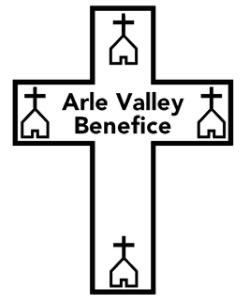


The Arle Valley Benefice

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



25th October 2026 - Last 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:

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Matthew 22.34-end



St. John's

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Celtic Service of the Word

St. Peter's

No Service

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion (BCP)

All Saints

11am Parish Communion

Collect for Today

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read,
mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort
of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 (26th - 31st October)

Mon 26 th	9am 12.30pm	All Saints St. John's	Morning Prayer Burial - Roger Hanks
Wed 28 th	9am 10am	St. Mary's St. John's	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service of the Word
Thurs 29 th	7pm	Swan Hotel	Men's Supper Club for Widowers
Fri 30 th	10am	Prayer Space @ St. John's	Parish Prayer Meeting
Sat 31 st	10am 4pm	John Pearson Hall St. John's	Michael Project Coffee Morning Light Party

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS' DAY

9.30am	St. John's	Parish Communion	
11am	St. Mary's	Village Family Praise	
2pm	St. John's	Service of Comfort and Hope	
4pm	All Saints	All Saints Patronal Service	
4pm	St. John's	Families @ 4pm	

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.

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

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

Caroline Hawkins - Remembering Mum and Dad's wedding anniversary



UPCOMING FUNERAL SERVICES

Pat Ure - Funeral at **St. Peter's Church, Ropley** on Monday, 2nd Nov. at 11am

ST JOHN'S AUTUMN CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP

Our 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, gloves & some hand tools.

Refreshments will be provided. For more details, contact James Lees t. 01962 732574 or email: jameslees2022@hotmail.com



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.**

We meet again in 2027 on Thursday, 27th January at 7pm.



Notices



GREAT NEWS!!!

We are delighted to announce that
Revd Bryan Silletti has been appointed as the
new Rector of the Arle Valley Benefice and we are also delighted
to announce that Revd Tori Silletti has been appointed as the
new Associate Rector of the Arle Valley Benefice.

Following the successful completion of all necessary statutory checks
and clearances, the appointment has now been confirmed.

We look forward to welcoming Bryan and Tori and will celebrate their licensing
on Tuesday, 24th November at 6pm at St John's Church. Please keep Bryan and Tori,
their family, and the benefice in your prayers as they prepare to join us.



Welcome from Rev Bryan and Rev Tori:

'We are an ordained and married couple who have two children. We love church, community and are passionate about following Jesus, together with you in Arle Valley. We are so pleased to be joining you as the first joint ministry couple in the Diocese of Winchester, as Rector (Bryan) and Associate Rector (Tori). We will be sharing the church leadership role, working together with all the churches seeking to grow each church in the Arle Valley family. It is clear great things are already are happening across the churches and as we all step into a new season, our hope is to see more people connect to church across all ages; for our churches to be deeply present in our communities and for us all to deepen our faith in Jesus. We undertook our training as a job share and deeply value how positive this was for us and the church, to be able to share in ministry and church leadership together whilst also ensuring we have time to raise and care for our children.

We are so thankful to you all for continuing to pray for us, it is so precious to know that God is hearing the prayers of his people and preparing the way ahead.

We look forward to getting to know everyone and sharing with you all that God has planned for the Arle Valley Churches, as we walk together with Christ every step of the way.'

Bryan and Tori



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.

SATURDAY, 31ST OCTOBER
Two fab events at St. John's!

10am - 12pm

Michael Project Coffee Morning

Do come for **coffee/tea & cake**
in the JP Hall. There will be a
raffle and a sale table.

Please come and support us.

4 - 6pm Light Party

We will be holding our annual
Light Party again this year to
celebrate all that is light & bright!

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

To book your place or can help,
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

Free entry (Donations welcome)

Notices

A GIFT FROM ST JOHN'S 2026 - SAT, 28TH NOVEMBER 10AM - 4PM

We are very excited that we are beginning to plan to invite our lovely community for Alresford this year. It is a great joy to welcome everyone through the doors of St John's for fun Christmas themed activities for all ages, delicious refreshments and great fellowship. Please publicise this special event to your friends, family and neighbours.

If you are able to help in any way at all, please contact Rosie Waring Green asap & there also will be a sign up list of helpers needed at the back of church.

Generosity: We would be very grateful if you feel able to donate some money to support this event making it free for the community to come and enjoy. Any contributions would be really appreciated and gratefully received. You can either pop some cash in an an envelope into the Parish Office marked 'A Gift from St John's' or pay through a BACS transfer to PCC of New Alresford Parish Sort 51-61-09 Acc 04129849 and mark it 'Gift from St John's.'

Thank you in advance for your help to share the much-needed love, joy and peace in our wonderful community. Contact details to offer help: rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891 120662.



Service of Comfort & Hope - Sunday 1st Nov. at 2pm

This annual peaceful and reflective service is for everyone 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.

Refreshments will be served in the JPH after the service.

If you need a lift to enable you to get to the service, please call the Parish Office on 01962 733545.

If you would be able to help with serving refreshments after the service, please contact Maureen on 01962 732135.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

There's still time to make up a shoebox or two of gifts for disadvantaged & displaced children in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania and Ukraine via Poland, but time is tight!



Boxes need to be packed and ready for collection on or before 4th November. Boxes and information can be obtained from James Pinniger (wjrp@hotmail.co.uk / 01962 738788). Info also available from <https://wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk/>

Your gift may be the first present its recipient has ever been given!



All Saints Bighton

4pm Evening Service, 1st November



All Saints Patronal Service

A special Service that celebrates all the Church Saints



This service gives us a chance to remember people we treasured that are no longer with us.

There will be activities for the Children

All are welcome!



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

Open Monday - Friday 9 - 11am

t. 01962 733545

e. arlevalleychurches@gmail.com

www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk

Prayers for the coming week (25th - 31st October)



God of the living word, open our ears to hear your message, open our eyes to see your wonders, open our hearts to experience your love

Please pray for.....

God's broken world....Bring before God all areas of the world that are suffering war or injustice. Pray that all world leaders will have their hearts and minds set on peace and will be open to listening to each other. Pray for all the children caught up in war and who are experiencing horrific things with the loss of their childhood.

Climate change.....Give thanks for the beauty, mystery and wonder of creation. Pray that all within the church may show respect for the earth and that we may all be deeply involved with the conservation and care of the planet.

The cost of living....Bring before God all those who are finding it hard to pay the bills and put food on the table. As we approach the winter months and the cost of heating is rising, ask that we may each be shown ways in helping our neighbours.

The coming of our new Rector.....Give thanks that Bryan and Tori now have a date for their coming to Alresford. Pray that their preparations go well and that they may feel loved in our community. As we begin a new Chapter in the life of St John's, pray that we may all play our part in bringing about the Kingdom of God here today. Give heartfelt thanks for all clergy who have been coming to help us during this long vacancy.

Open our minds to your wisdom, that we may hear and receive your word and obey your holy will