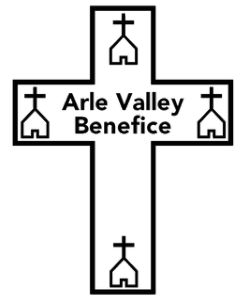


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



11th October 2026 - Nineteenth 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 4.1-9](#)

[Matthew 22.1-14](#)

Collect for Today

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body
and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by
the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

Romans 15:13



St. John's

9.30am Breakfast Church

6pm Sundays @ Six

St. Mary's

9.30am Morning Praise

St. Peter's

11am Parish Communion

All Saints

11am All-Age Harvest Thanksgiving

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 (12th - 16th October)

Mon 12 th	9am 3.30pm	All Saints John Pearson Hall	Morning Prayer Monday Meet & Eat
Tues 13 th	10am 10am 11am 2pm	John Pearson Hall St. John's St. John's John Pearson Hall	Coffee, Cake & Chat Harvest Service - Sun Hill Juniors Interment - William McGuinness Creation Care Meeting
Wed 14 th	9am 10am 5pm	St. Mary's St. John's West Room in the JPH	Morning Prayer Wednesday Midweek Communion Chill, Chat & Chomp! (Youth Group)
Thurs 15 th	10am	John Pearson Hall	Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group
Fri 16 th	10am 12pm	Prayer Space @ St. John's John Pearson Hall	Parish Prayer Meeting Table Talk

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER - Luke the Evangelist

9.30am 10am 11am 11am	St. John's St. Peter's All Saints St. Mary's	Parish Communion Morning Praise Morning Prayer Parish Communion	Join Us On SUNDAY We'd love to meet you
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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:
Pat Ure and 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.*

RECTORY VACANCY UPDATE

To all Parishioners,

We would like to update you with all the information we have regarding the Arle Valley Benefice vacancy.

- 1) The **DBS certificates have not arrived in time for the paperwork to be completed** before the original potential Licensing Service on November 5th for the new Rector and Assistant Minister.
- 2) The **non-appearances of the DBS certificates have nothing to do with the Church of England**, they are totally reliant on the relevant DBS agencies.
- 3) We have been **assured by Archdeacon Simon that the new date for the licensing will be a top priority** and will happen as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for your patience. Best wishes, Arle Valley Benefice Churchwardens



Notices

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's are sponsored by:
Janet Maguire - Remembering Arthur



UPCOMING INTERMENT SERVICES

William McGuinness - Interment at St. John's on Tuesday, 13th October at 11am

Kenneth Chant - Interment at St. John's on Friday, 23rd October at 2pm

UPCOMING GROUPS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT

Tuesday, 13th October (10 - 11.30am) in the John Pearson Hall

Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for tea, coffee & delicious homemade cakes!



TABLE TALK

Friday, 16th October at 12pm in the John Pearson Hall

Table Talk will start at noon with a **bring and share lunch** (or bring your own if on a special diet), followed by a discussion on a topical subject and is **open to everyone from any church community or none**.

SOLOS are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday 18th October from 2.30pm in the John Pearson Hall for sandwiches, tea and homemade cakes, conversation and friendship. For more info: t. 01962 733545.



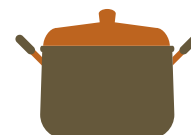
OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 20th October, 2 for 2.30pm in the John Pearson Hall, when we will be filling Rotary Shoeboxes. **New members always welcome.**
Contact: Heather Galley on 01962 732326.

MEN'S SUPPER CLUB (FOR WIDOWERS) (LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 29th October at 7pm in the Swan Hotel

A very pleasant evening meal to meet men in a similar situation with light-hearted chatter/banter. Please contact Roger Whiffen on 01962 734045 for further details.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO A

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of The Michael Project
31st October, 10am - 12noon
The John Pearson Hall

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



AUTUMN LIGHT PARTY

Saturday, 31st Oct, 4 - 6pm
in the John Pearson Hall



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
Free entry (Donations welcome)

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

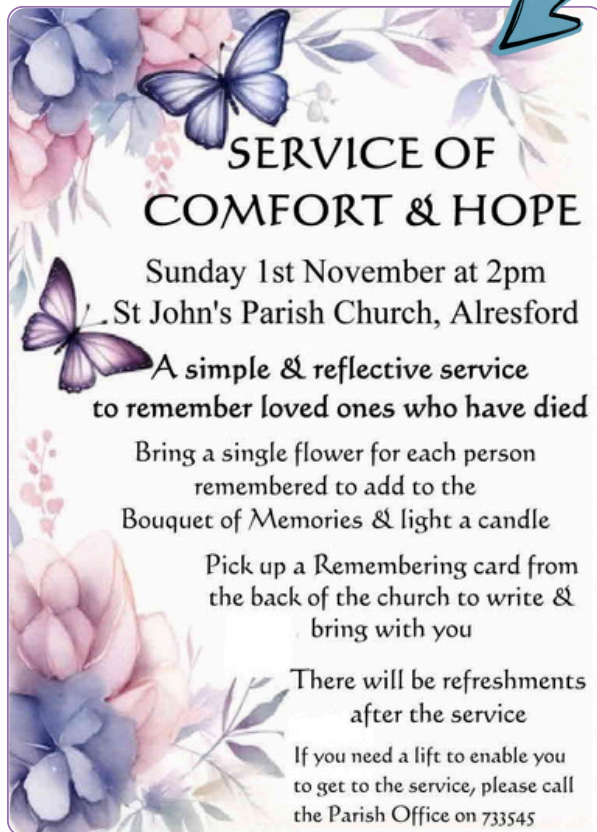
All primary school aged children and younger siblings are welcome, accompanied by an adult, but places need to be booked.

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



We would love some help on the day (4 - 6pm)
Please contact Rosie if free.

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 1st November in the afternoon.

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

HARVEST SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

All Saints Church
Bighton

All-Age
Harvest Service

Sunday, 11th Oct
at 11am



ALPHA COURSE
Starts Tues, 13th 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

Churches Together in Alresford AGM



Wed, 14th 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, 24th 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



THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

A PLACE TO TALK
(2nd Oct - 13th 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 / 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

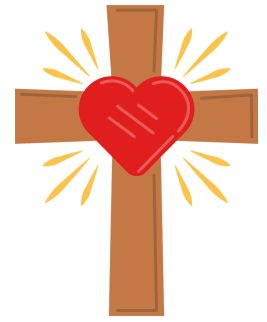
Open Monday - Friday 9 - 11am

t. 01962 733545

e. arlevalleychurches@gmail.com

www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk

Prayers for the coming week (11th - 17th 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