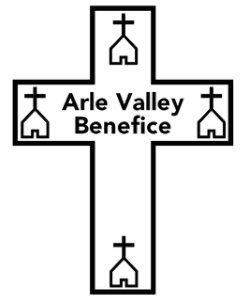


The Arle Valley Benefice



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

10th May 2026 - 6th 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:

[1 Peter 3.13-end](#)

[John 14.15-21](#)

SUNDAY

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

Collect for Today

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the
power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom
of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
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

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives
the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source
of goodness,
through him who is alive
and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen



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.

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 (11th - 15th May)

Mon 11 th	9am 10am 3.30pm	All Saints THIS WEEK @ St. Mary's John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00 Monday Meet & Eat
Tues 12 th	10am 7.30pm	John Pearson Hall John Pearson Hall	Coffee, Cake & Chat St. John's PCC Meeting
Wed 13 th	9am 10am 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's Vestry at St. John's	Morning Prayer Wednesday Midweek Communion Chill, Chat and Chomp
Thurs 14 th	10am 4pm	John Pearson Hall St. John's	Chatterbox Soul Children
Fri 15 th	10am 12pm	Prayer Space @ St. John's John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting Table Talk

NEXT SUNDAY (17th May) **WATERCRESS FESTIVAL** (7th Sunday of Easter)

ALRESFORD WATERCRESS
FESTIVAL - 17 MAY 26
The Big Little Festival



8.30am	St. John's	WATERCRESS BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE
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PRAYERS FOR:

Audrey B, 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:

Mary Gray, Peter Pooley and Ken Richmond

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.



Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by:
Caroline Wheeler: Remembering my Parents' Anniversary



INTERMENT

Jacqueline Bunce
St. John's on Friday, 22nd May at 10.30am

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Peter Pooley
St. John's on Friday, 29th May at 2.30pm

HELP NEEDED FOR PETER POOLEY'S THANKSGIVING TEA

2.30pm on Friday, 29th May

Large team needed (**many hands please as this will be a big service**) with setting up before and/or helping after the service serving drinks/wine in both the church and JPH? Thank you.

Please contact
Rosie: rosie@22rwg.co.uk
or t. 07891 120662



PARKING PASS FOR THE WATERCRESS FESTIVAL 8.30AM SUNDAY SERVICE (17TH MAY)



If you need to bring your car into Alresford for the 8.30am service at St. John's, you will need a parking pass.

Passes available from the Benefice office.

UPCOMING GROUPS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

CORRECTION! OLD ALRESFORD MONDAYS AT 10.00

Because the first Monday in May was a Bank Holiday, we will be holding our **May get together** on **Monday, 11th May, IN ST MARY'S CHURCH**, at the usual time, 10am – 12noon.



If you would like a lift to the church, please contact Sue Armstrong on 01962 734542.
Normal time and venue resumed in June – 1st June 10am – 12 noon in the Christy Hall.



COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT @ ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday, 12th 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.*** Feel free to invite friends, family and neighbours as well... the more the merrier! ***We'd love to see you.***

TABLE TALK

Friday, 15th May at 12pm in the John Pearson Hall

Table Talk will start at noon with a bring and share lunch (or bring your own if on a special diet), followed by a discussion on a topical subject and is open to everyone from any church community or none.



OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION MEETING - TUESDAY, 19TH MAY

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 19th May, 2 for 2.30pm** at the John Pearson Hall. Join us for tea, cake and natters. ***New members always welcome.*** Contact Heather Galley on t. 01962 732326.

Notices

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.

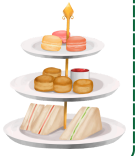
It is important that all volunteers are risk aware. So please take a risk assessment sheet and tick the red box beside your name on the sign up sheet to indicate that you have one.

SOLOS:

We will meet (very informally!) on 17th May during the Watercress Festival.

Solos meet again on Sun 21st June in the John Pearson Hall at 2.30pm for something special - St. John's Patronal Festival Cream Tea!

Details: Margaret 01962 735185
Roger 01962 734045



Alresford Community Cinema - 'The Shepherd and the Bear'

Tuesday, 19th May at 7pm in the John Pearson Hall

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

Bookings t. 01962 736282 or t. 07780 703543

Set high in the majestic French Pyrenees, *The Shepherd and the Bear* explores a conflict provoked by the reintroduction of brown bears in the midst of a traditional shepherding community. The film follows an aging shepherd who struggles to find a successor as bears prey on his flock, and a teenage boy who becomes obsessed with tracking the bears. *The Shepherd and the Bear* is a modern folktale about tradition, community and humanity's relationship with a vanishing natural world.

Brought to you by the Friends of St. John's (FOSJ)



SAVE THE DATE! FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR ST. MARY'S

Sunday, 5th July / 6 to 8pm. Tickets £20

Pinglestone Barn, Old Alresford SO24 9TB



FRIARY BRASS BAND formed in Guildford in 1983 and now based in Chertsey has competed at the highest level and qualified for the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall no fewer than nine times since 2013. The band has earned a reputation for entertainment and is regarded as one of the leading bands in the south.

MURIELE is a talented French singer known for her captivating performances of retro, jazz and wartime songs, drawing from the rich tradition of French chanson.

TICKETS:
TWO Options:

SCAN ME



or visit:
www.friarybrassband.com



Our Facebook page

Our Instagram page

https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAlresford_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

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Prayers for the coming week (10th - 16th May)



**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain;
Thy touch can call us back to life again.**

Please pray for.....

The world. Pray for all countries torn apart by war, especially the Middle East and Ukraine. As the King's visit to the USA draws to a close give thanks for all who seek diplomatic solutions to conflict. Pray for world leaders, that they may act with humility and wisdom for the good of all. Give thanks for those who risk or lose their lives trying to save or protect others.

Our community, for all who live or work in our town, for all who give their time freely for the benefit of others. Pray for our young people as they prepare for exams, and for those who are anxious about their future prospects. Pray that they may all feel loved and valued as individuals.

All who care for those in need, for all medical staff in the surgery or in hospitals and for all paramedics and first responders as they help people in crisis. Pray for all who are sick in hospital or recovering at home and all who care for them. Pray for all awaiting treatment, for all who await diagnosis.

Our church, for a good response and applications for the post of Rector to this benefice. Pray that God will inspire the right person to apply for this job. Give thanks for all who support the work of our churches during the Vacancy, church wardens, LLMs and Lay Pastoral Assistants. Pray that we reflect the love of our risen Lord in all we say and do.

***Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been,
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.***