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

22nd November 2026 - The Sunday Next 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:

Ephesians 1.15-end

Matthew 25.31-end

SUNDAY

St. John's
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Celtic Service of the Word

St. Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion (BCP)

All Saints
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

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

BCP Collect

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;
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 (23rd- 28th November)

Mon 23rd	**9am** **3.30pm**	All Saints John Pearson Hall	**Morning Prayer** **Monday Meet & Eat**
Tues 24th	**6pm**	St. John's	**Collation and Installation Service for Bryan and Tori Silletti**
Wed 25th	**9am** **10am** **2pm** **4.45pm**	St. Mary's St. John's John Pearson Hall 2 Grange Road	**Morning Prayer** **Wednesday Midweek Communion** **Lay Pastoral Assistants Meeting** **Youth Alpha**
Thurs 26th	**10am**	John Pearson Hall	**Chatterbox Baby & Toddler Group**
Fri 27th	**10am**	Prayer Space @ St. John's	**Parish Prayer Meeting**
Sat 28th	**10am**	St. John's	**Gift from St. John's Event**

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER - First Sunday of Advent



BENEFICE SERVICE
SUNDAY, 29th NOV AT 9.30AM
(ST. JOHN'S)

Please join us as we come together at ***9.30am in St. John's*** for our shared Benefice Service.

A great oppportunity to see our wider group of friends in the benefice.

We would love to see you there!

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:
Jennifer Clelland and Audrey Chalk

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.

UPCOMING FUNERAL SERVICE

Audrey Chalk - Funeral at **St. John's on Thursday, 3rd December at 12pm**

ST JOHN'S FLOWERS

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by:
Pearl Page - Remembering Roger with love

CTiA are again *arranging carol singing* to people living in sheltered accommodation in Alresford.



On **Tuesday, 8th December** we shall be going to Makins Court at 6pm and Bailey House at 6:30pm. On **Monday, 14th December** we will go to Ellingham Court at 6pm and Wayfarer's Place at 6:30pm.

If you would like to join us for one or both weeks please add your name and choice of home to the list at the back of church.

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

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

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.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES 22ND NOVEMBER

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE (BCP)
TWO SERVICES ON 4th SUNDAYS

(8am) St. John's & (9.30am) St. Mary's

Do you ***prefer a more traditional said service of Holy Communion*** celebrating the rich tradition and liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)?



Please join us at one of our BCP services to enjoy the peace and tranquillity.

CELTIC SERVICE OF THE WORD



9.30am at St. John's Church - 4th Sundays
This quiet, reflective service contains music, hymns, bible readings and periods of silence in the Celtic tradition. ***You don't have to be "religious" to attend.***

Those with faith, those without faith and those who are searching, are all very welcome. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

PARISH COMMUNION @ ALL SAINTS

11am Our Sunday service that follows the service of Holy Communion from Common Worship.







Would you like to attend an evening festive event with a different 'flavour', that also uplifts and inspires?

Come & join us for an **evening of Gospel Music** with the Gospel Collective.

This vibrant and consistently growing choir promises an evening of encouraging, moving and joyous songs that will lift your spirit and, hopefully, get you dancing and singing along!

Doors Open: 19:00 for 19:30 - 21:00. Refreshments to follow until 21:30.

General Admission is £10 per ticket & under 16s are free.
https://events.gospelcollective.co.uk/events/gospelcollectiveuk/2458064

Notices

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

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.

Cafe Church
truly refreshing

6th December at 11am
St. Peter's Church, Ovington
1st Sunday every *other* month.
Join us for good conversation about faith and life in a friendly, informal setting at St. Peter's, Ovington.

Coffee, tea & homemade treats! +
The Book Nook for secondhand books!

SAVE THE DATE

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 (22nd – 28th November)



Lord, when you stand before us as angel or stranger and whisper softly to our soul, open our hearts in obedience to your will.

Please pray for...

Pray for people suffering from the effects of conflict, terrorism and persecution around the world remembering those who feel ignored, forgotten and those who do not have enough of life's basic needs: food, clothing, shelter. Hold before God the suffering and innocent people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, Iran and Sudan and pray that negotiations will bring result in the longed for peace.

Pray for people who are struggling because of the increased fuel and food prices. As the COP31 meeting enters its final days pray that meaningful decisions will be reached and implemented by governments worldwide. Give thanks for Prince William's Earthshot initiative and for the creative and original ideas which result from this competition, all contributing to a reduction in global warming.

Pray for the young people who are currently unable to find employment or suitable training or further education. Pray that every effort will be made by politicians and employers to create more advice and opportunities for work for those who are affected, and thus boost their confidence and morale.

Pray for NHS staff as winter approaches, that every effort will be made to prevent corridor care this year. Hold before God those from our community who are lonely, anxious or depressed and those who now live in a care home. Pray for all carers remembering those who care permanently for a loved one at home.

Pray for Bryan and Tori as they prepare for their Collation/ Licensing service next Tuesday and for Bp Kelly who will be leading the service. As the new General Synod meets for the first time pray that members will be prayerful and have wisdom, sensitivity and compassion in all their decision making as they lead the Church of England into the next 5 years.

Lord use our hands to carry the burden, use our voices to carry your word, use our feet to walk in your footsteps and use our hearts to transform the world.