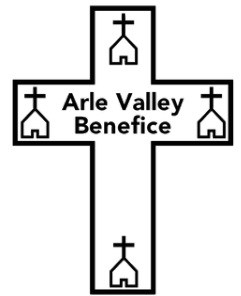


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



30th August 2026 - Thirteenth 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 12.9-end

Matthew 16.21-end

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.

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news
of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through
our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
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 (31st August - 5th September)

Mon 31 st	9am	All Saints	Morning Prayer
Wed 2 nd	9am 10am 2pm	St. Mary's St. John's Alresford Library	Morning Prayer Wednesday Midweek Communion Befriend the End
Thurs 3 rd	10am	John Pearson Hall	Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group
Fri 4 th	10am	Prayer Space @ St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting
Sat 5 th	6pm	St. John's	Come and Sing Event

NEXT SUNDAY - 6th September - (Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am 11am 4pm	St. John's St. Mary's St. John's	Parish Communion Village Family Praise Families @ 4pm	
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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.*

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES - 6TH SEPTEMBER

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

9.30am Our service of Holy Communion from Common Worship.
Refreshments afterwards.



VILLAGE FAMILY PRAISE @ ST. MARY'S



11am - 1st Sunday every month.

Our service of Morning Praise for the whole family. Refreshments afterwards.
All welcome.

FAMILIES AT 4PM @ ST. JOHN'S

4pm - 1st Sunday of the month. We gather together in St. John's for fun
interactive **storytelling, songs, a great craft session and a cuppa.**
We have babies and toddlers to teens and all in between.



Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by:
Jackie Connell: Remembering John with love.



Upcoming Groups - Mark Your Calendars...

COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT @ ST JOHN'S

Tuesday, 8th September (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 September 20th from 2.30pm in the JP Hall, for tea, sandwiches, scones & cake and, of course, conversation and fellowship.
For more information: tel. 01962 735185

THANK YOU

The family of Paul Dix wish to thank everyone who has supported us with kind wishes, cards, flowers and memories of Paul and help with his funeral.

We have been overwhelmed by the number of wonderful friends supporting us with love and prayer and it has been greatly appreciated by us all.

- Sue Dix

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

NOTICE OF SERVICE CHANGE @ ST. JOHN'S



SECOND SUNDAY: 13th September
The Battle of Britain Service @ 9.30am

THIRD SUNDAY: 20th September
Breakfast Church @ 9.30am

HOUSE GROUPS - ST. JOHN'S

We are just updating the information we have about House Groups and would be grateful if the leaders of groups could email Jo Whiteman joanna.whiteman@yahoo.co.uk with your telephone number or email so you can be contacted by Jo and we can update our list.

Also, please contact Jo if your group does not meet any more. Thank you.

ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA THE JOHN PEARSON HALL

'The Christophers' - Tuesday, 15th Sept at 7pm
Tickets £10 (card/cash on the door). Licensed bar.

The Christophers is a 2025 black comedy film starring Ian McKellen and Michaela Coel.

The Christophers (2026) is a darkly comic drama in which the estranged children of a once-famous painter hire a skilled art forger to secretly complete his unfinished works - setting off a tense and unexpected collision between deception, legacy, and artistic truth.

Bookings: t. 01962 736282 or t. 07780 703543.
Please note: Booked seats will be reserved until 6.45pm but then released for general sale.
Brought to you by the Friends of St. John's.



Notices

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 anything but yourself to enjoy a delicious Ploughman's Supper!**

Tickets: Church Office, e: arlevalleychurches@gmail.com / 01962 733545

BATTLE OF BRITAIN SERVICE

Sunday, 13th September, 9.30am at St. John's

This Battle of Britain Service will remember all those who gave their lives, recognising their personal sacrifices and giving thanks for their diligence and perseverance.



HARVEST FESTIVAL IN OVINGTON

Sunday, 13th September, 11am at St. Peter's

Come and join us in giving thanks for all the good things we enjoy in life, and supporting those who are struggling.

Gifts of tinned food, biscuits, tea, coffee, etc. will be gratefully received and passed on to the local foodbank.



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

t. 01962 733545

e. arlevalleychurches@gmail.com

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Prayers for the coming week (30th August - 5th September)



Father, hear the prayer we offer.

Please pray for...

The world, especially those caught up in the devastating flash flood between Tibet and Nepal; pray for all who have lost their homes, their possessions or their lives or the lives of friends or family. Pray for all countries affected by climate change, for those dealing with extreme temperatures, drought or floods.

All living in countries torn apart by wars, in the Middle East and in Ukraine. Pray for aid workers who risk their own lives to save others, and for those who are dependent on international aid for their survival. Pray for world leaders, for compassion, wisdom and integrity to influence their decisions.

Our community, for shops, pubs and cafes and for all who work in them. As the school holidays draw to a close pray for teachers and pupils at the start of a new academic year, especially those who are nervous about returning to school.

All who are sick, at home or in hospital or a hospice. Give thanks for all medical staff and for all caring for a loved one at home. Pray for those undergoing treatment or awaiting surgery and for all recovering at home. Pray for all grieving the recent death of a close friend or relative and for all struggling to come to terms with their grief.

Our churches, our LLMs and Focal Ministers and all the clergy who have taken services during the Vacancy. Pray for our next Rector preparing to join us, praying that we will make him feel welcome and supported.

***Father hear the prayer we offer, not for ease that prayer shall be;
But for strength that we may ever live our lives courageously.***