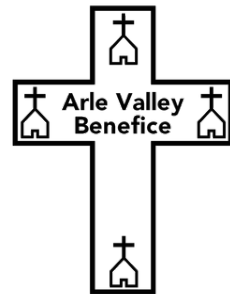


# The Arle Valley Benefice

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



**4<sup>th</sup> October 2026 - Eighteenth 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:**

[Philipians 3.4b-14](#)

[Matthew 21.33-42](#)

**SUNDAY**

### St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion

4pm Families at 4

### St. Peter's

11am Café Church



### St. Mary's

11am Village Family Praise

### All Saints

4pm Evening Family Service

## 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](https://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 (5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> October)

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 9am<br>10am<br>3.30pm     | All Saints<br>St. Mary's<br>John Pearson Hall                         | Morning Prayer<br><b>Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00</b><br>Monday Meet & Eat                                   |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 9am<br>10am<br>2pm<br>5pm | St. Mary's<br>St. John's<br>Alresford Library<br>West Room in the JPH | Morning Prayer<br>Wednesday Midweek Communion<br><b>Befriend the End</b><br>Chill, Chat & Chomp! (Youth Group) |
| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> | 10am                      | John Pearson Hall                                                     | Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group                                                                                |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 10am                      | Prayer Space @ St. John's                                             | Parish Prayer Meeting                                                                                          |

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

|                                         |                                                                     |                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11am<br>11am<br>6pm | St. John's<br>St. Mary's<br>All Saints<br>St. Peter's<br>St. John's | Breakfast Church<br>Morning Praise<br><b>All Age Harvest Thanksgiving</b><br>Parish Communion<br>Sundays @ Six |
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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](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or t. 07891 120662.

*We, of course, always respect the  
confidentiality of your requests.*

## UPCOMING GROUPS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



**OLD ALRESFORD MONDAYS AT 10.00 - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month**  
**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 12pm at ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**A warm welcome for ALL AGES. Including toys for toddlers and a chance  
to meet and chat with other families. Refreshments too!**

Sue Armstrong t. 01962 734542 & Erica Sisk t. 01962 732735.

### BEFRIEND THE END

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 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](mailto:contact@befriendtheend.co.uk)**



# Notices

## ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's are sponsored by:  
**Maureen Skayman - Celebrating our 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**



## UPCOMING FUNERAL SERVICES

 **Les Willoughby - Funeral at St. Paul's, Winchester, Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SUNDAY SERVICES - 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!*



**AUTUMN LIGHT PARTY**  
**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 4 - 6pm**  
**in the John Pearson Hall**



We will be holding our annual Light Party at St. John's again this year to celebrate all that is light and bright!

All primary school aged children and younger siblings are welcome, accompanied by an adult, but places need to be booked.

**To book your place, please contact**  
**Rosie Waring Green:**  
**rosie@22rwg.co.uk**  
**or t. 07891 120662**



**ST. JOHN'S LIGHT Party**

**A FUN ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN!**

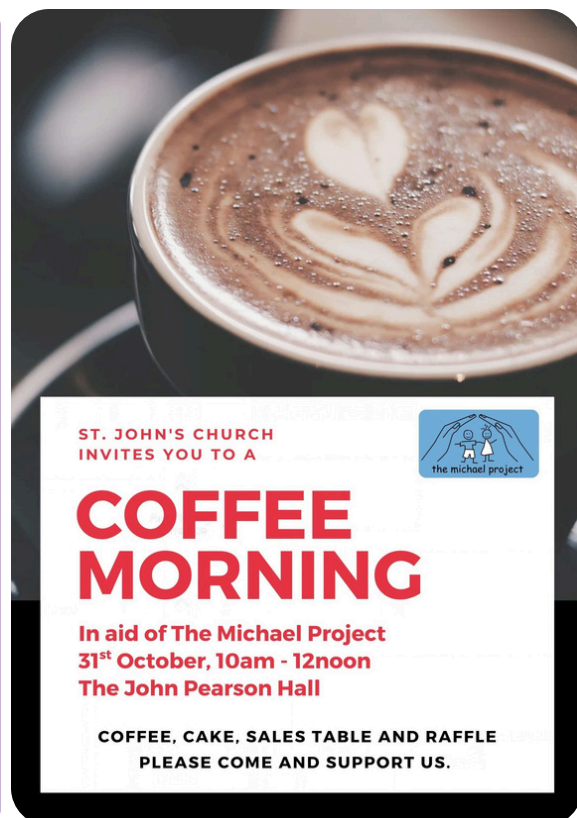
A whole lot of fun for the whole family  
Children must be accompanied by their parent/carer

**31 OCT** | DON'T FORGET YOUR TORCH! | **4-6 PM**

**GAMES CRAFTS FOOD ACTIVITIES**

To book your place and more information (along with any dietary requirements) please email Rosie: [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk)

**Free entry (Donations welcome)**



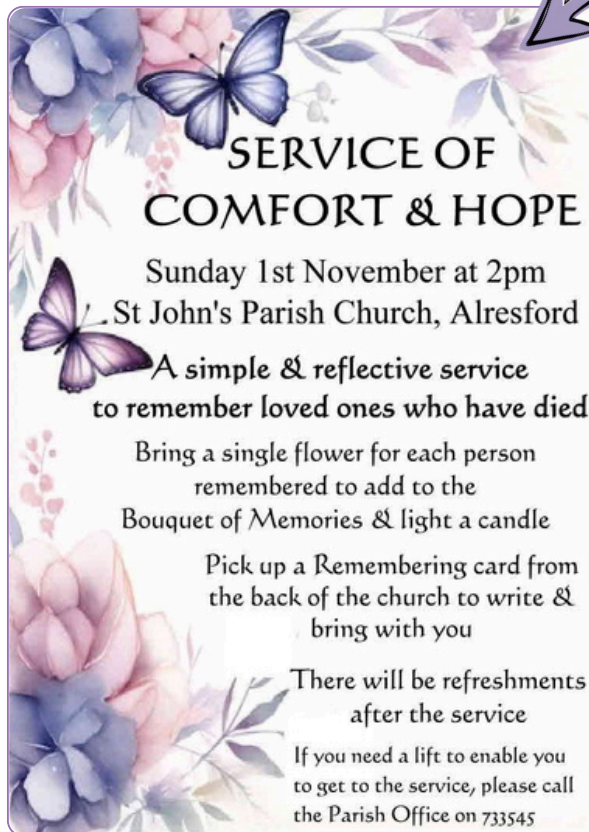
**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**In aid of The Michael Project**  
**31<sup>st</sup> October, 10am - 12noon**  
**The John Pearson Hall**

**COFFEE, CAKE, SALES TABLE AND RAFFLE**  
**PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US.**

# Notices



**SERVICE OF COMFORT & HOPE**

Sunday 1st November at 2pm  
St John's Parish Church, Alresford

A simple & reflective service to remember loved ones who have died

Bring a single flower for each person remembered to add to the Bouquet of Memories & light a candle

Pick up a Remembering card from the back of the church to write & bring with you

There will be refreshments after the service

If you need a lift to enable you to get to the service, please call the Parish Office on 733545



**Help is needed to serve refreshments after the Service of Comfort & Hope on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November in the afternoon.**

If you would be willing to help, please give Maureen a call on 01962 732135.

**ALPHA COURSE**  
**Starts Tues, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
**Places still available!**  
**Tuesdays at 7pm**  
**2 Grange Road, Alresford**



**A time to meet others and to ask questions or just listen to the talks about what Christianity is all about.**

There is no pressure at all - engage in however is best for you. **Supper included!**  
There is no cost involved.

**Contact Rosie Waring Green for more details/dietary requirements**  
**[rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk)**

**HARVEST SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE**

**All Saints Church Bighton**

**All-Age Harvest Service**

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct at 11am**



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

**THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY**  
**A PLACE TO TALK**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - 13<sup>th</sup> Nov)**

**FRIDAY mornings:**  
**10am - 12 noon**  
**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 (whole course)*

**To book your place, or for more information,**  
**email: [bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk](mailto:bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk) / t. 07514 280362**



**Churches Together in Alresford AGM**

**Wed, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

**Alresford Methodist Church**

*Love to see everyone there!*

**ST JOHN'S AUTUMN CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP**

Our traditional Autumn Churchyard Clear-up will take place on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. between 9am and 12 noon.**



Please just turn up on the day, suitably attired with the right footwear and gloves and some hand tools.

**Refreshments will be provided. For more details, contact James Lees 01962 732574 or email: [jameslees2022@hotmail.com](mailto:jameslees2022@hotmail.com)**



**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](mailto: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](mailto:arlevalleychurches@gmail.com)**

**[www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk](http://www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk)**

# Prayers for the coming week (4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October)



***Be thou my guardian and my guide, and hear me when I call.***

***Please pray for***

**The World.....bring before God the broken world we live in.** Ask that all world leaders will strive towards peace, putting the needs of their people before any other sort of gain. Pray for all those who are living in fear, without any hope for the future; for all children who are seeing awful things and all those without food and clean water.

**Climate Change.....as we approach the winter months, bring before God all those who will suffer from extreme cold due to Climate Change.** Pray for all those coping with flooding after the recent heavy rains in Nepal and Thailand. Ask God to guide us in the way we should be living in order to reduce the damage being caused by Climate Change.

**The sick.....bring to God all those who are sick in mind, body and spirit.** Pray for our Surgery and the NHS. As winter approaches ask that God will help all those who care for us in any way will have the strength and courage to fulfil their roles when extra resources are needed.

**Our Benefice.....Give thanks for the way we have helped each other through the Vacancy; the friendship, fellowship and kindness shown.** Give thanks also for all the visiting clergy who have come to take services for us. As we await a new Rector help us to work together for God's glory.

***Let not my slippery footsteps slide, and hold me lest I fall.  
Amen.***