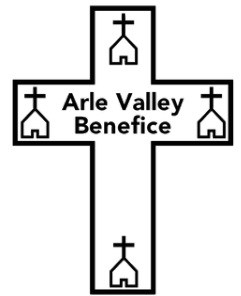


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



2nd August 2026 - Ninth 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 9.1-5

St. John's:

Matthew 14.13-21

1 John 4.7-11



St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

11am Village Family Praise

St. Peter's

11am Café Church

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches
of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit
of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table
of your Son to share this meal with the
whole household of God: in that new
world where you reveal the fullness of
your peace, gather people of every race
and language to share in the eternal
banquet of 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

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 (3rd - 8th August)

Mon 3rd	9am 10am	All Saints St. Mary's	Morning Prayer Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00
Wed 5th	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Wednesday Midweek Communion
Thurs 6th	2pm	St. John's	Interment - Kenneth Richmond
Fri 7th	10am 11.15am	Prayer Space @ St. John's St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting Interment - Ken Blowes
Sat 8th	9am 2pm	John Pearson Hall St. Mary's	Table Top Sale Wedding - Georgia Trussler & Jack Hancock

NEXT SUNDAY - 9th August - (Tenth Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am 10.30am	St. John's St. Mary's	Breakfast Church Service to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union. All most welcome.
11am	St. Peter's	Parish Communion
11am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
6pm	St. John's	Sundays @ Six

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:

Kit Pinner, Janet Pooley, Carole Pope
and Dennis Malpass



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.*

CAN YOU HELP? HOSPITALITY FOR PILGRIMS

Twenty folk from Guildford Diocese
and the Lutheran Diocese of Viborg
are walking from Winchester to Guildford.



**Can you give a bed for a night to a pilgrim on
the night of Tuesday, 29th September?**

They would eat centrally as a group in the evening.

Please contact Bruce:

revbrucenicole@gmail.com

or t. 07974 021764 if you can help or for

more details. First come, first served! (Hebrews 13:2)

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.**

Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

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

Remembering Graham William Walker with love from his wife "Pat" and daughters Lili & Eliza.



WEDDING

Please pray for our wedding couple who will be married this weekend:

Georgia Trussler & Jack Hancock on Saturday, 8th August at 2pm in St. Mary's.

FUNERAL SERVICES

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

Kenneth Richmond - Interment Service at **St. John's** on **Thursday, 6th August** at 2pm.

Kit Pinner, wife of Canon Terry Pinner, former Rector of St. Mary's, Old Alresford and All Saints, Bighton will be on **Thursday, 6th August** at 2pm at **St. Mary's**. *All are most welcome to attend.*

Ken Blowes - Interment Service at **St. John's** on **Friday, 7th August** at 11.15am.

Carole Pope - Service of Thanksgiving at **St. Mary's** on **Friday, 14th August** at 3pm.

Everyone warmly invited.



BAPTISM

Please pray for **Rupert Carpenter** who will be baptised at St. John's on **Sunday, 2nd August** at 9.30am and his parents, **Ben and Morgan**.



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!

SUNDAY SERVICES - 9TH AUGUST SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

BREAKFAST CHURCH @ ST. JOHN'S

9.30am - 2nd Sunday every month.

Our lively all age service with a delicious new twist - breakfast!

Arrive and help yourself to a range of breakfast goodies - sausage sandwiches, brioche, toast, fruit, spreads along with tea coffee and juice. Many dietary options available.

BREAKFAST

SERVICE TO CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOTHERS' UNION @ ST. MARY'S



10.30am service celebrating the movement started in 1876 by Mary Sumner in Old Alresford.

MORNING PRAYER @ ALL SAINTS

11am on the 2nd Sun of every month.

This service incorporates readings from the Bible, a talk and prayers.



PARISH COMMUNION @ ST. PETER'S



11am on the 2nd Sun every month.

Our main church service which follows Common Worship with Lectionary readings each week.

SUNDAYS @ SIX @ ST. JOHN'S

We would love you to join everyone for our **6pm service** with a reflective informal contemporary feel. Worship, Readings, Prayer and a Talk. **Time to chat with tea and cake from 5.45pm.**



Notices



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.

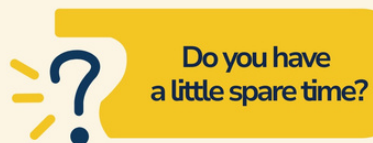
We can't wait to see which butterfly will top the charts as the most spotted this year!

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.

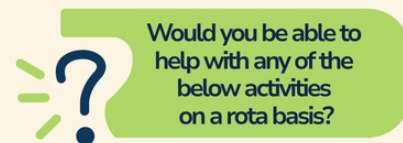
Every count contributes valuable information to conservation efforts. For more details, click [here](#).



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@22rwg.co.uk or ring for a chat, tel. 07891 120662



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

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Prayers for the coming week (2nd – 8th August)



**Lord as I adventure with you each day be the compass that guides me,
the light that shines on my path, the only one I follow.**

As the devastating wild fires continue to burn in Suffolk, France and Spain, pray for all who have lost their home and livelihood and for the fire officers working relentlessly to try to get the fires under control. Hold before God the holiday makers whose plans have been shattered because of the fires and pray for all whose health has been seriously affected by the recent heat waves. May these extreme temperatures bring high alert and action to world leaders and governments so that they make tackling climate change a top priority in future.

Pray for all who live in countries torn apart by war or a natural disaster and hold before God the charities and organisations which seek to bring relief and provide medical aid in war zones and devastated areas. Remember especially the people of Japan following the recent earthquake. Pray that the talks between Iran and the United States will become more productive and that a way will be found to bring about a lasting peace in the Middle East.

Pray that the school holidays will be a time of re-creation for students and teachers. Remember before God the families for whom this holiday time is extremely stressful because of poor housing conditions, strained relationships or limited finances. Pray for holiday clubs and community food banks which offer support to those finding this time difficult.

Pray for all who work as carers including those who care for a loved one at home who have few opportunities for any respite. Bring to God the anxious, the lonely, the grieving and those who are suffering from extreme depression praying that they may find comfort and healing.

Pray for Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith. Give thanks for all who are taking our services and for those who have additional responsibilities during the vacancy.

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