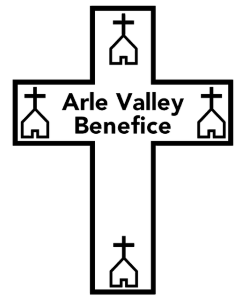


The Arle Valley Benefice



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

5th April 2026 - Easter 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:

[Acts 10.34-43](#)

[Matthew 28.1-10](#)



St. John's

**8am Easter Brief Service of Light
with Holy Communion**

9.30am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

10am Parish Communion

St. Peter's

11am Holy Communion

All Saints

11am Parish Communion

Collect for Today

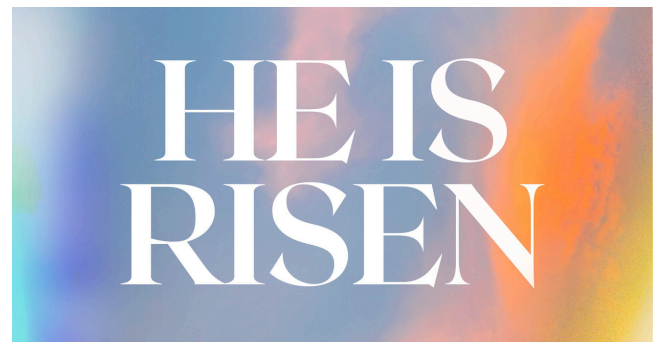
Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your
only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the
joy of his risen life;
through 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.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE**

THIS WEEK (6th April - 11th April)

Mon 6 th Easter Monday	9am 10am	All Saints Christy Hall	Morning Prayer CANCELLED - Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00 (Rescheduled to Monday, 13th April) ←
Tues 7 th	9am	St. John's	PAUSED - Morning Prayer
Wed 8 th	9am 10am	Vestry at St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Mid Week Holy Communion
Thurs 9 th	9am	St. Peter's	PAUSED - Morning Prayer
Fri 10 th	10am	St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting



NEXT SUNDAY (12th April) - 2nd Sunday of Easter

9.30am	St. John's	Breakfast Church
9.30am	St. Mary's	Morning Praise
11am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
11am	St. Peter's	Parish Communion
6pm	St. John's	Sundays @ Six

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 and John Lynne

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.

EASTER BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSURE



Please note that the office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, 6th April
Tuesday, 7th April

ADVANCE WARNING

There is no Families@4 on Easter Sunday at St John's.

We will resume on May 3rd at 4pm as usual.

HAPPY EASTER

Families at 4pm

Everyone welcome

1st Sunday of the month

Come join the fun!

St. John's Church, Alresford

Story, craft, song, drinks and snacks

No more than an hour, very informal

Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by:

Graham and Gary Underwood:

Remembering their Mother and Father Margaret and Eric Underwood



RECTOR APPOINTMENT UPDATE

Advertising from 24 April for 4 weeks, close 21 May / Shortlist 27 May at 7.30pm /

Interview 16 June (tours on 15th). Please keep this whole process in your prayers and don't forget to use the booklet of prayers given out in January. More available at the back of church.

ELECTORAL ROLL NEWS:

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 19th 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

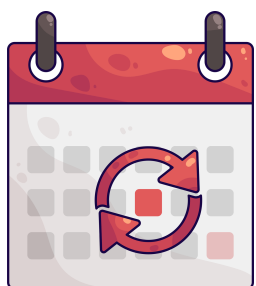


ST JOHN'S ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is revised every year prior to the APCM. In order to vote at the APCM, or to be elected to the PCC or any office, you must be on the Roll. If you are not on it yet and wish to be, please add your name now. Should you be unsure if you are already on the Roll, there is a copy in the Parish Office or you can ask our Electoral Roll Officer, Janet Pooley.

The closing date for entry on the Roll is Monday 13th April, after which no names may be added until the APCM has been held on Tuesday 28th April. You can download a form [here](#) or visit the Arle Valley Benefice website (look under 'Our Churches – 'Electoral Roll') or apply with a paper form available at the back of the church or direct from Janet.

**Completed St. John's forms should be left in the Parish Office or be sent to the address below:
Janet Pooley, 8 The Mulberries, Off Station Approach, Alresford SO24 9FL Tel 01962 732779**



NO OLD ALRESFORD MONDAYS AT 10.00 ON MONDAY, 6TH APRIL

We won't be meeting on 6th April due to the Easter Monday **BUT** will be back the following week on Monday, 13th April at our usual spot in the Christy Hall.

Did you know that we meet at 10am on the first Monday of the month?

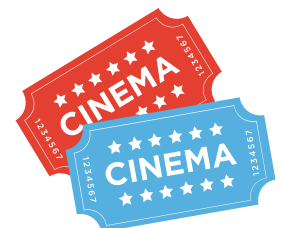
Our monthly meet up is for **everyone of all ages** to come along, relax and chat. **A great way to meet new people.** Refreshments served! For more information, contact Sue Armstrong, t. 01962 734542 or Erica Sisk, t. 01962 732735.

ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA - NOW IN THE JOHN PEARSON HALL

The Constant Gardener - Tuesday, 21st April at 7pm.

Tickets £10 (card/cash on the door). Licensed bar.

The Constant Gardener is based on John le Carré's novel. It follows British diplomat Justin Quayle (Ralph Fiennes) as he investigates the murder of his wife, Tessa (Rachel Weisz), an activist. Quayle is a mild-mannered British diplomat who is also an avid gardener. This symbolises his careful, patient character and underlines his persistent search for the truth behind his wife's murder.



Bookings: t. 01962 736282 or t. 07780 703543. Please note: Booked seats will be reserved until 6.45pm but then released for general sale. Brought to you by the Friends of St. John's.

Notices

Upcoming Groups and Events - Mark Your Calendars...

COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT @ ST JOHN'S

Tuesday, 14th April (10 - 11.30am) in the John Pearson Hall

Come and join us on the second Tuesday of each month for tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes! This is for everyone across the local community.

Feel free to invite friends, family and neighbours as well...the more the merrier!



SOLOS

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, 19th April 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, 21ST APRIL

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 21st April 2 for 2.30pm at the John Pearson Hall.

New members always welcome. Contact Heather Galley, Branch Leader on t. 01962 732326.



ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR - A SEASON TO SING



Choral Music featuring a celebration of the 300th Anniversary of Vivaldi's Four Seasons by Joanna L'Estrange. Conductor: Simon Gallear.

Please join the Alresford Community Choir at St. John's on

Saturday, 25th April at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20 & £15 and available online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/alresford-community-choir or call 01962 776476.

Pre Concert and Interval Bar.

ST JOHN'S CAFÉ at the Watercress Festival - Sunday 17th May



We need to start gathering our wonderful army of volunteers, whose help is vital to the success of this event.

Sign up sheets are now at the back of the Church.

There are many ways in which to help, so please have a look and add your name to one or maybe more of the boxes.

Encourage your friends to join us - many hands make light work!

The organising team look forward to sharing this exciting day with you.

It is important that all volunteers are risk aware. So please take a risk assessment sheet and tick the red box beside your name on the sign up sheet to indicate that you have one.

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, 28th April at 8pm

ST. JOHN'S APCM

John Pearson Hall



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

t. 01962 733545

e. arlevallychurches@gmail.com

www.arlevallychurches.org.uk

Prayers for the coming week (5th April - 11th April)



EASTER DAY INTERCESSIONS

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad

Please pray for.....

God's Broken World.....Living Lord, your resurrection startled guards and friends alike. Pray that all politicians and world leaders will come together and work for peace; may differences be put aside for the good of all mankind. Ask God to be with all those who are living through war, fear and injustice.

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy.

Our Benefice.....Living Lord, at the dawn of day the earth was shaken by your life-restoring power. Pray for our Benefice at this time of vacancy giving thanks for all the help we are given by visiting clergy. Pray for all the church wardens who have extra responsibility and pray that we may be more courageous in sharing our faith in the town and surrounding villages.

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy.

For all struggling to make ends meet.....Living Lord, you make no distinction between peoples. Bring before God all those who have money worries due to the world situation; give thanks for the Basics Bank. Pray for all those who will find it hard to celebrate Easter due to financial situations.

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy.

For the sick.....Living Lord, your mercy endures forever. Bring before God all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially those in pain or distress. Give thanks for our NHS and pray that their staff will find the strength to cope with ever busy surgeries and hospitals.

Living Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy.

For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end