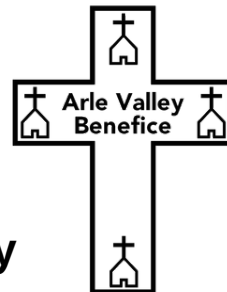


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



27th September 2026 - Seventeenth 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:

[Philippians 2.1-13](#)

[Matthew 21.23-32](#)



St. John's

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Celtic Harvest Celebration
12.30pm Baptism: Layla Curtis-Davey

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion (BCP)

All Saints

11am Parish Communion

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they
find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and
draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly
city where we shall see you face to face;
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

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given
to all good works;
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 (28th September - 2nd October)

Mon 28 th	9am 10am	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Wed 30 th	9am 10am 11am 12pm 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's St. John's St. John's West Room in the JPH	Morning Prayer Wednesday Midweek Communion Interment - Dennis Malpass Graveside service - Anthony Fox Chill, Chat & Chomp! (Youth Group)
Thurs 1 st	10am	John Pearson Hall	Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group
Fri 2 nd	10am	Prayer Space @ St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am 11am 11am 4pm 4pm	St. John's St. Peter's St. Mary's All Saints St. John's	Parish Communion Café Church Village Family Praise **Evening Family Service** - NEW (See page 4) Families @ 4pm	
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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
& Makins Court



Those who have recently died:
Les Willoughby

Prayer REQUESTS

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.*



THE MICHAEL PROJECT COFFEE MORNING

**We are having a coffee morning
for The Michael Project on
Saturday, 31st October
from 10am until 12noon
in the John Pearson Hall.**

Do come for coffee/tea and cake.
There will be a raffle and a sale table.

Do hope to see you then.
Margaret 01962 735185.

HARVEST TROLLEY AT ST. JOHN'S

The trolley will be in the porch at St. John's
until Sunday, 27th 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 Roll / Laundry Tabs

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

Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's:

Remembering what would have been

Janet and Peter Pooley's diamond wedding anniversary



POSTPONED



Magazine Collection

The Arle Valley Voice
will be ready for collection
on **Thursday, 1st October.**



BAPTISM

Please pray for **Layla Curtis-Davey** who will be baptised at St. John's on
Sunday, 27th September at 12.30pm and her parents, **Liam and Nicola.**

WEDDINGS

Please pray for our wedding couple who will be married in September:
Richard Geoghegan & Jane Skelton on **Saturday, 26th September at 12pm**
in St. Mary's Church.



UPCOMING FUNERAL SERVICES



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

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

Anthony Fox - Graveside service at **St. John's, Wednesday, 30th September at 12pm**

Les Willoughby - Funeral at **St. Paul's, Winchester, Tuesday, 6th October at 9.30am**

Donations in his memory to Winchester Hospice. Sue is inviting folk to refreshments
after the service at Chesil House (11am - 1pm) followed by committal at Morn Hill.

A SPECIAL SERVICE WITH REV ANTHONY SMITH! 9.30am on Sunday, 27th September at St. John's Celtic Harvest Celebration

Anthony is preaching at this Sunday's Celtic Harvest Celebration
to **mark 40 years since his ordination.**



There will be **cake and a celebratory drink**
in the **John Pearson Hall** after the service
and **everyone is invited to join in.**

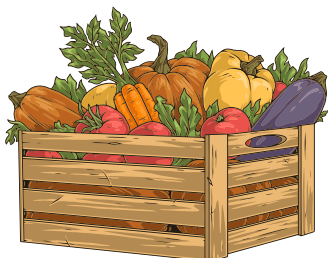
Congratulations ♥



HARVEST SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

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

All Saints
Sunday, 11th Oct at 11am



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
t. 01962 733545**

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES - 4TH OCT

PARISH COMMUNION @ ST. JOHN'S

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.

CAFÉ CHURCH @ ST. PETER'S

11am - 1st Sunday every *other* month. Join us for good conversation about faith and life in a friendly and informal setting. Coffee, tea + tasty treats! + The Book Nook for 2nd hand books!

FAMILIES @ 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.**

EVENING FAMILY SERVICE @ ALL SAINTS

4pm - *NEW*** SHORT FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE**



First Sunday

evening family service from 4pm

All Saints Church, Bighton

First service 4th October

This relaxed, family-friendly service will last about 30 minutes.

If you cannot normally attend a morning service, do come along and share worship with us.

All are welcome!

Grief is hard.
Death can impact
all of life.

The Bereavement
Journey
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films
and discussion
for anyone bereaved anytime

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:
thebereavementjourney.org

Running soon:

**Fridays 10am - 12 noon
2nd Oct – 13th Nov,
Alton Maltings Centre.**

Suggested voluntary contribution
£30 (for the whole course).
To book your place, or to find out
more about it, email
bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk
or phone 07514280362

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**



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 (27th September - 3rd October)



*We thank thee then O Father, for all things bright and good
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.*

Please pray for

The world, especially farmers who supply our food, many facing problems caused by the effects of climate change. Pray that world leaders take these problems seriously and work together to reduce the effects. Pray for all who will face financial hardship as a result of a bad harvest and those who are concerned about the rising cost of food.

All countries struggling with wars and conflict, especially in the Middle East, Iran, Lebanon, Palestine and Israel and for people in Sudan. Pray for Ukraine and Russia and for all families mourning the loss of loved ones, soldiers and civilians. Pray for children injured or bereaved as a result of war and give thanks for all care agencies.

Our community. Pray for young people leaving home to go to university, and for those beginning new jobs. Give thanks for all who work here in the hospitality sector, all shop keepers and all who have maintained the beautiful flower baskets in the town.

Pray for all who are sick, at home or in hospital, all who work in the NHS and for all carers. Pray for all suffering with mental health issues, all who are lonely, all who grieve. Pray for all facing a difficult diagnosis, all who fear the future.

Our churches as we celebrate harvest festivals this month. Pray for all our church wardens, for Penny and all who work hard to maintain our churches during the vacancy. Give thanks for all who have taken services during this period and pray that our new Rector may be able to take up this new job soon.

*Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desires, our humble, thankful hearts.
Amen.*