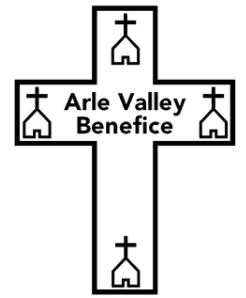


The Arle Valley Benefice



[St. John's Church, New Alresford](#) + [St. Peter's Church, Ovington](#)
[St. Mary's Church, Old Alresford](#) + [All Saints Church, Bighton](#)

19th April 2026 - 3rd 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, 36-41

Luke 24.13-35

St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Peter's

10am Morning Praise

St. Mary's

11am Parish Communion

All Saints

11am Morning Prayer

Live Streaming at St. John's



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,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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 (20th April - 25th April)

Mon 20 th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Tues 21 st	9am 2pm 7pm	St. John's John Pearson Hall John Pearson Hall	PAUSED - Morning Prayer Mothers' Union Meeting Alresford Community Cinema - 'The Constant Gardener'
Wed 22 nd	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Mid Week Holy Communion
Thurs 23 rd	9am 10am 4pm	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall St. John's	PAUSED - Morning Prayer Chatterbox Soul Children
Fri 24 th	10am	St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting
Sat 25 th	1.30pm 7.30pm	St. Mary's St. John's	Wedding - Louis Wales & Eden Jarvis Alresford Community Choir Concert - A Season to Sing

NEXT SUNDAY (26th April) - 4th Sunday of Easter

8am	St. John's	Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	St. John's	Celtic Service of the Word
9.30am	St. Mary's	Parish Communion BCP
11am	All Saints	Parish Communion

PRAYERS FOR:

Roger L, Audrey B, Mary G, Jenny W, 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:

Peter Pooley, Ken Richmond and Clive Earthy

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. 07891 120662.

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

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.



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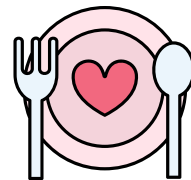


WEDDING

Please pray for our wedding couple who will be married next weekend:
Louis Wales & Eden Jarvis on Saturday, 25th April at 1.30pm in St. Mary's.

MONDAY MEET AND EAT: MONDAY NIGHT'S DINNER IS ON US!

Families with primary aged children and under are invited to join the fun starting at 3.30pm at our Monday Meet and Eat at St. John's Church (John Pearson Hall)! Churches Together in Alresford have been supporting the Monday Meet and Eat and we are hosting families and providing a hot meal and great fellowship. **Book your place:** rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891 120662 & tick dinner planning off Monday's to-do list!



Dare to be
Different!
Come and Listen to
The Regional Youth 8-Bell Ringing Contest
New Alresford Saturday 18th April

BELLRINGING

Bell Ringing Benefits...

- ✓ Great exercise
- ✓ Age 10+ can join
- ✓ All faiths and none
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ No need to be strong
- ✓ No need to be musical

Where? **St. John the Baptist Church, New Alresford**

What date? **Saturday 18th April 2026**

What time? **11:30 until 14:00 - come and enjoy in the churchyard**

More info Listen to teams of the best young ringers in the south east of England, competing to be regional champions in the 8-bell striking contest

Visit our website for more info about local bell ringing lessons <https://bellringing.co.uk/>, or scan the QR code

Scan me

Photo credit: Ringing World 2025

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

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



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.

Notices

Upcoming Groups and Events - Mark Your Calendars...



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.



Next Week's Sunday Services - 26th April

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE (BCP) - TWO SERVICES ON FOURTH SUNDAYS

(8am) St. John's & (9.30am) St. Mary's

Do you prefer a more traditional said service of Holy Communion celebrating the rich tradition and liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)?

Please join us at one of our BCP services to enjoy the peace and tranquillity.



CELTIC SERVICE OF THE WORD - FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

9.30am at St. John's Church

This quiet, reflective service contains music, hymns, bible readings and periods of silence in the Celtic tradition. **You don't have to be "religious" to attend.**

Those with faith, those without faith and those who are searching, are all very welcome. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

PARISH COMMUNION (COMMON WORSHIP) @ ALL SAINTS

11am Our Sunday service that follows the service of Holy Communion.



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.



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

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Prayers for the coming week (19th April - 25th April)



Triumphant in his glory now, to him all power be given

Please pray for.....

God's broken world.....Risen Lord, you see and judge the motives of rulers and leaders; be with all our leaders today and speak peace into their hearts. Pray that the greed, lust for power and war mongering will be replaced by reconciliation, justice and the power to listen. Ask God to be with all those who are affected by war, injustice and displacement; those who work for aid agencies and all other organisations bringing help.

Risen Lord, fill out hearts with Easter joy

Our Benefice.....Risen Lord, you set ablaze the hearts of your disciples with awe and wonder after your resurrection, do the same with us. Pray that we as a benefice will be filled with courage to tell the good news of the Gospel wherever we go. We pray too for the courage and energy to maintain our benefice while we wait for a new priest. Give thanks for the way we are working together.

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy

Our town and villages.....Risen Lord you came alongside your disciples as they journeyed to Emmaus, be with all those who work in our town and all those who come to our town. Financially it is hard at the moment for everyone so ask God to be with those who are finding life hard at the moment. Give thanks for the Basic Bank and all who manage it. Touch our hearts to do what we can, where we can.

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy

All those who are sick.....Risen Lord, you came to the disciples in their grief, be with all who need your healing touch today. Pray for all those grieving and all those who are caring for the sick

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy

To him in one communion bow, all saints in earth and heaven