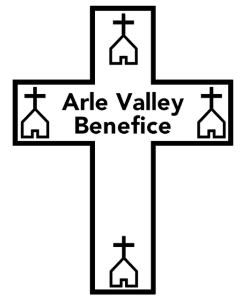


The Arle Valley Benefice

St. John's Church, New Alresford + St. Peter's Church, Ovington
St. Mary's Church, Old Alresford + All Saints Church, Bighton



19th July 2026 - Seventh 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:

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43



St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Peter's

10am Morning Praise

St. Mary's

11am Parish Communion

All Saints

11am Morning Prayer

Collect for Today

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us
in the same;
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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world
may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share
his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.

Amen



LIVE Live Streaming at St. John's

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 (20th - 25th July)

Mon 20 th	9am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
Tues 21 st	2pm	John Pearson Hall	Mothers' Union Cream Tea - Do Join Us!
Wed 22 nd	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion
Fri 24 th	10am 11.30am	Prayer Space @ St. John's St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting Interment - Roswitha Bottomley
Sat 25 th	2pm	St. John's	Wedding - Eliza Roadnight & Aman Mehra

NEXT SUNDAY - 26th July (Eighth 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

Book of
Common Prayer (BCP)

Holy Communion
Services

Fourth Sundays at 8am & 9.30am

- ST. JOHN'S, NEW ALRESFORD
8 am
- ST. MARY'S, OLD ALRESFORD
9.30am



PRAYERS FOR:

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, Joy F
and those who attend worship
at Wayfarer's Place, Bailey House
and Makins Court

Those who have recently died:
Janet Pooley, Carole Pope,
Dennis Malpass and Audrey Bales



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.*

Aluminium Recycling in the JP Hall

Please **drop off** your aluminium recycling
in the **collection bin inside the hall only**
during office hours (9 - 11am Mon to Fri).

Do not leave any contributions outside
the hall doors or in St. John's Church.

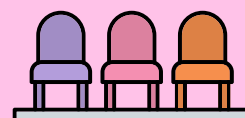
**Thank you for your contributions
but please don't make others
clean up and sort your donations.**

RECTORY VACANCY UPDATE

**Thank you for your prayers for the interview
process last Monday.** We are waiting to hear from
Bishop Kelly as to the next stage of the process.

The interview panel would be grateful
if you could resist asking them
questions regarding the process.

**We will share news just as
soon as we are able to do so.**



Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by: **Hefin and Peter Tudor**
Celebrating our 60th Wedding Anniversary.



WEDDING

Please pray for our wedding couple who will be married next weekend:
Eliza Roadnight & Aman Mehra on Saturday, 25th July at 2pm in St. John's.

INTERMENT & THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Roswitha Bottomley - Interment at St. John's on Friday, 24th July at 11.30am

Dennis Malpass - Thanksgiving Service at St. John's on Thursday, 30th July at 1.30pm

Janet Pooley - Thanksgiving Service St. John's on Friday, 31st July at 12pm



DON'T MISS... A GREAT TALK IN OVINGTON!

THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION OF 1949

A Talk by **Henrietta Harrison** (University of Oxford)

Friday, 17th 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.



SCAN
ME!



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

Proceeds to
St. Peter's Fabric Fund.

UPCOMING GROUPS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



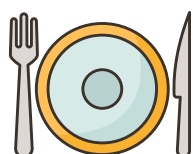
TABLE TALK

Friday, 17th July 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.

SOLOS

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday 19th July from 2.30pm in the John Pearson Hall for sandwiches, tea and homemade cakes, conversation and friendship. For more information: t. 01962 733545.



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

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 30th July 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.

Notices

Old Alresford Mothers' Union

Please join us on **Tuesday, 21st July** to **celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union** which was founded in Old Alresford by Mary Sumner.

We will be serving a **cream tea** for **£5 per head** at the John Pearson Hall between **2.15 and 4pm**. All very welcome.

Proceeds will go towards 'AFIA' funding away days for needy families.



150 YEARS OF Mothers' Union
Join us, Join in

This worldwide organisation was founded here in Old Alresford by Mary Sumner. To mark this special occasion please join us for a Cream Tea (only £5 each)



Cream Tea

At: John Pearson Hall, St John's Church, New Alresford
On: Tuesday July 21st 2026
Between: 2.15 - 4.00 pm.
All very welcome
All proceeds will go towards "AFIA" funding away days for local needy families.
Charity No. 250063



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 or cstrytton@gmail.com

An opportunity to recycle preloved items!

Come along and grab a bargain!



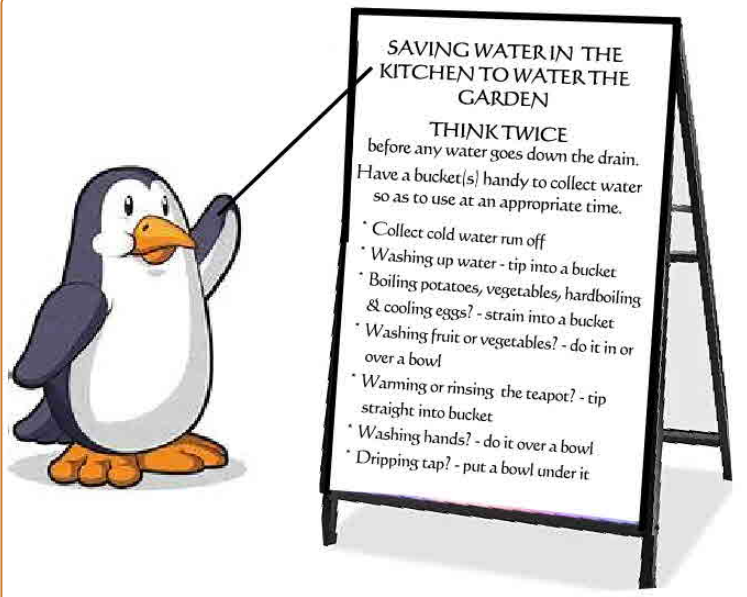
REMINDER

All St. John's term time groups:
Monday Meet & Eat,
Chill, Chat & Chomp
Chatterbox
have finished for the summer holidays.

We look forward to seeing you in September!



WATER SAVING TIPS



SAVING WATER IN THE KITCHEN TO WATER THE GARDEN

THINK TWICE before any water goes down the drain. Have a bucket(s) handy to collect water so as to use at an appropriate time.

- * Collect cold water run off
- * Washing up water - tip into a bucket
- * Boiling potatoes, vegetables, hardboiling & cooling eggs? - strain into a bucket
- * Washing fruit or vegetables? - do it in or over a bowl
- * Warming or rinsing the teapot? - tip straight into bucket
- * Washing hands? - do it over a bowl
- * Dripping tap? - put a bowl under it



Our Facebook page
Our Instagram page

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAlresford>
[the_alresford_area_churches](https://www.facebook.com/the_alresford_area_churches)

Material for notices:

please email Penny Forbes at
notices@arlevalleychurches.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

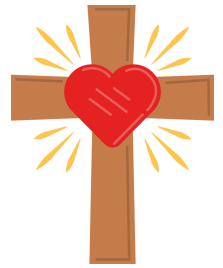
Open Monday - Friday 9 - 11am

t. 01962 733545

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Prayers for the coming week (19th - 25th July)



Lord, as I wake I turn to you, yourself the first thought of my day

Please pray for.....

God's broken world..... Bring before God all those caught up in war, injustice, cruelty and violence. Pray especially for Palestine, the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan; may the leaders of all nations work for peace and understanding, not self glorification.

Climate Change..... Pray for all those finding it hard to manage in this extreme heat. Ask God to be near all those affected by the wild fires in our country and abroad. Give thanks for all emergency services especially fire fighters.

Our Benefice..... Pray for all those who are working hard to keep things going as normal in this time of vacancy. Give thanks for all the Church wardens taking on extra duties; not forgetting the 'holy dusters', the flower arrangers, the IT teams, the tea/coffee makers and many others unknown to us. May God send us the right person to be our Rector.

The NHS..... Pray for all those working in the NHS during this heat wave which is causing extra stress on the service. Give thanks for the work of our own surgery, hospital and hospice. Ask God to be very close to all those having palliative care at this time, that they may feel loved and not alone.

Our Young People..... At this holiday time pray that all young people may be kept safe whilst having fun. Pray that the time of leisure will help them be ready for the return to school and studies. Ask God to show them that there is hope in this troublesome world and pray that we may do all to guide them when the situation arises.

**My King, my God, whose help is sure,
yourself the help for which I pray**