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

15th November 2026 - Second Sunday Before Advent

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 5.1-11

Matthew 25.14.30

SUNDAY

St. John's
9.30am Parish Communion

St. Peter's
10am Morning Praise

All Saints
11am Morning Prayer

St. Mary's
11am Parish Communion

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

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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 (16th- 20th November)

Mon 16th	**9am** **3.30pm**	All Saints John Pearson Hall	**Morning Prayer** **Monday Meet & Eat**
Tues 17th	**1pm** **2pm** **7pm**	St. Mary's John Pearson Hall John Pearson Hall	**Funeral - Sandra White** **Mothers' Union Meeting** **CANCELLED - Alresford Community Cinema**
Wed 18th	**9am** **10am** **4.45pm**	St. Mary's St. John's 2 Grange Road	**Morning Prayer** **Wednesday Midweek Communion** **Youth Alpha**
Thurs 19th	**10am** **6.30pm**	John Pearson Hall All Saints	**Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group** **Dessert Island Discs 2**
Fri 20th	**10am** **12pm**	Prayer Space @ St. John's John Pearson Hall	**Parish Prayer Meeting** **Table Talk**

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER - Third Sunday Before Advent

8am	St. John's	**Holy Communion BCP**
9.30am	St. John's	**Celtic Service of the Word**
9.30am	St. Mary's	**Parish Communion (BCP)**
11am	All Saints	**Parish Communion**
2pm	St. John's	**Induction Collation Rehearsal**



PRAYERS FOR:



Margaret S, Irene P, Audrey S, Marion M, Shirley W, Margaret Se, Barbara G, 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:
Audrey Chalk and Pat Ure

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:
Beryl Moody - Remembering Jack always with me





UPCOMING FUNERAL SERVICE

Sandra White - Funeral at **St. Mary's on Tuesday, 17th November at 1pm**

SOLOS

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, 15th Nov at 2.30pm in the JP Hall for tea/coffee, homemade cake, conversation and friendship. ***For more details: Margaret 01962 735185 or Roger 01962 734045.***



PAT TESTING AT ST. JOHN'S

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



Notices



Bryan and Tori have chosen these hymns/songs for their Collation / Licensing Service on 24th November at 6pm.
All are welcome at the service which will also be live-streamed.

If you would like to, please listen to the songs to familiarise yourselves with them so we can give them a good hearty welcome to the Benefice.

Before the throne of God above A&M 598
Lord I come to you www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSi-9PPPGnI
Cornerstone www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH_-1Zbs
Build my life www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZW4_8_zCBE
In Christ alone A&M 678

TABLE TALK



Friday, 20th Nov at 12pm - JP 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** & is ***open to everyone*** from any church community or none.

NEW WINE RESET WOMEN'S DAY FEBRUARY 6TH 2027



Some of us went to Southampton earlier this year for this wonderful day of great talks, worship and fellowship.

The Reset Day for our local area is on February 6th at Holy Saviour Church in Southampton.

Booking link for the Reset Women's Day in Southampton is now open and tickets are going fast. If you would like a day of teaching, worship and reflection this is the link to book:
New Wine Women's Day 2027 Tickets

Please encourage friends and family to join us too.

NEW WINE RESET 2027

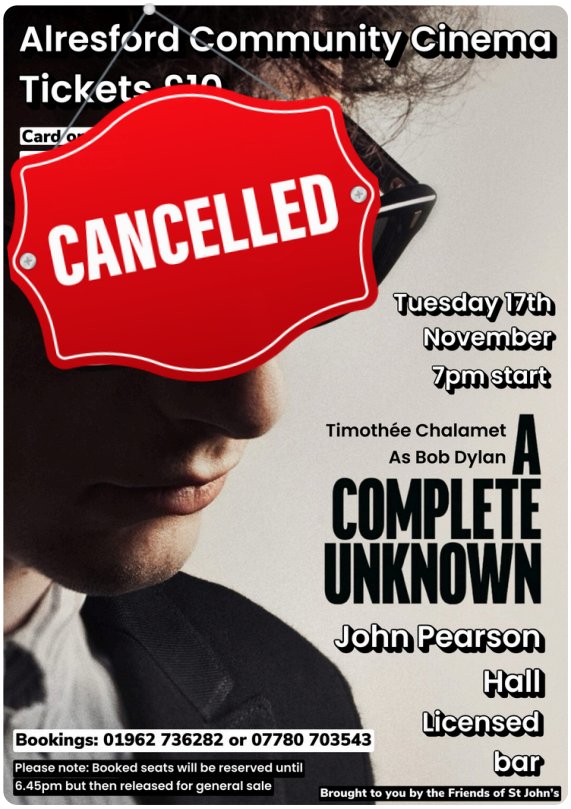
Together, we'll ***worship Jesus, hear stories of faith, make space to listen to God and explore what it means to live from a place of his presence rather than constantly striving to keep up.***

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.





EXTRA JAM JARS?
WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THEM!



Rosie is collecting Jam Jars (label free, if possible) for this year's Gift From St. John's.

Notices

A GIFT FROM ST JOHN'S 2026 - SATURDAY, 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*.

There is also a savoury & sweet foods sign up sheet at the back of St. John's. We always appreciate the all the tasty contributions that are most generously made/donated to our café!

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 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 Code 51-61-09, Acc 04129849 and mark it 'Gift from St. John's.' ***If you are a UK tax-payer, please put your name and Gift Aid on the envelope so we can claim back the basic rate tax already paid on donations by you.*** This means we can claim back from the government on your behalf 25p for every £1 donated, boosting the value of the donation by a quarter.



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: email: rosie@22rwg.co.uk or tel. 07891 120662.

OLD ALRESFORD MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is
Tuesday, 17th Nov, 2 for 2.30pm
at the JP Hall when we will be
remembering school days.

New members always welcome.
Contact Heather Galley
tel. 01962 732326

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



St John's Christingle Service
Sunday, 6th December @ 4pm

Join us at our Christingle at Families @ 4pm to celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World

Christingle



Our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAlresford
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: Bryan Silletti
Associate Rector: Tori Silletti
(Starting 25th November 2026)

Benefice Office
Open Monday - Friday 9 - 11am
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Our prayers for the coming week (15th - 21st November)



**Lord, In a fractious divided world be the truth that informs us
and the strength that supports us to be imitators of you,
the one who made and loves us.**

Please pray for...

Pray for peace in our fractured world. Hold before God all who work as peacemakers and remember those living in war zones, who are existing in squalid conditions and in constant fear of attack. Pray for Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Lebanon and Yemen and the people of Gaza where flooding is exacerbating their desperate living conditions.

For the world leaders and negotiators as they meet in Turkey for COP31.
As we learn that this year has been the hottest on record pray that this will be a constructive conference with long lasting, effective outcomes that will help to safeguard earth's future. Pray that our commitment to reducing our carbon emissions footprint will become stronger.

For the people of Poland as they mourn those who died in the recent knife attack. Hold before God all victims of knife attack and pray that ways will be found to end this current knife carrying cult.

For our local shops, pubs, restaurants and railway that they will have an encouraging and successful season in the weeks leading up to Christmas and will welcome lots of visitors to the town.

For Bryan and Tori as they prepare for their ministry in this Benefice and for their children as they settle into their new home. Give thanks for our Churchwardens and all who have led services during the vacancy. May we be welcoming churches always ready to reach out into the community to share God's love.

**Lord, clear our minds of all that hurts ourselves and others
and let us fill it with a song of joy, a word of praise,
a smile, a hug and by sharing your love
because it's the simple things
that make this world a better place.**