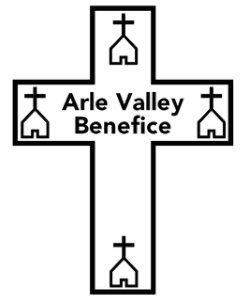


# The Arle Valley Benefice



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

24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Pentecost

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 2.1-21](#)

[John 7.37-39](#)

SUNDAY

### St. John's

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Celtic Service of the Word

### St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion (BCP)

### All Saints

11am Parish Communion

## Collect for Today

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your  
Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all  
things and evermore to rejoice in his  
holy comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus  
our Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:

open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Live Streaming at St. John's

LIVE

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.



## THIS WEEK (25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May)

Half Term Break for Children & Families Groups. Returning week starting 1<sup>st</sup> June

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	9am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer <b>Wednesday Service of the Word</b>
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Swan Hotel	<b>Men's Supper Club for Widowers</b>
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am 2.30pm 3.30pm	Prayer Space @ St. John's St. John's St. John's & John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting <b>Thanksgiving Service - Peter Pooley</b> <b>Thanksgiving Tea - Peter Pooley</b>

## NEXT SUNDAY - 31<sup>st</sup> May (Trinity Sunday)



**Benefice Service**  
*St. Mary's Church, Old Alresford*

**Sunday, 31st May  
at 9.30am**

Please join us as all four churches meet at St. Mary's to celebrate a service of Holy Communion.

### Benefice Service

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 9.30am**  
**(St. Mary's, Old Alresford)**

*This service is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our faith and fellowship together as the body of Christ.*

It also gives us the chance to meet up with people from all of our churches who we might not see quite so often and to build up a shared and caring community.

### PRAYERS FOR:

Audrey B, Jenny W, Peter C, Paul D, Janet P, Audrey S, Marion M, Shirley W, Margaret Se, Barbara G, Audrey C, Rosemary F, Hazel G, Val L, Tony H, Ian V, Jilly C, Sarah G, Dennis, David O, 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:

Robi Swann, Mary Gray and Peter Pooley

## 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

## ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by: **Rosie Waring Green:**  
**Remembering our parents' wedding anniversary**



## BAPTISM

Please pray for **Arlo Morgan-Giles** who will be baptised at St. Mary's on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am and his parents, **August** and **Amelia**.



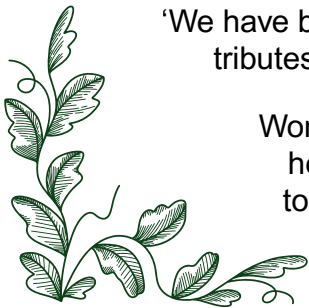
## THANKSGIVING / FUNERAL SERVICES



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

**Mary Gray** - Funeral service on 8<sup>th</sup> June in Northampton at 11.30am. *Please contact Maureen Mackrell for details.*

*thankyou*



'We have been overwhelmed by the number of messages, tributes and flowers we have received in recent weeks.

Words cannot express how grateful we are to know how much Peter was admired and respected and to have your love and support at this difficult time.'

- *The Pooley family*

Join us  
at one of  
our Home  
Groups



**Our Home Groups are an opportunity to discuss our faith and learn from the Bible and each other in a small group.**

The groups are open to anyone who wants to develop their faith and deepen friendships with other members of our churches.

**Please contact Rosie Waring Green t. 07891 120662 for help in deciding which one you would like to attend.**

Some meet weekly/less often, some in houses and others on Zoom.

**Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)** is a **global prayer movement** that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to ***come to know the love, hope and peace found in Christ is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come.***

The ten days of Thy Kingdom Come finishes this Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May but the prayers will continue.

**Do join us on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May in St. John's at 6pm for a short time of worship, prayer and listening on video to some of the TKC stories.**



Thy Kingdom Come

**God with us**

14<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

[thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global)



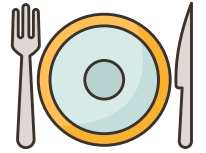
**Café at St. John's, Watercress Festival 2026, raised the unbelievable sum of £4,002!**  
A huge thank you to everyone of you who contributed in any way to St. John's Café last Sunday! It was a stellar effort. Home baked cakes that could fill a bakery were sold, furniture tugged and lugged, dishes washed and dirties tidied. Drinks and cakes were served and every visitor was greeted with that famous Café at St. John's warm welcome! To the whole team.... **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!**

# Notices

## **MEN'S SUPPER CLUB (FOR WIDOWERS) (LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)**

*Our next meeting is on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 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.



## **Upcoming Sunday Services - 7<sup>th</sup> June**

### **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.**



### **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 are welcome.**

### **FAMILIES AT 4PM @ ST. JOHN'S**

**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.



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

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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:  
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### **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

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## Prayers for the coming week (24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May)

### PENTECOST

**O Thou who camest from above, the fire celestial to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart.**

**Please pray for**

**The Christian church throughout the world as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.** Pray for those who have applied for the role of Rector to this benefice and for all involved in the selection process. Give thanks for all visiting ministers who have led services during the vacancy.

**The world, especially for all who are affected by the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo.** Pray for medical staff trying to limit the spread of the virus as they care for the sick and dying. In the Middle East pray for all in Gaza as the conflict continues, for all living in extreme hardship through lack of food, water and medical supplies. Pray for an end to the wars in Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine and Russia. In a time of uncertainty pray for world leaders that they may use their power wisely.

**Our politicians, both locally and nationally after recent elections.** Pray for all who are dependent on food banks, all who are anxious about their finances. After the success of the Watercress Festival pray for our community, for all who work here, all who volunteer. Give thanks for families and friends and pray that we can all be good neighbours.

**All who are sick, at home or in hospital, all facing operations or dealing with a difficult diagnosis.** Pray for all who grieve, all who feel unable to cope, all who are anxious about their future. Give thanks for all who work in our surgery, all who support the most vulnerable members of our society.

**Jesus, confirm my hearts desire to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up the gift in me.**