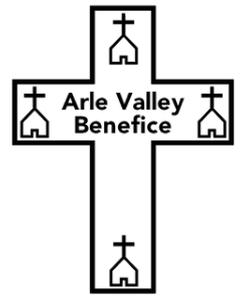


# The Arle Valley Benefice



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

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Mothering Sunday**

**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:**

**1 Samuel 16.1-13**

**Ephesians 5.8-14**

**John 9**

**SUNDAY**

**St. John's**

**9.30am Mothering Sunday Communion**

**St. Peter's**

**10am Mothering Sunday Service**

**St. Mary's**

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

**11am Mothering Sunday Service**

**All Saints**

**11am Mothering Sunday Service**

## Collect for Today

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human  
family to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living

that in joy and in sorrow

we may know the power of your presence to bind  
together and to heal;

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

Loving God,

as a mother feeds her children at the breast

you feed us in this sacrament with the food and  
drink of eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness

to grow in grace within the household of faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Live Streaming at St. John's

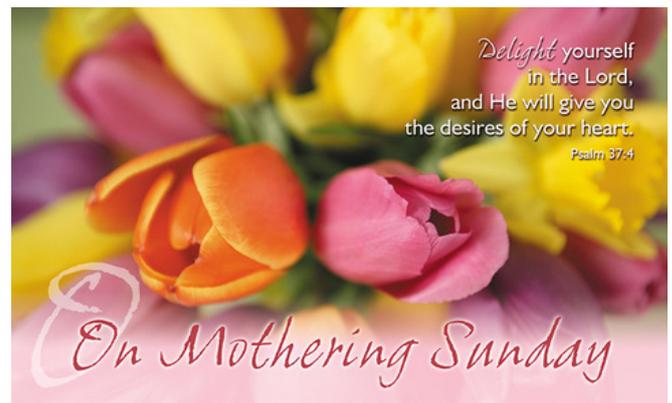
**LIVE**

The link for the live-streaming of services is:

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



**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 (16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March)

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am 11am 2pm 7pm	St. John's St. John's John Pearson Hall <b>John Pearson Hall</b>	PAUSED - Morning Prayer Funeral - Kenneth Richmond <b>Mothers' Union Meeting</b> <b>Community Cinema - 'The Choral' (NEW VENUE!)</b>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am 5pm	<b>Vestry at St. Mary's</b> St. John's Vestry in St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Communion Service Chill, Chat & Chomp
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer (PAUSED UNTIL MARCH) Chatterbox
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	10am 12pm	St. John's John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting <b>Table Talk - Lent Course</b>
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am	St. John's	<b>Come and Sing Community Singing Workshop</b>

## NEXT SUNDAY (22<sup>nd</sup> March) - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

8am 9.30am 9.30am 11am	St. John's St. John's <b>Old Alresford Place (St. Mary's)</b> All Saints	Holy Communion (BCP) Celtic Service of the Word Parish Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
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### PRAYERS FOR:

Mary G, Jenny W, 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.*

### FUNERAL



**Kenneth Richmond**  
Funeral at St. John's  
Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March - 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

## MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES - SUN 15<sup>TH</sup>

Please join us around our town & villages for special services for all who love and care for us. Everyone is warmly welcome. We would love to see you!

**St. John's at 9.30am**

**St. Peter's at 10am**

**St. Mary's (Old Alresford Place) at 11am**

**All Saints at 11am**



## SAVE THE DATE!

### EASTER CLEAN OF ST. JOHN'S

**Thurs, 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 9am (yes...Maundy Thursday)**

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 - Syncretica 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

## 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 & toilet project.

**Frugal Lent Lunch at St John's: Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



## ST MARY'S ELECTORAL ROLL

An updated version of the Church Electoral Roll for St Mary's is being prepared prior to the Annual Church Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Anyone eligible and wishing to be included on the Electoral Roll should request details from:

**RICHARD GEOGHEGAN**  
t. 07963 707573; t. 01962 736485;  
email: richardgeoghegan5@gmail.com

## Electoral Roll

- Belong**
- Participate**
- Contribute**

# Notices



## ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA NEWS... NEW VENUE - THE JOHN PEARSON HALL!!

We are now on the **Third Tuesdays** in the month, starting **17<sup>th</sup> March**, 7pm as usual (not August or December). And licenced bar, of course. **Tickets £10** (card/cash on the door). **Bookings t. 01962 736282 or t. 07780 703543.**

To start the season, we will be showing **'THE CHORAL'**. Written by Alan Bennett and starring Ralph Fiennes, THE CHORAL tells the story of a community torn apart by the onset of WW1, and how they come together in the face of adversity.

Hope to see you at the return of the cinema and will be interested to hear what you think of the new venue. Friends of St. John's (FOSJ)



### THE TALE OF 3 TREES - SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT ST. JOHN'S

**You are invited to take part in or come and watch this short musical story.** This story is based on a Christian folk tale about three little trees growing up on the mountaintop who have big dreams of what they want to become, but one by one those hopes are dashed as they are chopped down and turned into seemingly insignificant things. However, God has an amazing plan for each tree – a plan that goes beyond any of their wildest dreams as they find themselves at the heart of the story of Jesus. **Rehearsal 2.30 - 3.30pm, performance at 4pm (approx 30 mins).** No tickets are needed to come and watch. **To take part and receive the song pack in advance. Details from Rosie Waring Green t.07891120662 or e.rosie@22rwg.co.uk.**

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP**  
Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March  
9am - 12 noon

It's that time again to clear up the churchyard!  
Please bring your garden tools and gloves.  
Refreshments will be provided.

For more details, please contact James Lees 01962 732574 or james@lees92.plus.com

### UPCOMING GROUPS AND EVENTS

#### 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.**



#### 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.

#### COME AND SING COMMUNITY SINGING WORKSHOP

We're back for another session of uplifting singing. **Join Tim at St. John's on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10am - 12pm** to learn an upbeat song in three-part harmony. This event is at a time to suit families (hopefully), so bring them all along and let's raise the roof together!  
**Tickets £10, [events.gospelcollective.co.uk](https://events.gospelcollective.co.uk)**



Our Facebook page  
Our Instagram page

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAlresford>  
[the\\_alresford\\_area\\_churches](https://www.facebook.com/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.**

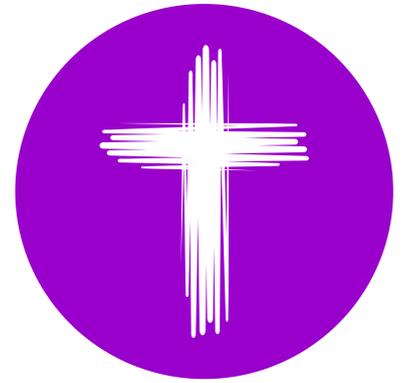
#### Rector: Position Vacant

#### Benefice Office

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## Prayers for the coming week (15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March)



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

**Our churches and all our Mothering Sunday services.** Pray for our own mothers and fathers, for all our families , all who care for children in our community. As the selection process for our next Rector reaches the next stage, pray for those who have responsibility for making these important decisions.

**Our world, especially the Middle East torn apart by war.** Pray for mothers fearing for the lives of their children, for all who are grieving the loss of their sons or daughters. Pray for Ukraine and Russia, for all countries damaged by conflict. Pray for world leaders, that they may have wisdom and compassion.

**Our planet damaged by climate change.** Pray for the health of our chalk streams, for conservation and respect for their valuable but fragile eco systems. As spring arrives give thanks for flowers, birds and insects, all signs of new life.

**All who are sick, at home or in hospital, and for doctors, nurses and all medical support staff as they care for them.** Pray for all who are anxious, all experiencing mental health issues and all who grieve the loss of a loved one.

**Our community, our shops, cafes, and pubs which play an important role in the life of this town.** Give thanks for all who work here and make this a special place to live and for our friends and neighbours.

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