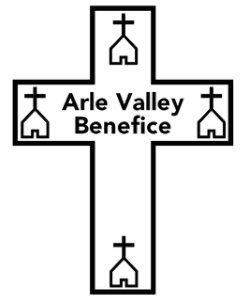


The Arle Valley Benefice



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

7th June 2026 - First Sunday after Trinity

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:

[Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26](#)

[Romans 4.13–end](#)

SUNDAY

St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

4pm Families @ 4pm

St. Mary's

11am Village Family Praise

Collect for Today

O God,
the strength of all those who put their
trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness
of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of
your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen
us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Apologies, we are experiencing some technical difficulties so we won't be livestreaming this Sunday's service.

The link will be available later during the day on Sunday.

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 (8th - 12th June)

Mon 8 th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Tues 9 th	10am	John Pearson Hall	Coffee, Cake & Chat
Wed 10 th	9am 10am 2pm	St. Mary's St. John's West Room @ St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion Chill, Chat & Chomp
Thurs 11 th	10am	John Pearson Hall	Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group
Fri 12 th	10am	Prayer Space @ St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY - 14th June (Second Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am	St. John's	Breakfast Church
9.30am	St. Mary's	Morning Praise
11am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
11am	St. Peter's	Parish Communion
11.30am	St. Mary's	Baptism for Arlo Morgan-Giles
6pm	St. John's	Sundays @ Six

PRAYERS FOR:

Audrey B, 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, 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:

Paul Dix, 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 or t. 07891 120662.

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

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.



Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by:
David Griffiths: Remembering Catherine

BAPTISM

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

THANKSGIVING / FUNERAL SERVICES

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

ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Unfortunately, there was a technical hitch on the evening of the shortlisting meeting last week.

The shortlisting has now been moved to 16th June with interview dates to be decided.

Please keep this process in your prayers.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES - 7TH JUNE

PARISH COMMUNION @ ST. JOHN'S (1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS)

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

VILLAGE FAMILY PRAISE @ ST. MARY'S

11am - 1st Sunday every month.

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



The Creation Care team are having a stall at the Alresford Green Fair in Broad Street on Sunday 7th June from 10am - 3pm. There will be lots to interest, inform and amuse you on the stall so please do go along & support them.

The Alresford Green Fair is a collaboration between New Alresford Town Trust and New Leaf Alresford, and will be a celebration of local growers, producers, craftspeople, and community groups.

New Leaf will also host an Earth, Air & Water series of three talks in The Barn at The Flowerpots on Monday 15th June – looking at air quality, nature connectivity, and the health of our chalk streams. Save the date, and **book your free place here.**



JOIN THE CLEANING TEAM

Wanted. Due to sickness, we need another cleaner for St. John's Church.

If you are able to spare 1/2 hour to clean once a week/once a fortnight/ once a month I should love to hear from you. ***Time to suit yourself.***

Please contact Hefin on 01962 733666 or see me in Church after 9.30 service.

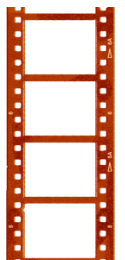
Thank you.

ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA - IN THE JOHN PEARSON HALL

Hamnet - Tuesday, 16th June at 7pm. Tickets £10 (card/cash on the door). Licensed bar.

Starring Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal, the theme is that the tragic death of Shakespeare's 11-year-old son – the titular Hamnet – fed into the writing of Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'.

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



COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT @ ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday, 9th June (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!

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



Old Alresford Annual Village Fair - Saturday, 20th June (1 - 4pm)

Old Alresford celebrates with a traditional village fair on the green featuring, fun dog show, free vintage bus rides from New Alresford, duck race, pop-up bar, teas, BBQ, ice creams and popcorn, bottle stall, bouncy slide, plant stall + more!

Patronal Festival at St. John's - Sunday, 21st June

9.30am Parish Communion Patronal Service (St. John's)

3pm Complimentary Cream Tea (John Pearson Hall)

4.30pm Songs of Praise (St. John's)

We honour the life of St. John the Baptist, the great prophet who prepared the way for our Lord Jesus Christ and our patron saint. Come and be part of the festivities!



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

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Prayers for the coming week (7th - 13th June)



**Be thou my vision Lord, this day and every day,
the centre of my life, the focus of my thoughts.**

Pray for an ending to the violence and tension that seems to dominate our world. Bring before God those communities living on the frontline of war zones, remembering all who live in constant fear of a bomb or drone attack. Pray for a change of heart in all world leaders intent upon power and control and pray for courage and wisdom for those who are trying to negotiate peaceful solutions to conflict.

Pray for young people who are in the middle of taking Important exams, especially those who are very anxious and those who receive little encouragement from home. Hold before God children who are being bullied on social media and guide the government as they make important decisions about limiting the access of young people to social media.

Following the recent heatwave, pray for farmers as they face the challenges of extreme weather conditions. Pray for the Green Fair taking place in Broad Street this weekend, that it may be well supported and will help us to understand the part we all play in helping to preserve our creation.

Pray for those in our community who are lonely, grieving or unwell at the present time. Hold before God those awaiting operations and treatment or are recovering from illness at home. Pray that God will surround all who are nearing the end of life with his loving and healing presence.

Pray for the church and our leaders, Archbishop Sarah, Bp Philip and Bp Kelly. Hold before God those from our Benefice who have been elected to appoint our next Rector and pray for those who have applied for this role. Give thanks for all who are working to ensure our churches run smoothly throughout the period of vacancy.

**Be thou my vision Lord, the inspiration of my words
in every situation and may your spirit be my support.**