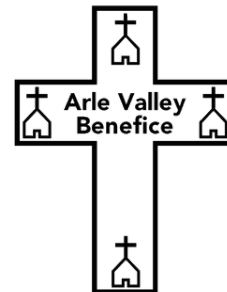


# The Arle Valley Benefice

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



**21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 - Third 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:**

**St. John's:** [Matthew 3.1-12](#) [Ephesians 3.14-22](#)

**Our other churches:**

[Romans 6.1b-11](#)

[Matthew 10.24-39](#)

### St. John's - Patronal Festival

9.30am Parish Communion

3pm Patronal Festival Cream Tea

4.30pm Songs of Praise

### St. Peter's

10am Morning Praise

### All Saints

11am Morning Prayer

### St. Mary's

11am Parish Communion

## **LIVE** 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.

## Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son  
into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our  
freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be  
brought to the glorious liberty of the  
children of God;  
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

O God, whose beauty is beyond  
our imagining and whose power  
we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we  
can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more  
than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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.



## THIS WEEK (22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June)

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am 10am 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's West Room @ St. John's	Morning Prayer <b>Service of the Word</b> Chill, Chat & Chomp
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am 7pm	John Pearson Hall Swan Hotel	Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group <b>Men's Supper Club for Widowers</b>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am 11.30am 12.30pm	Prayer Space @ St. John's St John's John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting <b>Funeral - Paul Dix</b> <b>Funeral Tea - Paul Dix</b>
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St. John's	<b>Southern Voices Concert - Flower Songs</b>

## NEXT SUNDAY - 28<sup>th</sup> June (Fourth Sunday after Trinity)

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
11am	St. Peter's	<b>Friendly Brothers of St. Patrick Service</b>



### PRAYERS FOR:

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:

Audrey Bales, Paul Dix and Robi Swann

### 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.*

### NEWS

## ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE VACANCY

The shortlisting has taken place and there will be **interviews taking place on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Please pray for discernment for the panel to hear clearly about the person God is calling to lead us and to serve us in the Arle Valley Benefice.

**There will be 24 hours of prayer at St. John's and at home starting at midnight on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.** Details to follow.

## JOIN THE CLEANING TEAM @ ST. JOHN'S

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 her in church after 9.30am service. Thank you.

# Notices

## ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by:

**Kathy Cook: Remembering Roy with love**

## BAPTISM

Please pray for **Isabella Niarchos, Eliza and Beatrice Ullman** who will be baptised at St. Peter's on **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June** at 12pm.

## FUNERAL SERVICES

**Paul Dix** - Funeral service on **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June** in St. John's at 11.30am.

**ST. MARY'S FUNDRAISING CONCERT**  
**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July / 6 to 8pm. Tickets £20**  
 Pinglestone Barn, Old Alresford SO24 9TB



**SCAN ME**



or visit:  
[www.friarybrassband.com](http://www.friarybrassband.com)

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

**9.30am**  
Parish Communion

**3pm**  
Cream Tea (JP Hall)

**4.30pm**  
Songs of Praise

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!**




**St. John's Patronal Festival**

9.30am Parish Communion Service  
 3pm Complimentary Cream Teas  
 4.30pm Songs of Praise

**Sunday, 21 June 2026**  
**Start at 9:30am**

West Street, Alresford SO24 9HS  
[www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk](http://www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk)  
 StJohnsAlresford  
 the\_alresford\_area\_churches

Come Celebrate!  
 Invite Your Friends!  
 Donations Welcome

## KNIT FOR UKRAINE

I have a friend who makes up knitted blankets for Ukraine as part of the New Forest for Ukraine initiative.

She'd love to receive knitted squares 7" x 7" in any double-knit wool, on size 4 needles.

If you'd like to help, I can supply some wool - or do use up your own 'left overs'.

I'm looking forward to passing on your output!

**Best wishes**  
**Jane Parsons**  
**t. 01962 734561**



## Patronal Festival Cream Tea

Enjoy an afternoon cream tea with family and friends or make new acquaintances at St. John's Church, New Alresford

**Sunday**  
21st June  
3pm

Free Entry

**DONATIONS WELCOME**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



**TABLE TOP Sale**

**Saturday, 8th August**  
 9am - 12pm  
 John Pearson Hall  
 St. John's Church, Alresford

Stalls include crafts, new and nearly new books, clothes, toys and **LOTS, LOTS MORE!**

Tea, coffee & light refreshments available

**Free Admission Everyone welcome!**

Open to vendors from 8.30am & buyers from 9am

Sellers: £10 large table £5 small table

To book a table or for further information:  
 email: [susan\\_penny@btinternet.com](mailto:susan_penny@btinternet.com) or [cstryton@gmail.com](mailto:cstryton@gmail.com)

An opportunity to recycle preloved items!  
 Come along and grab a bargain!

# Notices

## UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



### Old Alresford Traditional Village Fair Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 + more!



# LET'S GO!



### THE SUNSHINE SINGERS PRESENTS: CINDERELLA & ROCKERFELLA

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6pm at St. John's

The Sunshine Singers of Sun Hill Infants and Juniors invite you to a concert performance of Cinderella and Rockerfella.

**Tickets: £5 per adult / £2.50 Secondary age pupils, Primary age pupils free.**

**Book tickets in ADVANCE** from Rosie Waring Green e. [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk), t. 07891 120662, Cash or BACS.

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£2.50 SECONDARY AGE PUPILS  
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or 07891 120662

This panto-style production takes everything you think you know about the classic fairytale and makes it fabulous!

We're talking one beautiful princess, a rockstar prince, two sassy stepsisters who you can't help but love and hate all at once, and superb songs that'll have you toe-tapping and chuckling along right through to the curtain call!

### THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION OF 1949 A Talk by Henrietta Harrison (University of Oxford) Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July (Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start)

Join us at St. Peter's Church, Ovington for a fascinating talk that looks at 1949 as a year of revolution in China and uses diaries to think about the experience of living through that revolution.



It will provide a basic background to the events of the communist revolution, but then it will ask what the revolution meant to people, how they learned about its practices and ideology, and how this changed their lives. The focus will be on the lives and stories of Chinese people who lived through those events.



**Tickets £15 (including a drink and nibbles)** are available on [www.ticketsource.co.uk/ovington](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ovington).

**Proceeds to  
St. Peter's Fabric Fund.**



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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

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## Prayers for the coming week (21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June)



**As I walk with you Lord, be the compass that guides me  
and the light that shines on my path, the only one I follow.**

**Pray that the deal between the USA and Iran will lead to an ending of the conflict and disturbance in the Middle East.** Hold before God all who are traumatised by war. Pray for the world leaders attending the G7 conference in France that they will work together in harmony showing care and concern for the oppressed and offering hope to a troubled world. May all who work as peace makers, reconcilers and who speak up for those who have no voice be strengthened and encouraged.

**Pray for our government as they face so many challenges and pray that there will be good procedures in place to protect those in authority from personal attack.** Pray that the plans to prevent children under 16 years from using social media will help to make the lives of young people safer, happier and less pressurised. Bring before God those families grieving the death of a child and young people harmed by bullying or inappropriate contact as a result of social media.

**Give thanks for our beautiful environment, remembering our precious local chalk streams.** Pray that every effort will be made to protect and preserve them. Give us courage to speak out against those who do not value and appreciate their importance.

**Pray that all newly trained Doctors, nurse and midwives will be able to find jobs in these days of restricted NHS budgets.** Hold before God all who are sick in body, mind or spirit remembering those who are awaiting diagnosis or treatment, those whose hearts are broken by grief and those nearing the end of life. Pray for those from this community who are living in care homes and remember the Anna Chaplains who work with the elderly offering spiritual support and encouragement.

**Give thanks for the life of John the Baptist as we celebrate St John's Patronal festival this weekend.** Pray for the celebrations on Sunday and that this church will be a beacon of light and welcome within the town. Pray for our Benefice Churchwardens and all who carry additional responsibilities during the period of vacancy. Hold before God the person who God is calling to be our next Rector.

**As I walk with you Lord, be the word that encourages,  
the hand that reaches out each time I stumble  
and as each day draws to a close let me rest in your embrace.**