TRY SOMETHING NEW...?

CAFE 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. Coffee, tea + homemade treats!



ST. MARY'S VILLAGE FAMILY PRAISE @ OLD ALRESFORD PLACE

11am - 1st Sunday every month.

A service of Morning Praise at St. Mary's for the whole family. Refreshments afterwards.

FAMILIES AT 4PM @ ST. JOHN'S

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.



CAN YOU HELP? ACCOMMODATION FOR A PILGRIM - MONDAY, 2ND MARCH

A place to rest needed (one night) for a male pilgrim from St. Andrew's Church, Landford walking the Pilgrim's Way. **If you can help, email the office: arlevalleychurches@gmail.com or t. 01962 733545.**

Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by:
Jennifer Miller: *Remembering Ken and their wedding anniversary.*



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**, The advert 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.**

If you are not able to get into St. John's to sign up for the 24/7 Prayer Vigil, please email or phone Rosie Waring Green and she will add you to the list: rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891 120662.



FISH AND CHIPS QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY (6PM FOR 6.30PM START)

£12 PERSON - CLOSING DATE 31ST JANUARY

A fun time is guaranteed at the Fish and Chips Quiz Night on Saturday, 7th February at 6:30 pm! Book your team (up to 6 people) or join a team on arrival.

Meal options: Fish, chicken, sausage or veggie burger with chips.
Gluten free or other allergy free options if booked in advance.
Please bring your own drinks.

To book your table/meals: sign up sheets are at the back of church or email: arlevalleychurches@gmail.com



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



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

UPCOMING GROUPS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



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 chatter/banter. **Please contact Roger Whiffen on 01962 734045 for further details.**

BREAKFAST CHURCH

Breakfast church has gone from strength to strength and I would like to increase the number of volunteers so that the same people, if they choose, are not committed every month.

We usually set up at 5pm on Saturday which takes no longer than an hour and then it is helping at the service and clearing up afterwards.

If you could volunteer for a Saturday set up or a Sunday or both, I would love to hear from you. Please email me and I will be in contact. joanna_whiteman@yahoo.co.uk.
Thanks Jo



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

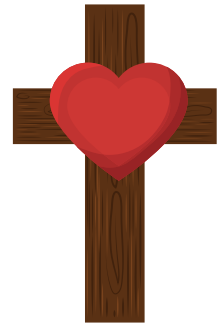
Open Monday - Friday 9 - 11am

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Prayers for the coming week (25th - 31st January)



Lord God, you are almighty; in your great power renew, refresh and restore us that we may live and work to your praise and glory.

Please pray for.....

God's broken world...Pray that God will shine his light into the dark places of our world, that there may be hope. Bring before God all those whose freedom is limited, whose lives are darkened by cruelty, those who are suffering because of war, and those affected by natural or manmade disasters.

Our Benefice...During this time of vacancy pray that just as the disciples were called to be 'fishers of men' we will stay true to the gospel and do whatever you call us to do. Give thanks for the clergy who are coming to help us and pray that our advertisement for a new priest will be well received. Pray too for all those taking on extra work at this time.

Those affected by the cold weather...Pray at this time for the homeless and all those who cannot afford to heat their homes. Give thanks for organisations that help in these circumstances. Ask God to be with all those who feel neglected and lost at this time of year.

Our Town and surrounding villages...Give thanks for our shops and shopkeepers; our beautiful surroundings and the friendliness of our area. Pray that everyone will 'look out' for elderly neighbours and give help when it is needed, especially if the weather becomes bad. Ask God to guide us where we are needed in keeping his beautiful world free from pollution; to stem climate change however we can and respect all the nature around us.

Lord, as you have called us to share in your outreach of love to the world, fill us with the power of your Spirit that with your guidance we may live to your praise and glory.