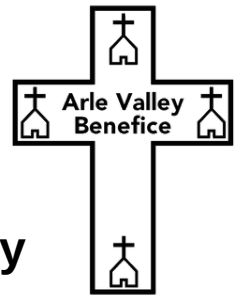


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



6th September 2026 - Fourteenth 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 13.8-end

Matthew 18.15-20



St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

4pm Families @ 4pm

St. Mary's

11am Village Family Praise

Collect for Today

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all
things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,
that with all creation we may proclaim
your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart
of your Church:
may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the
Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
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 (7th - 11th September)

Mon 7 th	9am 10am	All Saints St. Mary's	Morning Prayer Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00
Tues 8 th	10am 7.30pm	John Pearson Hall John Pearson Hall	Coffee, Cake & Chat St. John's PCC Meeting
Wed 9 th	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Wednesday Midweek Communion
Thurs 10 th	10am	John Pearson Hall	Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group
Fri 11 th	10am	Prayer Space @ St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES - 13TH SEPTEMBER

BATTLE OF BRITAIN SERVICE @ ST. JOHN'S

9.30am Service to commemorate the 86th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

MORNING PRAISE @ ST. MARY'S

9.30am - 2nd Sunday every month.

Our service of Morning Praise for the whole family.

Refreshments afterwards.

HARVEST FESTIVAL @ ST. PETER'S

11am 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.

SUNDAYS @ SIX - ST. JOHN'S

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

COME & SING ALRESFORD



One Day Choir
St. John's
Sat, 5th Sept. 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.**

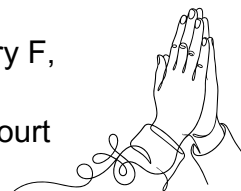
Tickets:

events.gospelcollective.co.uk

PRAYERS FOR:

Irene P, 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 and Kit Pinner



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.

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.**

Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by:
Bill Bailey: Remembering Sheila on her birthday.



Brilliant News!

Bethany, member of St. Johns, and local Alresford & Cheriton Explorer Scout, has been selected to represent the UK at The World Scout Jamboree in Gdansk Poland July 2027. The Jamboree will see 50,000 Scouts from around the world gather for an epic experience of exchanging cultures, building friendships, developing skills and confidence, having adventures and creating memories to last a lifetime. Scouts are challenged to fundraise £3600 for themselves and less well off attendees from the UK and across the globe using their skills and initiative.

Bethany has already spent a year fundraising through her Forum delivery round, raffles, making candles, baking, car boots, Pilates at the Pond and helping others. She is currently training for an epic 30km hike across the 20 Bridges of London on Saturday, 12th Sept.

Could you help support Bethany and 50,000 Global Scouts? How?

Please sponsor Bethany for her 20 Bridges Hike,
<https://gofund.me/3d8d903d0> through her new **JustGiving Page**.

Alresford Show - come and see her at the Scout stand (near the Cheriton Entrance) where she and her team of volunteers are offering beautiful freehand drawn Henna Tattoos and a Tombola.

Or email us directly to make a donation: bethanyroseturner13@gmail.com

Many Thanks for your support and blessing for Bethany and 50,000 Scouts from around the globe.



ALPHA COURSES AUTUMN 2026

Following 5 successful and encouraging Alpha courses, we will be holding another course this Autumn. **Alpha is a 12-week series of group conversations with a video that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.** You can ask questions, join in with discussions or enjoy listening to others. There is no pressure, come and take part in the most comfortable way for you.

Supper is provided each week and we meet in Rosie and Ian Waring Green's comfortable living room so everyone can relax and get to know each other. Three follow up Home Groups have now formed to carry on exploring faith together as well as deepening friendships. **Dates and times to suit the group. Please contact Rosie:** rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891 120662 to sign up or for further details.



YOUTH ALPHA AUTUMN 2026

There will also be a Youth Alpha for Year 7 upwards.

This is a great place to ask those awkward and challenging questions about the Christian faith in a safe and affirming environment. There are great activities as well inspiring videos and lots of friendship time. Youth Alpha runs for 8 weeks and of course, involves food!!

More details or to sign up from Rosie Waring Green.
email: rosie@22rwg.co.uk or t. 07891 120662.

Notices

NOTICE OF SERVICE CHANGE @ ST. JOHN'S

SECOND SUNDAY:

13th September @ 9.30am

Battle of Britain Service

THIRD SUNDAY:

20th September @ 9.30am

Breakfast Church

ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA - JP HALL

'The Christophers' - Tuesday, 15th Sept at 7pm

Tickets £10 (card/cash on the door). Licensed bar.

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.



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 Godsfield 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! There is a bar for drinks.**

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 coming week (6th - 12th September)



**Creating God, we bring our song of praise for life
and work that celebrate your ways.**

Please pray for...

The world, for all countries affected by climate change and for all involved in wars or conflict. Pray for all working in Nepal and Tibet searching for survivors and the bodies of the many who have died in the recent landslide and floods. Pray for Ukraine, Iran, Palestine, Sudan and especially for world leaders who have the responsibility for ending these conflicts.

Our Community, as schools return after the summer break.

Pray that teachers and returning pupils are refreshed and ready to work and that those attending school for the first time or moving to the next level may feel confident and secure in their new environment. Pray for all who will visit the Alresford show this weekend.

All who are sick, at home, in hospital, hospice or care home. Pray for those who are unlikely to return to their own homes, that they receive care and love and are treated with respect whatever their needs. Pray for all carers, NHS staff and those caring for a dependent loved one at home. Pray for all suffering with depression or anxiety, and all who grieve.

Our churches as we await the arrival of a new Rector. Give thanks for all who have taken services here during the Vacancy, visiting clergy and our Focal Ministers and LLMs. Give thanks for all who work to maintain our buildings including cleaners and flower arrangers. Pray for all who care for our churchyards.

***Redeeming God, we bring our trust in you,
our fragile hope that all may be made new:
Our dreams of truth, of wealth that all may share,
of work and service rooted deep in prayer.***