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

1st November 2026 - All Saints Day

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 John 3.1-3

Matthew 5.1-12

SUNDAY

St. John's

9.30am Parish Communion
2pm Service of Comfort and Hope
4pm Families at 4

St. Mary's

11am Village Family Praise

All Saints

4pm All Saints Patronal Service

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.

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your
blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those
who truly love you;
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

God, the source of all holiness and
giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day
of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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.

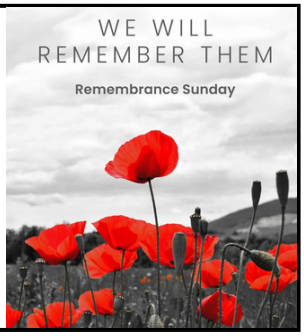
Know of anyone who'd appreciate reading this notice sheet? Please feel free to forward it to them.

THIS WEEK (2nd- 6th November)

Mon 2nd	**9am** **10am** **3.30pm**	All Saints St. Mary's John Pearson Hall	**Morning Prayer** **Old Alresford Mondays at 10.00** **Monday Meet & Eat**
Wed 4th	**9am** **10am** **2pm**	St. Mary's St. John's Alresford Library	**Morning Prayer** **Wednesday Midweek Communion** **Befriend the End**
Thurs 5th	**10am**	John Pearson Hall	**Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group**
Fri 6th	**10am**	Prayer Space @ St. John's	**Parish Prayer Meeting**

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER - Remembrance Sunday

9.30am	St. John's	**Breakfast Church****
10am	St. Peter's	**Remembrance Service**
10.45am	St. Mary's	**Remembrance Service**
10.50am	All Saints	**Remembrance Service**
10.50am	St. John's - War Memorial	**Remembrance Service**
6pm	St. John's	**Sundays @ Six**



notice ****Breakfast Church on 8th November** there will be NO breakfast beforehand but coffee, cake and fruit after the service in the hall.

PRAYERS FOR:

Margaret S, 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

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:
Liz Petheram - Remembering Peter with much love.

UPCOMING FUNERAL SERVICES

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

PAT TESTING AT ST. JOHN'S

Please bring in all electrical equipment that you use in church to the parish office **BEFORE** 13th November.

BEFRIEND THE END - ALRESFORD LIBRARY

Wed, 4th November at 2pm (1st Wed of each month)
Do you have questions about death and dying?
A small group of people – both medical and non-medical – has been set up in the belief that acknowledgement of the reality of death we equip ourselves better to engage with "Life".

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**.

We look forward to welcoming Bryan and Tori and will celebrate their licensing on Tuesday, 24th November at 6pm at St John's.

Please keep Bryan and Tori, their family, and the benefice in your prayers as they prepare to join us.

NEW WINE RESET WOMEN'S DAY FEB 6TH & APRIL 10TH

Some of us went to Southampton earlier this year for this wonderful day of great talks, worship and fellowship. **Next year is on February 6th or April 10th.**

We don't know the venues yet but if you would like to come and join us for some great teaching, please email Rosie Waring Green rosie@22rwg.co.uk and we will put everyone's email in a group and BCC when we have the details so you can order your own tickets straight away.

The February date was Southampton last year but we still don't know where yet. The April one was further afield. The tickets go like hot cakes so it would be up to you to get on the link very quickly once I have sent it.

Please encourage friends and family to join us too.

Hope to hear from you soon as the release date will be very soon.

NEW WINE RESET 2027

Together, we'll ***worship Jesus, hear stories of faith, make space to listen to God and explore what it means to live from a place of his presence rather than constantly striving to keep up.*** You don't need to come with everything figured out. You don't need to be in a particular season of life or at a particular place in your faith. ***Just come as you are.***

There'll be ***space to receive, reflect and respond,*** as well as plenty of opportunity to ***meet other women*** and enjoy being together. ***Expect honest stories, biblical teaching, powerful worship and prayer all within a welcoming environment where you can be yourself.***

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.***

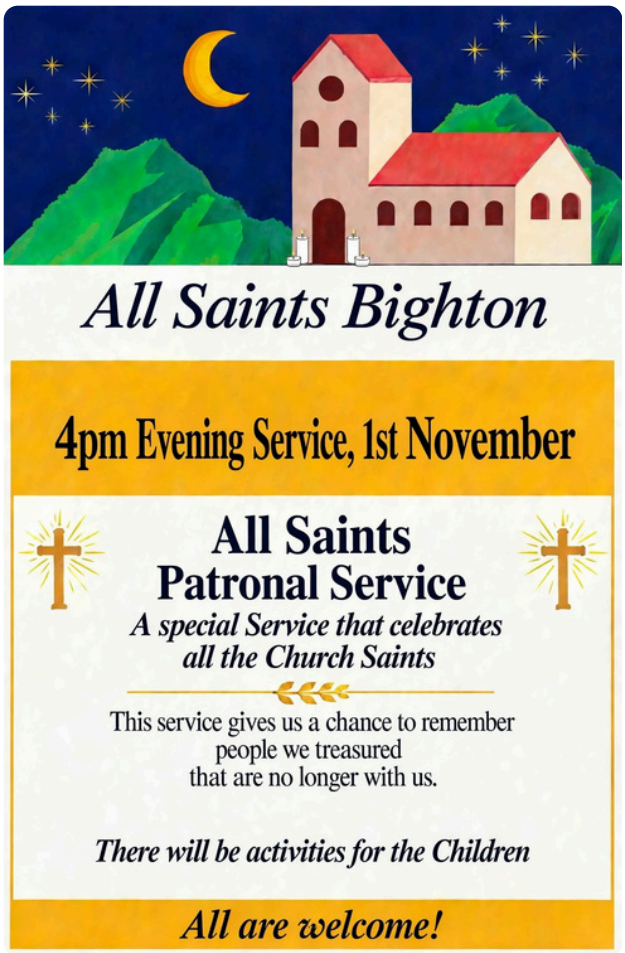
If you would be able to help with serving refreshments after the service, please contact Maureen on 01962 732135.

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 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!



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Our Instagram page 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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Our prayers for the coming week (2nd – 8th November)

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