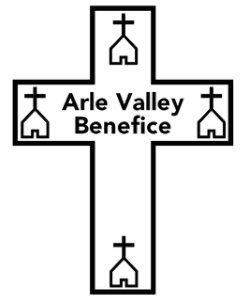


The Arle Valley Benefice



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

12th April 2026 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

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 2.14

1 Peter 1.3-9

John 20.19-end

St. John's

9.30am Breakfast Church
6pm Sundays @ Six

St. Mary's

9.30am Morning Praise

St. Peter's

11am Parish Communion

All Saints

11am Morning Prayer

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.

Collect for Today

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to
die for our sins and to rise again
for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven
of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son
Jesus Christ 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

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children
of eternal life
and in baptism have made us
one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 (13th April - 17th April)

Mon 13 th	9am 10am	All Saints Christy Hall	Morning Prayer Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00
Tues 14 th	9am 10am	St. John's John Pearson Hall	PAUSED - Morning Prayer Coffee, Cake & Chat
Wed 15 th	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Mid Week Holy Communion
Thurs 16 th	9am 10am	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall	PAUSED - Morning Prayer Chatterbox
Fri 17 th	10am 12pm	St. John's John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting Table Talk

NEXT SUNDAY (19th April) - 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30am	St. John's	Parish Communion
10am	St. Peter's	Morning Praise
11am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
11am	St. Mary's	Parish Communion
2.30pm	John Pearson Hall	Solos Sunday Tea

PRAYERS FOR:

Roger L, Audrey B, 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.

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



Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by:
Rosie Waring Green: Celebrating a significant birthday for Ian.



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**

OLD ALRESFORD MONDAYS AT 10.00

We are meeting this month 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.

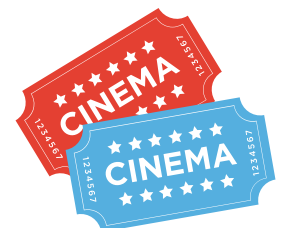


ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA - NOW IN THE JOHN PEARSON HALL

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

The Solos Sunday afternoon tea will be on Sunday, 19th April in the JP Hall.

Hope to see you then for tea, sandwiches, scones and homemade cakes

Conversation and friendship. For more information: t. 01962 735185

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.

Our speaker is Stephanie Durrant who will talk about life 150 years ago when MU was started in Old Alresford. **New members always welcome.**

Contact: Heather Galley on 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR ST. JOHN'S VOLUNTEERS...



FLOWER TEAM

Thank you to everyone who very generously sponsored the flowers for Easter.

It is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to everyone who has sponsored or is sponsoring flowers in Church this year remembering someone special or a special event.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

A big thank you to the stalwarts who turned up to Spring Clean the church on Maundy Thursday to make it sparkle again.

You did a fantastic job.
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CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP TEAM

A big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their spare time and turned up on Saturday, 28th March at St. John's Churchyard.



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 t. 01962 732056 or

Patricia Todd t. 07810 723973

Urgent information for Intercessions to the churchwardens.

Rector: Position Vacant

Benefice Office

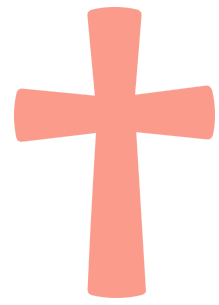
Open Monday - Friday 9 - 11am

t. 01962 733545

e. arlevallychurches@gmail.com

www.arlevallychurches.org.uk

Prayers for the coming week (12th April - 18th April)



Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways

Please pray for.....

God's broke world..... Lord Jesus Christ your resurrection broke the hold of death; speak to the hearts of all world leaders. Pray that war, hatred, cruelty and injustice will be overcome for the desire for peace. Ask God to be with all those facing fear and terror, due to war and having no home.

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy

Our Benefice..... Lord Jesus Christ you appeared to your disciples and brought them peace, Pray that your presence may be felt in all our churches as we pray for a new priest to lead us. Ask God to guide each one of us to support one another at this time and give thanks that so many people have come to help us.

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy

Our Town..... Lord Jesus Christ you sent your disciples into the community, be with us all as we go about our lives, meeting people in the town and hopefully showing your love. Ask God to be with all in our Town who are suffering due to lack of finances, ill health or mental anxiety. Give thanks for the NHS during this time of strikes and unease. Pray for all those working at our surgery.

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy

Those who are ill..... Lord Jesus Christ you desire our good above all other and speak tenderly to the sick; be with all those in our community who are in need of your healing touch. Pray for all those who are sick at home or in hospital; for all carers and family members who have the responsibility of caring for loved ones.

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy

As his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise