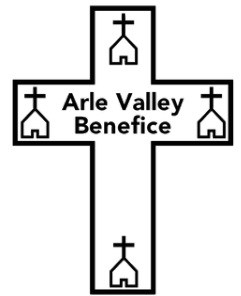


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



9th August 2026 - Tenth 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 10.5-15

Matthew 14.22-33

St. John's

9.30am Breakfast Church

6pm Sundays @ Six

St. Mary's

10.30am Special service to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Mothers' Union

St. Peter's

11am Parish Communion

All Saints

11am Morning Prayer

Sunday

Collect for Today

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your
humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall
please you;
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

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who
trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through 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 (10th - 14th August)

Mon 10 th	9am 2.30pm	All Saints St. John's	Morning Prayer Interment - Mary Gray
Tues 11 th	10am	John Pearson Hall	Coffee, Cake & Chat
Wed 12 th	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Wednesday Midweek Communion
Fri 14 th	10am 3pm	Prayer Space @ St. John's St. Mary's	Parish Prayer Meeting Thanksgiving Service - Carole Pope

NEXT SUNDAY - 16th August - (Eleventh Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am	St. John's	Parish Communion	
10am	St. Peter's	Morning Praise	
11am	St. Mary's	Parish Communion	
11am	All Saints	Morning Prayer	
2.30pm	John Pearson Hall	Solos Sunday Tea	

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)



Upcoming Benefice Service
All Saints - 30th August @ 11am





Benefice Service
All Saints Church, Bighton

Sunday, 30th August at 11am

Please join us as all four churches meet at All Saints to celebrate a service of Holy Communion.

Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by:
Heather Troke: In memory of Lewis.



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

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

Mary Gray - Interment service at **St. John's** on **Monday, 10th August** at 2.30pm.

Aaron Hough - Funeral service at **St. John's** on **Tuesday, 11th August** at 11.30am.

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

Everyone warmly invited.

SUNDAYS AT SIX
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP, TEACHING & FELLOWSHIP WITH TIME TO TALK ABOUT WHAT FAITH MEANS FOR YOU.

A SPACE TO MEET GOD IN MUSIC & WORD. CHAT, TEA AND CAKE FROM 5.45PM ONWARDS.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SECOND SUNDAYS @ ST JOHN'S

BEING TRANSFORMED TOGETHER! WWW.ARLEVALLEYCHURCHES.ORG.UK

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!**

An opportunity to recycle preloved items!

Tea, coffee & light refreshments available

Come along and grab a bargain!

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

Upcoming Groups - Mark Your Calendars...

COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT @ ST JOHN'S

Tuesday, 11th August (10 - 11.30am) in the John Pearson Hall

Come and join us on the second Tuesday of each month for tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes! This is **for everyone** across the local community.

Feel free to invite friends, family and neighbours as well...the more the merrier!



SOLOS

Do join us for Sunday afternoon tea on **August 16th** from 2.30pm in the John Pearson Hall, for tea, sandwiches, scones & cake and, of course, conversation and fellowship.

For more information: tel. 01962 735185

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.

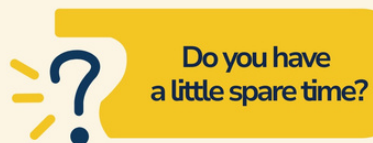
We can't wait to see which butterfly will top the charts as the most spotted this year!

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.

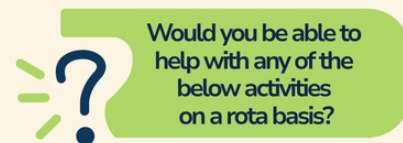
Every count contributes valuable information to conservation efforts. For more details, click [here](#).



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

t. 01962 733545

e. arlevalleychurches@gmail.com

www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk

Prayers for the coming week (9th – 15th August)



**Lord, in faith may we see this world through your eyes,
hear this world through your ears, touch it with your hands
and bless it through your grace. Amen**

Pray for all countries at war bringing before God the countless number of people who live in constant fear of an aggressive attack, remembering especially at this time the people of Ukraine. Pray for the peacemakers as they attempt to negotiate ways to end the hostilities and that the current Middle East talks will finally lead to the re-opening of the Strait of Hormuz where the closure has caused so much global hardship.

Pray for those who have lost everything in the recent wild fires throughout Europe and for those clearing the devastated land. Pray that as the water levels of our rivers drops we will manage to reduce our use of water even more. Remember before God the wildlife which is desperate for water in these drought conditions.

Pray for farmers who are struggling as a result of the recent exceptional weather conditions. Hold them before God as they manage the disappointing yields of cereal and vegetable crops and have to care for over-heated and dehydrated livestock, all of which raises their concern for the coming winter.

Pray that the school holidays will be a time of re-creation and rest for students and teachers and for the safety of those away on holiday. Bring before God those who find the holidays to be a particularly difficult time when relationships may be strained to breaking point.

Pray for our local shops and pubs that they will receive a good amount of custom during the summer months which will help to secure their future.

Pray for the bereaved, the anxious and the lonely. Hold before God those who have received a difficult diagnosis and those awaiting operations or receiving treatment.

Pray that our churches will be welcoming to visitors and for all who will be taking services in the coming week. Hold before God the person who God has called to be our next Priest.

Lord embrace this wonderful world and wash it with your tears of mercy and love and bring healing and restoration into its brokenness. Amen.