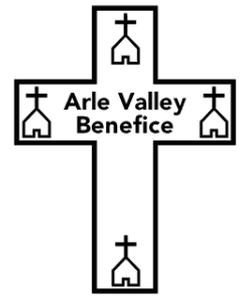


The Arle Valley Benefice



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

1st March 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent

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:

Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

John 3.1-17

St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

4pm Families @ 4pm

St. Mary's

Services will held in Old Alresford Place.

11am Village Family Praise

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the
light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the
fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are
contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

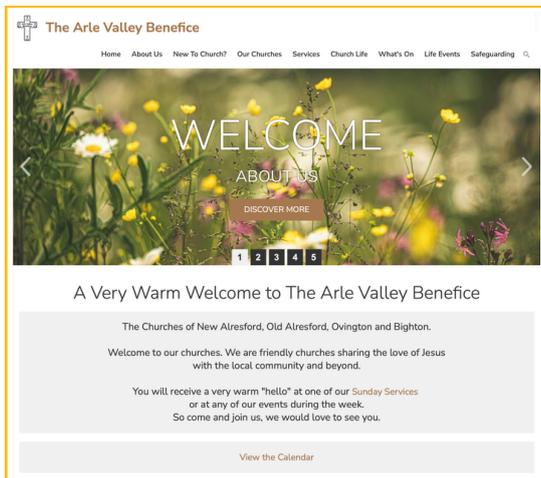
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault
and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Have a look at our new and updated website!



CLICK HERE >>

www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk

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.

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 (2nd - 7th March)

Mon 2nd	9am 11am 3.30pm	All Saints St. John's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Funeral - Michael Walden Monday Meet & Eat
Tues 3rd	9am	St. John's	PAUSED - Morning Prayer
Wed 4th	9am 10am 2pm 5pm	Vestry at St. Mary's St. John's Alresford Library Vestry in St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Communion Service Befriend the End Chill, Chat & Chomp
Thurs 5th	9am 10am	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer (PAUSED UNTIL MARCH) Chatterbox
Fri 6th	10am 12pm 2pm	St. John's St. John's St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting Table Talk- Lent Series (meeting in the church) World Day of Prayer
Sat 7th	10am	John Pearson Hall	Encounters in Israel and Palestine

NEXT SUNDAY (8th March) - Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am	St. John's	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Old Alresford Place (St. Mary's)	Morning Praise
11am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
11am	St. Peter's	Parish Communion
4pm	St. John's	Special Sunday @ 4pm Service with Bishop Kelly

PRAYERS FOR:

Peter P, Gareth C, Peter C, 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, Tony H, Ian V, Jilly C, Sarah G, Dennis,
David O, Robina S, Meg R, 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:

Ken Richmond, Clive Earchy, John Lynne and Sylvia Percival

JOHN PEARSON HALL NEWS

Apologises that the JPH will be **out of action**
on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th February
for work on the kitchen ceiling.

It will also be out of action after coffee on
Wednesday, 4th March and after 11.30am
on Thursday, 5th March for decorating.



NOTICE - Table Talk Meeting

On **Friday, 27th February**,
Table Talk will be held in the church.
Please remember to bring a picnic lunch
and a drink as the kitchen will be out of use.



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.*

FUNERALS



Michael Walden
Funeral at St. John's
on **Monday, 2nd March** at 11am

Michael Lynne - Interment at St. John's
on **Wednesday, 11th March** at 1.30pm

Norah Cann - Interment at St. John's
on **Friday, 13th March** at 11.30am

Kenneth Richmond - Funeral at St. John's
on **Tuesday, 17th March** at 11am

Notices

FOR EVERYONE IN THE ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE:

You are invited to come and meet Bishop Kelly on Sunday 8th March between **2.30** and 4pm in the John Pearson Hall followed by Sundays@4 service (normally Sundays @6) with Bishop Kelly in St John's Church.

This will be an opportunity for an informal time with tea and cake for the parishioners of the Arle Valley Benefice to have time to chat together as well as with Bishop Kelly. **Please let Rosie know if you are able to make a cake for this event.**

Please stagger the times you will be coming and plan to stay for approximately 30-40 minutes to ensure the hall doesn't get too crowded.



RECTOR VACANCY UPDATE

Please **save the date** March 14th from 12 am to midnight for a 24 hour quiet prayer day with reflections preparing us for Easter and also praying for the process of choosing a new Rector. **Details below.**

The advert for the post of Rector of the Arle Valley Benefice is now live on the Diocese of Winchester [Vacancies](#) page.

Please click this link [Rector Vacancy](#) on our website to take you to our helpful prayer booklet, Benefice Profile and the advert. 'Rector Vacancy' can also be accessed on our website under the 'About Us' tab.



24/7 REFLECTIVE DAY FOR EASTER AND THE VACANCY

Saturday, March 14th Midnight to Midnight

The church will be open from 6am to midnight. Please sign up to pray at home before 6am and then afterwards sign up to cover the hours in the church. List at back of church.

It would be wonderful to have lots of us praying at different times throughout the day, at home or in church. There are particular reflective activities throughout the day for you to join if you would like to. **See below:**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Reflection Type - Prayer/Praise</u>	<u>Led by.</u>
12am - 6am	AT HOME	
	IN ST. JOHN'S - Quiet Times	
6am - 7am	Individual prayer	
7am - 8am	Preparing for Easter - Desert Mothers and Fathers	Video
	1 - Anthony of the Desert - Reigniting my passion for Jesus	
8am - 9am	Morning praise and prayer	Lectio 365
9am - 10am	Desert Mothers and Fathers - 2 - John Cassian	Video
	Intensifying hunger for holiness	
10am - 11am	Individual prayer	
11am - Noon	Martha and Blind Bartimaeus - music to listen to, a Bible Reading, a reflection on the reading, silence	Charlotte Ryton Susan Roberts
Noon - 1pm	Individual prayer	
1pm - 2pm	Paul and Seeing Jesus in Everyone - music to listen to, a Bible reading, a reflection on the reading, silence.	Charlotte Ryton Susan Roberts
2pm - 3pm	Individual prayer	
3pm - 4pm	Desert Mothers and Fathers	Video
	3 - Macarius of Egypt - Loving silence and solitude	
4pm - 5pm	Individual prayer	
5pm - 6pm	Desert Mothers and Fathers	Video
	4 - Syncletica of Alexandria – The freedom of renunciation	
6pm - 7pm	Individual prayer	
7pm - 8pm	Evening praise and prayer	Rosie Waring Green
8pm - 9pm	Individual prayer	
9pm - 10pm	Psalms 23 Reflection	Rosie Waring Green
10pm - 11pm	Individual prayer	
11pm - Midnight	Night prayer	Lectio 365

Notices

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY, 6TH MARCH AT 2PM IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

"I Will Give You Rest: Come"
Matthew 11:28-30
March 6, 2024



Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them for the World Day of Prayer.

The service they have prepared reflects on the theme, "I will give you rest." (all are welcome & this includes men). There will be refreshments after in the Church Hall.

If you would like to participate in the service or can make a cake for afterwards, please speak to Karen Beecher or phone her on 01962 732063.

LENT LUNCHES IN THE BENEFICE

St. Mary's Lent Lunch: Monday, 9th March at 12.30pm

in the Christy Hall, Old Alresford. Serving soup, bread & cheese. In aid of St. Mary's Church servery and toilet project.

Frugal Lent Lunch at St John's: Wednesday, 1st April at 12.15pm

in the John Pearson Hall. Homemade soup, bread, cheese, chutneys. Raffle. Gluten free catered for. £5 per person. Sign up sheet at the back of church or email Pippa@chocolatecraft.co.uk to reserve your place!



HOPE AND DESPAIR

ENCOUNTERS IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

WHEN:
Saturday, 7th March
10am - 12pm

WHERE:
The John Pearson Hall
St. John's Church

A Talk by Miranda Pinch following her visit to Israel and Palestine in January 2026
Q & A afterwards

SAVE THE DATE:
Tuesday, 28th April
at 8pm
ST. JOHN'S APCM
John Pearson Hall

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

For Lent the Creation Care Team would like to encourage everyone to register for the Big Plastic Count.

PLASTIC COUNT
9-15 MARCH

The Big Plastic Count Sign Up March 9th -15th

Join the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into plastic waste. For one week in March, thousands of us will count our plastic waste to reveal the true scale of the UK's plastic problem.

Together, we'll call for a fair future that's free from the impacts of the plastics crisis.



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@arlevallychurches.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 (1st - 7th March)



Please pray for.....

The people of Ukraine as the war with Russia enters its fifth year with thousands of soldiers and civilians killed or injured on both sides as well as the destruction of infrastructure and residential buildings. Pray for all damaged by this conflict and for all trying to find a peaceful solution. Pray for all countries where there is conflict, especially Gaza, Iran, Sudan and Mexico.

Our Planet affected by climate change, and for farmers whose crops have been destroyed by floods or drought. Pray for all who make important decisions about recycling and for the big plastic count taking place during Lent.

Our Towns and Villages, for all who live here and all who work in our shops, schools, pubs and cafes. As spring approaches pray that the brighter days lift the spirits of those who are struggling.

Our churches and for all visiting clergy leading services during the Vacancy.

Pray for all involved in Lent groups, that the fellowship and discussions may lead to spiritual growth. Give thanks for our church wardens and all who are now taking extra responsibility for our churches. Pray for Christians throughout the world, especially those suffering persecution for their faith.

**Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way. Amen**