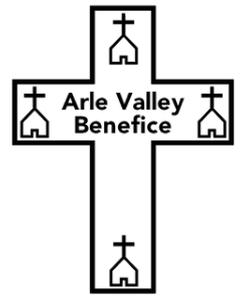


# The Arle Valley Benefice



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

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Third 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:**

**Exodus 17.1-7**

**Romans 5.1-11**

**John 4.5-42**

### St. John's

**9.30am Breakfast Church**

**4pm Sunday @ 4pm  
(with Bishop Kelly)**



### St. Mary's

**Services will held in Old Alresford Place.**

**9.30am Morning Praise**

### St. Peter's

**11am Parish Communion**

### All Saints

**11am Morning Prayer**

## Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way  
of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the  
temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,  
the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## Live Streaming at St. John's

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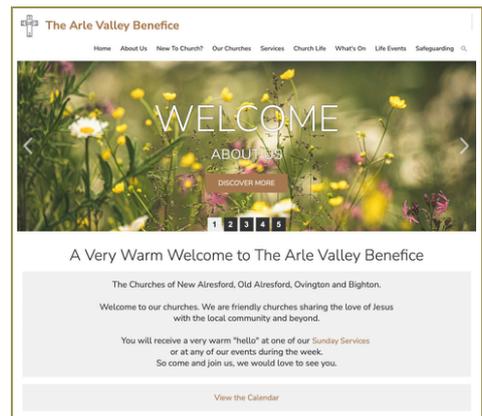
The link for the live-streaming of services is:

[www.youtube.com/@thearlevalleybenefice5720/streams](https://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.

## Have a look at our new and updated website!



[CLICK HERE](#)

[www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk](http://www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk)

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME  
HERE**

**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 (9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March)

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am	St. John's John Pearson Hall	PAUSED - Morning Prayer Coffee, Cake & Chat
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am 1.30pm 5pm	<b>Vestry at St. Mary's</b> St. John's St. John's Vestry in St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Communion Service Interment - John Lynne Chill, Chat & Chomp
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am 4pm	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall St. John's	Morning Prayer (PAUSED UNTIL MARCH) Chatterbox Soul Children
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am 11.30am 12pm	St. John's St. John's John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting Interment - Norah Cann Table Talk - Lent Course
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	12am	St. John's	24/7 Reflective Prayer for Easter and Vacancy

## NEXT SUNDAY (15<sup>th</sup> March) - Mothering Sunday

9.30am	St. John's	<b>Mothering Sunday Service</b> <b>Mothering Sunday Service</b> <b>Mothering Sunday Service</b> <b>Mothering Sunday Service</b> <b>Solos Sunday Tea</b>	
10am	St. Peter's		
11am	<b>Old Alesford Place (St. Mary's)</b>		
11am	All Saints		
2.30pm	John Pearson Hall		

### PRAYERS FOR:

Mary G, Peter P, Gareth C, Peter C, Roderick O-E, Paul D, 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 Earthy, John Lynne and 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@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or t. 01962 733237.



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

### FUNERALS



#### Michael Lynne

Interment at St. John's

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm

#### Norah Cann

Interment at St. John's

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am

#### Kenneth Richmond

Funeral at St. John's

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

### Offers of Help?

It is that time of year when rotas are being created to help with the following on an occasional rota:

**Welcomer to Chatterbox** - Thursdays 10-11am;

**Tech Rota for 9.30am service** to help with either sound, live-streaming or clicking the overheads;

**Helping to lock the church;**

**Monday Meet and Eat in term time** to either make tea/coffee and wash up, play games with the children or help cook a meal/pudding.

*If you would like to join one of these amazing teams, please contact Rosie on [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or 07891 120662.*



# Notices

## FOR EVERYONE IN THE ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE:

You are invited to come and meet **Bishop Kelly** on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**



## MOTHERING SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am**

Please join us for a special service for all who love and care for us. An all age service with activities for children and flowers to take home.

Tasty refreshments (cake!) after the service in the John Pearson Hall.

Everyone is warmly welcome.

We would love to see you!



## SAVE THE DATE!

**EASTER CLEAN OF ST. JOHN'S**  
**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 9am**

Bring your own dusters, mops etc. Refreshments will be provided.

See you there...many hands make light work!

Let's make our Church sparkle again!

Thank you. Hefin.



## 24/7 REFLECTIVE DAY FOR EASTER AND THE VACANCY

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>AT HOME</b>	
	<b>IN ST. JOHN'S - Quiet Times</b>	
6am - 7am	Individual prayer	
7am - 8am	<b>Preparing for Easter - Desert Mothers and Fathers</b>	Video
	<b>1 - Anthony of the Desert - Reigniting my passion for Jesus</b>	
8am - 9am	<b>Morning praise and prayer</b>	Lectio 365
9am - 10am	<b>Desert Mothers and Fathers - 2 - John Cassian</b>	Video
	<b>Intensifying hunger for holiness</b>	
10am - 11am	Individual prayer	
11am - Noon	<b>Martha and Blind Bartimaeus - music to listen to, a Bible Reading, a reflection on the reading, silence</b>	Charlotte Ryton Susan Roberts
Noon - 1pm	Individual prayer	
1pm - 2pm	<b>Paul and Seeing Jesus in Everyone - music to listen to, a Bible reading, a reflection on the reading, silence.</b>	Charlotte Ryton Susan Roberts
2pm - 3pm	Individual prayer	
3pm - 4pm	<b>Desert Mothers and Fathers</b>	Video
	<b>3 - Macarius of Egypt - Loving silence and solitude</b>	
4pm - 5pm	Individual prayer	
5pm - 6pm	<b>Desert Mothers and Fathers</b>	Video
	<b>4 - Syncletica of Alexandria – The freedom of renunciation</b>	
6pm - 7pm	Individual prayer	
7pm - 8pm	<b>Evening praise and prayer</b>	Rosie Waring Green
8pm - 9pm	Individual prayer	
9pm - 10pm	<b>Psalm 23 Reflection</b>	Rosie Waring Green
10pm - 11pm	Individual prayer	
11pm - Midnight	<b>Night prayer</b>	Lectio 365

# Notices

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



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 on 01962 732063.

## LENT LUNCHEES IN THE BENEFICE

**St. Mary's Lent Lunch: Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Pippa@chocolatecraft.co.uk) to reserve your place!

**HOPE AND DESPAIR**

### ENCOUNTERS IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

**WHEN:** Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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!**  
**CHURCHYARD CLEANUP ST. JOHN'S**  
**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am**  
*Details to follow next week.*

### Upcoming Groups and Events

**COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT @ ST JOHN'S**  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March (10 - 11.30am) in the JP Hall  
Come on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month for tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes!

**SOLOS**  
Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30pm in the JP Hall for sandwiches, tea & homemade cakes, conversation & friendship. **For further details: t. 01962 733545.**

**MOTHERS' UNION**  
Christian care for families

**OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION MEETING**  
Our next meeting is on **Tues, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2 for 2.30pm** in the JP Hall. Our speaker is Annette Doyle who is giving a talk on Old Alresford Place. **New members always welcome.** Heather Galley, t. 01962 732326.

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 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>**

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.



Our Facebook page  
Our Instagram page

[https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAlresford\\_the\\_alresford\\_area\\_churches](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAlresford_the_alresford_area_churches)

### Material for notices:

please email Penny Forbes at [notices@arlevallychurches.org.uk](mailto: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  
t. 01962 733545

e. [arlevallychurches@gmail.com](mailto:arlevallychurches@gmail.com)  
[www.arlevallychurches.org.uk](http://www.arlevallychurches.org.uk)

## Prayers for the coming week (8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March)



**Please pray for.....**

**Our world as the situation in Iran and the Middle East becomes even more serious.** Pray for all who are afraid, all trying to return to their home countries, all injured in this conflict. Pray for world leaders to have wisdom and compassion as they make difficult decisions. Pray for all refugees and all Aid agencies struggling to help them.

**Our planet.** Give thanks for all who are trying to solve the problem of fly tipping in this country and for law enforcers trying to prevent it. Pray for all who have committed to the big plastic count, that it may increase awareness of the non essential use of plastic packaging.

**All who are unwell, at home, in hospital or undergoing treatment.** Give thanks for all medical staff, for their hard work and dedication to giving quality care to their patients. Pray for our surgery and for all carers in our community.

**Our town and villages, for all who live here and all who visit.** Pray that all residents feel part of this community and enjoy the many facilities on offer. Give thanks for our schools, for students and teachers and all support staff.

**Our churches as we await the appointment of a new Rector.** Pray for all who work to keep our churches open and active and all who have taken on extra responsibilities. Give thanks for those who lead our services, visiting clergy and our LLMs.

**Heavenly Father, be with us in our anxiety.  
Hear our prayers. Amen.**