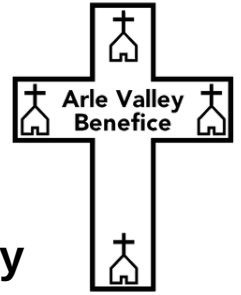


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



16th & 23rd August 2026 - 11th & 12th Sundays 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:

Bible Readings:

16th August

Romans 11.1-2a Matthew 15.10-20, 21-28

23rd August

Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20

Sunday, 16th August

St. John's 9.30am Parish Communion

St. Peter's 10am Morning Praise

All Saints 11am Morning Prayer

St. Mary's 11am Parish Communion

Service schedule for Sunday, 23rd Aug (p. 2)

Collect - 16th Aug

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 - 16th Aug

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collect - 23rd Aug

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 - 23rd Aug

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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.



Two Week Diary (17th - 28th August)

Mon 17 th	9am 10.30am	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Interment - Martin Sutton
Wed 19 th	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion
Fri 21 st	10am 12pm	St. John's John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting Table Talk
Mon 24 th	9am 2pm	All Saints St. John's	Morning Prayer Thanksgiving Service - Arthur Maule
Wed 26 th	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Midweek Service of the Word
Thurs 27 th	7pm	Swan Hotel	Men's Supper Club for Widowers
Fri 28 th	10am	St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting

SUNDAY 23RD AUG 12th Sunday after Trinity	8am 9.30am 9.30am 11am	St. John's St. John's St. Mary's All Saints	Holy Communion (BCP) Celtic Service of the Word Parish Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
SUNDAY 30TH AUG 13th Sunday after Trinity	11am	All Saints	Benefice Communion Service 



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.

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:

Peter Ward, Kit Pinner,
Janet Pooley and Carole Pope



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.*

Notices

TWO WEEK NOTICES:

Please note that office will be closed from Tuesday, 18th August to Friday, 21st August.

Next notices: Friday, 29th August.

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

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

16th August: Margaret Stewart - 'In memory of Gordon with love'

23rd August: Hilary Carr - 'Remembering David on the 1st anniversary'



FUNERAL SERVICES

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

Martin Sutton - Interment at **St. John's** on **Monday, 17th August** at 10.30am.

Paul Dix - Interment at **St. John's** on **Monday, 17th August** at 11.30am.

Shelagh Gilding - Interment at **St. John's** on **Wednesday, 19th August** at 11am.

Arthur Maule - Thanksgiving Service at **St. John's** on **Monday, 24th August** at 2pm.



Upcoming Groups - Mark Your Calendars...



SOLOS

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

For more information: tel. 01962 735185

TABLE TALK

Friday, 21st August 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.



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

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 27th August 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.**

BEFRIEND THE END

Wed, 2nd September at 2pm in the Alresford Library

Are you curious? Do you have questions about death and dying?

If so, come along to our informal afternoons and meet like-minded people to share and discover more about living well and dying well over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

At the Alresford Library on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2 - 3pm.

For further information email: contact@befriendtheend.co.uk



OLD ALRESFORD MONDAYS AT 10.00

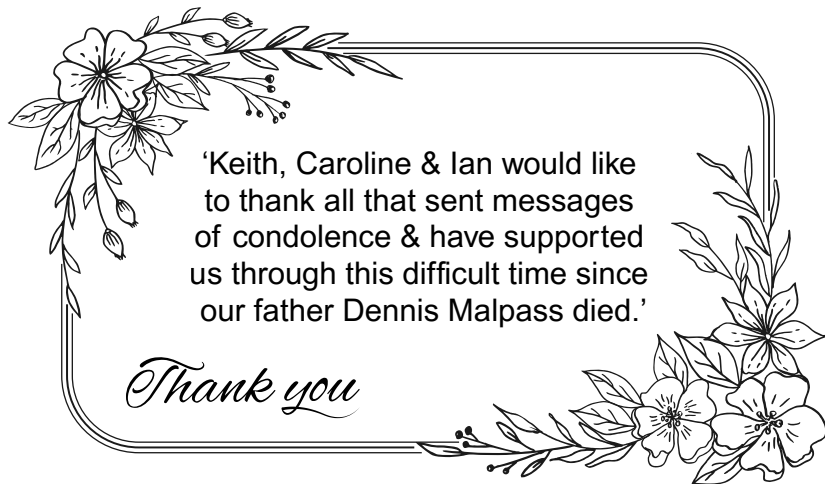
Monday, 7th September - 1st Monday of the month @ St. Mary's at 10am

Our monthly meet up is for everyone of all ages to come along, relax and chat.

A great way to meet new people. Refreshments served!

For details, contact Sue Armstrong, t. 01962 734542 or Erica Sisk, t. 01962 732735.

Notices



'Keith, Caroline & Ian would like to thank all that sent messages of condolence & have supported us through this difficult time since our father Dennis Malpass died.'

Thank you

COME & SING - ALRESFORD

**One Day Choir at St. John's
Saturday, 5th September, 6 - 8pm**

We believe everyone has a voice.

Our mission is to help people find their voice and share the joy that is singing or listening to Gospel music.

Come, sing and join a group of voices from your community for an evening. Fun, feel-good, and open to everyone.

Tickets: events.gospelcollective.co.uk

September Events - Fun, fun, fun!



BIGHTON VILLAGE FÊTE AND FUN DOG SHOW

Sunday, 13th September, 1.30 - 4.30pm Bighton Village Hall Field, SO24 9RE

Family fun with a pirate theme! Dress up as a pirate and enter our competition.

All your favourite attractions (traditional stalls + games for everyone: BBQ, Bar, Cream Teas, Craft Stalls, Falconry Display, Classic Cars) + **Walk The Plank!**

A perfect afternoon to end the Summer Season. **Do come and join in the fun!**

GODSFIELD MANOR GUIDED WALK AND AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday, 13th September, 2.45 - 5pm, Old Alresford SO24 9RQ

Come and join us to walk a small part of the famed Three Castles Path followed by tea at Godsfeld Chapel. Well behaved dogs are most welcome.

All donations help to support St. Mary's Church. **Please book in advance:**

Sue Armstrong, email: susanarmstrong50@icloud.com or tel. 01962 734542.



BARN DANCE & HARVEST SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

Saturday, 26th September, Dancing 6 - 7.30pm, Supper 7.30 - 9pm

The St John's Harvest Supper is a little different this year as it is being combined with a Barn Dance! Join us for an evening of fun, food and dancing as we celebrate the bounty of the season.

You can come to **one or the other (£8 each)** or **both for a reduced ticket rate (£12)**. No need to bring a glass to the Harvest Supper as there is a bar all evening but you will need to bring a plate, bowl and cutlery.

Tickets: church office, e: arlevalleychurches@gmail.com / 01962 733545



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 upcoming weeks



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.