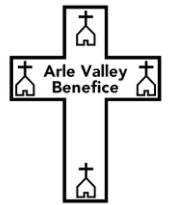


The Arle Valley Benefice



[St. John's Church, New Alresford](#) + [St. Peter's Church, Ovington](#)
[St. Mary's Church, Old Alresford](#) + [All Saints Church, Bighton](#)

13th & 20th September 2026 - Fifteenth & Sixteenth 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:

13th September

Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-30

20th September

Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 10:1-16

Sunday, 13th September

St. John's 9.30am Battle of Britain Service
 6pm Sunday @ Six

St. Mary's 9.30am Morning Praise

All Saints **No Service - Bighton Village Fête**

St. Peter's 11am Harvest Festival

Service schedule for Sunday, 20th Sept (p. 2)

Collect - 13th Sept

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 - 13th Sept

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collect - 20th Sept

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 - 20th Sept

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through 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 (14th - 26th September)

Mon 14th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat (back from Summer break!)
Tues 15th	2pm 7pm 7.30pm	John Pearson Hall John Pearson Hall St. John's	Mothers' Union Meeting Alresford Community Cinema - 'The Christophers' St. John's PCC Meeting (in church)
Wed 16th	9am 10am 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's West Room - JP Hall	Morning Prayer Midweek Holy Communion Chill, Chat & Chomp (back from Summer break!)
Thurs 17th	10am	John Pearson Hall	Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group
Fri 18th	10am 12pm	St. John's John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting Table Talk
Mon 21st	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Wed 23rd	9am 10am 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's West Room - JP Hall	Morning Prayer Midweek Service of the Word Chill, Chat & Chomp
Thurs 24th	10am 7pm	John Pearson Hall Swan Hotel	Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group Men's Supper Club for Widowers
Fri 25th	10am	St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting
Sat 26th	12pm 6pm 7.30pm	St. Mary's John Pearson Hall St. John's	Wedding - Richard Geoghegan & Jane Skelton Barn Dance Harvest Supper

SUNDAY 20TH SEPT 16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 10am 11am 11am 2.30pm	St. John's St. John's St. Peter's St. Mary's All Saints John Pearson Hall	Breakfast Church Baptism: Olive Yeaman Morning Praise Harvest Festival Celebration Morning Prayer Solos Sunday Tea
SUNDAY 27TH SEPT 17th Sunday after Trinity	8am 9.30am 9.30am 11am 12.30pm	St. John's St. John's St. Mary's All Saints St. John's	Holy Communion (BCP) Harvest Celebration & Celtic Service of the Word Parish Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Baptism: Layla Curtis-Davey

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.

Notices

OFFICE CLOSURE & TWO WEEK NOTICES:

Note: the **office will be closed** on the following dates:
10th & 11th Sept., 15th - 18th Sept. **Next notices: Fri, 25th Sept.**

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

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

13th Sept: Sue Clarke - 'Remembering John with love'

20th Sept: Angela Court & Janette Rix - 'Remembering their mother Pearl Court with love'



BAPTISM

Please pray for **Olive Yeaman-Jahnsen** who will be baptised at St. John's on **Sunday, 20th September at 9.30am** and her parents, **Henrik and Laura**.

WEDDINGS

Please pray for our wedding couple who will be married in September:

Richard Geoghegan & Jane Skelton on **Saturday, 26th Sept at 12pm** in St. Mary's Church



UPCOMING INTERMENT SERVICES

Karen Appleton - Interment at **St. John's** on **Friday, 11th September at 11am**

John Brien - Interment at **St. John's**, **Monday, 28th September at 2pm**

Dennis Malpass - Interment at **St. John's**, **Wednesday, 30th September at 11am**

HARVEST SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

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

St. Mary's - Sunday, 20th Sept at 11am

St. John's - Sunday, 27th Sept at 9.30am

All Saints - Sunday, 11th Oct at 11am



HARVEST SUPPER PUDDINGS NEEDED!

Are you a fab baker or dessert maker?

We could you use your skills to **add to our puddings list** for our Harvest Supper on 26th Sept. The sign up sheet is at the back of St. John's.



HARVEST TROLLEY AT ST. JOHN'S

The shopping trolley will be in the porch at St John's from **Sunday, 13th Sept.** for anyone who would like to donate any items to be given to the Basics Bank.

FOOD ITEMS - Rice / Microwaveable Rice / Pasta / Noodles / Cook in Sauces
Tinned Fruit (in Juice) & Veg / Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding / Jelly / Angel Delight
Tinned Meat / Meatballs / Chicken in White Wine Sauce / Tinned Soup / Cereals
Porridge / Jam / Peanut Butter / Honey / Marmite

NON FOOD ITEMS - Cleaning Sprays / Toilet Cleaner / Bleach / Washing Up Liquid
Shampoo Conditioner / Deodorants / Shower Gel / Toothpaste / Toilet Rolls
Laundry Tablets

Fresh Foods should not be donated, nor should Alcohol or Homemade items. Thank you.



WINCHESTER
FOOD & BASICS BANK

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.

A meal 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 as 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

September Events - Come join the 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!** **Do come & 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. **If you can lend a hand at the Harvest Supper, please contact Rosie Waring Green - email: rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891 120662.**



You can come to **one or the other (£8 each)** or **both for a reduced ticket rate (£12).**

Under 18s: 1/2 price. 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**

ALRESFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Christophers - Tuesday, 15th Sept at 7pm, Tickets £10.

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. **Bookings t. 01962 736282 or t. 07780 703543.**



THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY A PLACE TO TALK

FRIDAY mornings: 10am - 12 noon (2nd Oct - 13th Nov)
Alton Maltings Centre, 2 Maltings Close, GU34 1DT

Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long-term effects of loss?

The Bereavement Journey is a 7 week programme of short videos and focussed conversations, providing a safe space for you to process your bereavement and discern your next steps.

Suggested voluntary contribution £30 (for the whole course). **To book your place, or for more information, email: bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk / t. 07514 280362**

OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION MEETING

Our next meeting:
**Tuesday, 15th Sept
2 for 2.30pm at the
John Pearson Hall.**

**New members
always welcome.**
Contact Heather Galley
on t. 01962 732326.



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

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Prayers for the upcoming weeks



***Lord you bathe us in your forgiveness, grace and love.
You satisfy all who thirst and give us the life only you can give.***

Currently this is a Season of Creation, celebrated in all churches, and this year's theme is Living Water. Let us give thanks for our beautiful local chalk streams and pray that they will always be regarded as a treasured resource to be protected from harmful future development. Pray that all who see water as a readily available commodity will come to recognise it as a precious gift.

Pray for all countries at war and that world leaders will do all in their power to bring these conflicts to an end. Hold before God the people of Ukraine where the attacks on Kiev have intensified and pray for a calming of tension between Israel and Palestine.

Pray for King Charles as he commences the 5th year of his reign and for the Queen and members of the Royal family who support him.

Pray for all who are struggling financially at the moment, especially as the Middle East war is causing a significant rise in fuel prices. Give thanks for the food banks which support those in desperate need, especially remembering the Winchester food bank. Pray for a good response to our Harvest collection of food.

Pray for those who are sick at the present time especially remembering those who are coming to terms with a recent diagnosis. Hold before God those receiving treatment and give thanks for the skills of Doctors, nurses and researchers who work in the medical profession. Pray for those in this community who feel anxious, lonely or depressed and for those now living in care homes.

Pray for the person who is to be our next Rector and give thanks for all the visiting clergy who are taking services during the time of vacancy.

***Lord, like a mountain stream exuberant in its flow you carry us
in the river of your love, and transport us gloriously,
effortlessly to the ocean of your grace.***