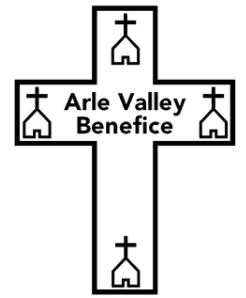


# The Arle Valley Benefice



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

26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2.42-end](#)

[John 10.1-10](#)

### St. John's

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Celtic Service of the Word

### St. Peter's

No Service

### St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion (BCP)

### All Saints

11am Parish Communion

## Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which  
are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life  
and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## Live Streaming at St. John's



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.



**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 (27<sup>th</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May)

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10.30am 8pm	St. John's St. John's John Pearson Hall	PAUSED - Morning Prayer Interment - Lee Murrell APCM - St. John's
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service of the Word
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am 7pm 7pm	St. Peter's John Pearson Hall St. John's Swan Hotel	PAUSED - Morning Prayer Chatterbox APA Charity Concert - Celebrating Tony Marshall Men's Supper Club for Widowers
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	10am 2.30pm	Vestry St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting - <i>this week meeting in the Vestry</i> Interment - Clive Earthy

## NEXT SUNDAY (3<sup>rd</sup> May) - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.30am	St. John's	Parish Communion	
9.30am	St. John's	Baptism - Indie Holloway	
11am	St. Mary's	Village Family Praise	
11am	St. Peter's	Café Church	
4pm	St. John's	CANCELLED - Families @ 4pm (restarting 7th June)	

### PRAYERS FOR:

Audrey B, Mary G, Jenny W, 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](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or t. 07891 120662.

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

## RECTOR APPOINTMENT UPDATE

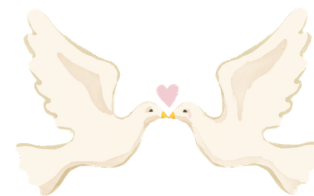
Advertising from 24 April for 4 weeks, close 21 May / Shortlist 27 May at 7.30pm Interview 16 June (tours on 15th). Please keep this whole process in your prayers and don't forget to use the booklet of prayers given out in January. More available at the back of church.



# Notices

## WEDDING

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



## BAPTISM



Please pray for **Indie Rose Christina Holloway** who will be baptised at St. John's on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9.30am** and her parents, **James and Rosella**.

## INTERMENTS

**Lee Murrell** - St. John's on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am

**Clive Earthy** - St. John's on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Peter Pooley** - St. John's on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm



## UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES - 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY

### PARISH COMMUNION @ ST. JOHN'S (1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS)

**9.30am** Our service of Holy Communion from Common Worship.  
**Refreshments afterwards in the JPH.**



### CAFÉ CHURCH @ ST. PETER'S



**11am - 1st Sunday every *other* month.** Join us for good conversation about faith and life in a friendly, informal setting at St. Peter's, Ovington.  
**Coffee, tea + homemade treats! + The Book Nook for quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books!**

### VILLAGE FAMILY PRAISE @ ST. MARY'S

**11am - 1st Sunday every month.**

Our service of Morning Praise for the whole family. **Refreshments after the service.**  
**All welcome.**



### FAMILIES AT 4PM @ ST. JOHN'S - MEETING AGAIN ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



**4pm - 1st Sunday of the month.** We gather together in St. John's for fun interactive **storytelling, songs, a great craft session and a cuppa.**  
We have babies and toddlers to teens and all in between.

## ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR - A SEASON TO SING



*Choral Music featuring a celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.** Tickets are £20 & £15 and available online at: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/alresford-community-choir](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/alresford-community-choir) or call 01962 776476.  
Pre Concert and Interval Bar.

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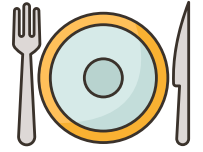
## UPCOMING GROUPS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

### MEN'S SUPPER CLUB (FOR WIDOWERS)

Last Thursday of the month (except Nov & Dec)

**Our next meeting is on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Swan Hotel**

A very pleasant evening meal to meet men in a similar situation with light-hearted chatter/banter. **Please contact Roger Whiffen on 01962 734045 for further details.**



### OLD ALRESFORD MONDAYS AT 10.00

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 12pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in the Christy Hall  
**A warm welcome for ALL AGES. Including toys for toddlers and a chance to meet and chat with other families. Refreshments too!** Organised by St. Mary's Church. Sue Armstrong 01962 734542 & Erica Sisk 01962 732735.

### BEFRIEND THE END

Wed, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the Alresford Library

**Are you curious? Do you have questions about death and dying?**

If so, come along to our informal afternoons and meet like-minded people to share and discover more about living well and dying well over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

**At the Alresford Library on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2 - 3pm.**

**For further information email: [contact@befriendtheend.co.uk](mailto:contact@befriendtheend.co.uk)**



### COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT @ ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May (10 - 11.30am) in the John Pearson Hall

Come and join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for tea, coffee & delicious homemade cakes! **This is for everyone across the local community.**

**We'd love to see you.** Feel free to invite friends, family and neighbours as well... the more the merrier!

### SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm  
**ST. JOHN'S APCM**  
John Pearson Hall



**Annual  
Parochial  
Church  
Meeting**

### 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.**



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](mailto: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](mailto:arlevallychurches@gmail.com)

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

# Prayers for the coming week (26<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> May)



**The Church of God a kingdom is, where Christ in power doth reign**

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

**God's broken world.....**Pray that God will inspire world leaders to be true shepherds of their people; that they may exercise their power for the mutual benefit of all. Pray that the world will be bound together regardless of race or language.

***Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy***

**The Church and our benefice.....**Pray that we continue to open our hearts to all who come to find Peace at this worrying time. Ask God to help us walk alongside those who are anxious, fearful or concerned with world affairs. Give thanks for all who are coming to preach to us and pray for all the churchwardens at this busy time of vacancy.

***Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy***

**Our young people....**At the start of the new term pray for all young people in education or just beginning a career. Ask God to be with all teachers and lecturers; may they be given wisdom and guidance as they lead our young people. Give thanks for all organisations involved with young people.

***Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy***

**The sick.....**God, you still the troubled waters and lead us to places of refreshment, be with all those who are need of your healing touch at this time. Pray also for all those who have recently lost a loved one.

***Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy***

**Where spirits yearn till, seen in bliss, their Lord shall come again**