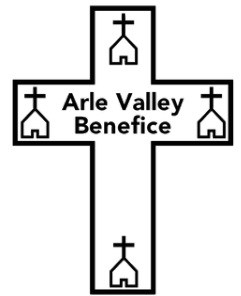


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



26th July 2026 - Eighth 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 8.26-end

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52



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

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify
and govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works
of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your
word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung
your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen
the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been
fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you 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 (27th - 31st July)

Mon 27 th	9am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
Wed 29 th	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Service of the Word
Thurs 30 th	1.30pm 7pm	St. John's Swan Hotel	Thanksgiving Service - Dennis Malpass Men's Supper Club for Widowers
Fri 31 st	10am 12pm	Prayer Space @ St. John's St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting Thanksgiving Service - Janet Pooley

NEXT SUNDAY - 2nd August (Ninth Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am	St. John's	Parish Communion
9.30am	St. John's	Baptism - Rupert Carpenter
11am	St. Mary's	Village Family Praise
11am	St. Peter's	Café Church

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

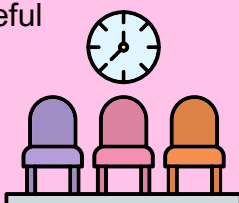


RECTORY VACANCY UPDATE

Thank you for your prayers for the interview process. 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.



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.

St. John's Church
Alresford

Something
Different

Celtic Service of the Word

This quiet, reflective service contains music, hymns, bible readings and periods of silence in the Celtic tradition.

You don't have to be "religious" to attend. Those with faith, those without faith and those who are searching, are all very welcome.

Fourth Sundays at 9.30am

Please join us for refreshments afterwards

Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's are wedding flowers for Eliza and Aman's wedding this Saturday.



WEDDING

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



INTERMENT & THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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

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



UPCOMING GROUP...

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

**Next meeting: 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, t. 01962 734045 for further details.**

Sunday Services - 2nd August

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

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

CAFÉ CHURCH@ ST. PETER'S

11am - 1st Sunday every other month.

Join us for good conversation about faith and life in a friendly, informal setting at St. Peter's.

Coffee, tea + homemade treats! +

The Book Nook for quality 2nd hand books!

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.

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 cstryton@gmail.com**

An opportunity to recycle preloved items!

Come along and grab a bargain!

A CHANGE TO THE PAPER WEEKLY NOTICES

As part of our outreach to the wider communities, the one-page paper notices will be printed in **colour**.

There **will be fewer printed notices** as we encourage (where possible) the reading of the notices online.

We hope that the colour notices will offer a bright and cheerful representation of all that our four churches offer to their communities.



Three great things....

● **Café Church @ St. Peter's - 2nd August / 11am**

● **Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00 @ St. Mary's
3rd August / 10am**

● **Befriend the End @ Alresford Library
returns on Wed, 2nd September / 2pm**

Notices

Join the St. John's Volunteer Team



Do you have a little spare time?



Would you be able to help with any of the below activities on a rota basis?

Ways You Can Help

Duty Warden or Welcome Team



Tech Team

Helping with sound or overheads or filming on a Sunday morning.



Locking St. John's

Help needed to be part of a team who lock the church at approximately 5pm (earlier in the winter). Once every 6 weeks or so.



Altar set up for Holy Communion and clearing away

Sunday services 8am or 9.30am

Term time rotas needing help every few weeks:



Chatterbox

Welcoming and chatting to parents, carers of children up to school age who met on a Thursday 10-11am in the JPH



Monday Meet & Eat (3.30 - 5.15pm term time)

Making tea, washing up or playing board games with the children / part of a team to cook a simple supper for the children. The children are always accompanied by their parents, carers in the JPH.



Chill, Chat & Chomp

Time to get to know Year 7 to 11s through informal chats, faith discussions, games etc.



Interested? Please contact Rosie Waring Green email: rosie@22rwcg.co.uk or ring for a chat, tel. 07891 120662



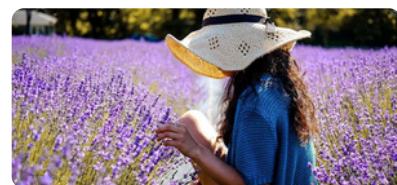
Big Butterfly Count has started!

Spend just 15 minutes counting butterflies in your garden, park or local green space, and let us know what you see via our website or app.

We can't wait to see which butterfly will top the charts as the most spotted this year!

The Big Butterfly Count is a nationwide citizen science project that helps scientists monitor the health of butterfly populations and better understand how changes to our environment are affecting wildlife.

Every count contributes valuable information to conservation efforts. For more details, click [here](#).



Our Facebook page
Our Instagram page

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

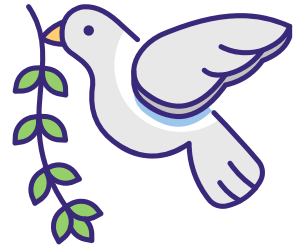
Open Monday - Friday 9 - 11am

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Prayers for the coming week (26th July - 1st August)



God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face

Please pray for.....

God's broken world.....Pray that all world leaders will begin to talk to each other and understand the need for peace. Ask God to be alongside those suffering from war, violence, cruelty and injustice. Pray too that we do not shut our eyes to what is happening in the world, and do whatever we can to alleviate suffering. Pray also for all those who because of war need medical treatment in areas where this is far from adequate.

Our Country.....As we begin to live under new leadership in Government, pray that all members of parliament use their power to make a difference. Ask God to guide our Parish Council and City Council when decisions are being made that affect our countryside way of living.

Our Benefice.....As we wait for the coming of our new Rector, pray that God will send the right person to be with us. Pray too for all clergy who have come to help us and for our Church Wardens having to take on extra duties at this time.

Climate Change....As the hot weather continues pray for all those suffering from wild fires in this Country and abroad. Pray for all fire fighters and other emergency services that often put their own lives at risk to enable the safety of others. Ask God to help us understand Climate Change and may we try to live our lives in a way to improve things. Give thanks for all scientists who are working on ways to reverse the damage already done because of Climate Change.

Shine upon us, Saviour shine, fill thy Church with light divine