



# ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE

*St John's Church, New Alresford ♦ St Mary's Church, Old Alresford  
St Peter's Church, Ovington ♦ All Saints Church, Bighton*

## **July 28th : Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our worship today. If you are a newcomer, please make yourself known to the Clergy or one of the Churchwardens after the service.

If you are hard of hearing, there is a hearing loop system in operation at St John's, St Peter's and St Mary's. If moving is difficult and you wish to have communion brought to you, please ask the Churchwarden on duty.

We would encourage quiet time for 5 minutes before the start of each service.

You are welcome to take this pew sheet home with you.

### *Services this Sunday:*

**08.00: St John's (in JPH): Holy Communion BCP**

*(Rev'd Heather)*

**09.30: St John's (in JPH): Celtic Service of the Word**

*(Jackie Connell, Angela Peel & Peter Colquhoun)*

**09.30: St Mary's:**

**Parish Communion *(Rev'd Heather)***

**11.00: All Saints:**

**Parish Communion *(Rev'd Heather)***



*Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love.*

## **Services this Week:**

### **Monday July 29th**

09.00: *All Saints:* Morning Prayer (*Rev'd Heather*)

### **Tuesday July 30th**

09.00: *St John's:* *No Morning Prayer today*

### **Wednesday July 31st**

09.00: *St Mary's:* Morning Prayer (*Rev'd Heather*)

10.00: *St John's:* Holy Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

### **Thursday August 1st**

09.00: *St Peter's:* Morning Prayer (*Rev'd Heather*)

### **Sunday August 4th: Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

09.30: *St John's:* Parish Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

11.00: *St Peter's:* No service

11.00: *St Mary's:* Village Family Praise (*Sue Armstrong*)

11.00: *All Saints:* No service

16.00: *St John's:* *No Families at 4pm (restarts 1st Sept)*

**The Communion Service on Wednesday** will be followed by coffee in the John Pearson Hall.

**Please note:** if you would like to use a Service booklet, they are always available from the Sidespeople as you come into the JPH.

## **What's on this week:**

**Prayer Meeting for the parish and our community** - every Friday at 10-11am in church / JPH - *feel free to drop in.*

**Garden Open Day** at Armsworth Park Farm - Sunday 28th July at 2pm.

**Wednesdays with Heather** - Wednesday 31st July at 10.45am in JPH.

## **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: [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or 01962 733237. We of course always respect the confidentiality of your requests.



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*This week's notices...*



St. John's Church,  
New Alresford

## **CHURCH CLOSURE**

St. John's will be closed due to interior refurbishment in preparation for our new church chairs

**Closed Sunday, 21st July  
(after 9.30am service)**

**Re-opening Saturday, 10th August**

*Our regular church services during this time of closure (24th, 28th, 31st July + 4th & 7th August) will be held in the John Pearson Hall*

[www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk](http://www.arlevalleychurches.org.uk)

### ***IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ST JOHN'S:***

On 28th July and 4th August, the hymn books will be available for you to pick up with a service booklet as you come into the JPH if you normally use one. The screen will be in place as usual as we will be live-streaming the services. The new chairs will have book boxes but not until September as there is a delay for those from Europe.

***Memorial Book:*** As St John's church will be locked from after the 9.30am service last Sunday 21st July to Saturday 10th August, the Memorial Book will be kept in the JPH entrance where you can view it between 10am and noon each day. Sorry about the inconvenience.

***We would be grateful*** for a few helpers to brush the backs of cupboards and dust the tops as we put the furniture back after the service on Sunday 4th August. We will be needing able-bodied help to **LIFT the heavy furniture as we definitely do NOT want to be dragging furniture on the newly treated floor.** We will be putting the lighter things back later in the week.

## **This week's notices...**

### **St John's: Removal of Old and Delivery of New Chairs / Sanding of Floor Timetable**

Event	Date
<b>CHURCH CLOSED</b>	After 11 30am Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Winchester Wood Floors – sand / polish all wooden floor surfaces	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August
Put back church furniture etc	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August 10 45am
New chairs delivered. Team needed to help with 'chair chain' from North Door.	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> or Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> August TBC
<b>CHURCH REOPENS</b>	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> August

**SERVICES ON JULY 28<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> AND AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> WILL BE IN JPH**

**TIMINGS OF HELP NEEDED TO BE CONFIRMED to move in the new chairs –  
OFFERS OF HELP to Rosie Waring Green [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) 07891120662**

**NEARLY THERE!!**

### **Prayer Teddies:**



Last year many of you knitted Prayer Teddies for Heather to give to each child who is baptised. I'm glad to say they have been very well received but **WE NOW WANT SOME MORE!**

If you can help please get a pattern from the Office and return knitted bears to Penny.

*Thanking you all in anticipation, Angela Peel*

**Miranda is delighted** to have raised £855 from members of St John's, which is incredible. Thank you so much.

You will have seen the dreadful images of families being forced to continually move from place to place to try to find safety. Several members of Moataz's family have been killed including women and children and the family is currently living on the streets. He says 'We are running and bombs drop on us everywhere. We are in hell. Save us. Help us. Pray for us'.

*Please pray that there may be a ceasefire that enables Moataz to buy a new tent and, at least, find a safer place, get some respite, provisions and medicine for his young family.*

## ***This week's notices...***

### ***St John's Fire Drill:***

As we did in 2023, we have the next annual St Johns Fire Evacuation Drill coming up in the next few weeks. The alarm will sound during a service and all those present need to leave the church and assemble at one of the two Fire Assembly points in the churchyard. Thank you for your participation in this exercise, whenever it happens.

### ***St John's Church – Relocation of gravestones:***

To make space available for future burials in the churchyard, it is proposed to move several gravestones from their current positions to the edge of the churchyard, against either a wall or a fence. All the gravestones to be moved are over 100 years old.

A list of the gravestones to be relocated may be seen in the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 10:00am to 12:00pm, or by appointment by calling David Griffiths on 01962 734408.

***We would like to encourage all of our church*** to pray together for our mission, and ministry in Alresford. You can join us on Fridays 10am-11am in St John's or you can pray wherever you might be on a Friday 10am-11am. Set an alarm on your phone and let's pray together wherever we might be on a Friday. *Revd. Heather.*



### ***Breakfast Church:***

**In October**, the 9.30am All-Age Second Sunday service will become the new *Breakfast Church*. The actual service will be similar but will have a relaxed start with the offer of coffee, toast, croissants etc and to begin with will follow the theme of *Stories Jesus Told* and *People Jesus Met*. We will need some help on a rota to set up some tables, mugs, kettles etc for the Sunday morning - please contact Rosie if you would be able to help with this... [rosie@22rwg.co.uk](mailto:rosie@22rwg.co.uk) or 07891120662.

### ***Alresford Mothers' Union:***

Our next meeting is the Mary Sumner Day on **Friday 9 August**. There is a service in St. Mary's Church, Old Alresford at 2pm followed by tea and cakes at The Christy Hall, Old Alresford. New members always welcome. Contact: Stephanie Durrant on 01962 732318.



***Old Alresford Place*** will be carrying out some more changes during the month of August: some building work, a new heating system and some repair to the gravel at the entrance. Hence, there will be no parking in OAP during August. *Roger Parsons.*

## ***This week's notices...***

### ***Live Streaming at St John's:***

The link for the live-streaming of services at St John's is:

[www.youtube.com/@thearlevalleybenefice5720/streams](http://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.

***Confirmation Service:*** St John's Alresford will be holding a Confirmation Service on Sunday 1st September at 4pm with Bishop David. If you are considering being confirmed, please get in touch with our Rector, Heather arlevalleyrector@gmail.com who will happily talk you through the preparation needed.

***There will also be an Alpha course starting soon*** which is a great way to find out more about the aspects of the Christian faith and an opportunity to ask lots of questions or just to take time to think through the many issues involved in being a Christian. If you would be interested to join the Alpha course, please contact Rosie Waring Green rosie@22rwg.co.uk.

### ***Giving in 2024!***

**Three ways you may donate to St. John's by credit or debit card:**

1. At the back of the church is a unit where you can choose from different amounts or enter your own amount. Then just tap your card and it is done.
2. Scan this QR code with your phone or tablet. This takes you to the Parish Giving Scheme website for St. John's where you make your donation. This code can also be used to set up a regular donation.
3. Phone David Griffiths on 01962 734408



*With all three options you can Gift Aid your donation.*

**Members can donate to St. Mary's with their phone or tablet by scanning this QR code**

or by contacting Roger Parsons on 01962 734561



***With many thanks for your generosity.***

***This week's notices...***



Are you grieving the loss of a loved one, or struggling with the long-term effects of loss? A seven week course will soon be running in your area.



**Monday evenings**

7.15pm - 9.30pm

**Sept 9th - Oct 21st**

at The Alton Maltings Centre.

Suggested Voluntary contribution

£20 (for the whole course)

To book your place, email

**[bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk](mailto:bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk)**

or phone Wendy Burnhams

on **07514 280 362**

**Topics include:** Attachment, separation and loss, Difficult feelings, Rites of passage, The impact and pain of bereavement, Coping with others, Coping with change, Moving forward, an optional session on Questions of Faith

*This week's notices...*



PLEASE JOIN US

# Garden Open Day

Sunday 28th July  
2pm - 6pm

Armsworth Park Farm  
Old Alresford  
SO24 9RH

**ENTRY**  
**£5**  
(children free)

Enjoy teas and homemade  
cakes in a lovely setting

Helping to raise funds for  
St. Mary's much needed  
kitchenette and wc

Please direct:

- ▶ Material for notices: please email Rob Attenborough at [notices@arleyvalleychurches.org.uk](mailto:notices@arleyvalleychurches.org.uk) Deadline: 3pm Thursday.
- ▶ Information about those in hospital to Jackie Connell 732056 or Sue Greenway 732406 or Patricia Todd 738408 or Keith Sweetland 735255.
- ▶ Information for Intercessions to the churchwardens.



## *Collect and Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

### **Collect:**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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**



### **Epistle: Ephesians 3.14-21**

*To be announced as a Reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians*

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

*At the end the reader will say: **This is the Word of the Lord***

*The response is: **Thanks be to God***



### **Gospel: John 6.1-21**

*When the Gospel is announced we respond with:*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

*At the end the reader will say:* This is the Gospel of the Lord  
*The response is:* **Praise to you, O Christ**



### **Post Communion Prayer**

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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## **For Prayer**

### **Please pray for:**

- Those who are in **hospital**
- Those who are ill **at home** or recovering from being in hospital
- Those **receiving on-going care**
- Those in **Nursing and Rest Homes**
- **Home Communicants**
- **R.I.P.** Those who have recently died. We pray too for their families.

### **Please pray for...**

**The children, teachers and housemothers** at the Pannai home and school for needy children and orphans. We give thanks for those who sponsor them from St. Johns.

**The World.....** As we long for a peaceful world bring before God all people who are suffering due to war, hunger, terror and injustice. Pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and those in the West Bank. Help us to feel and understand the pain we read about and see via the media; encourage us never to stop praying.

**Community.....** Pray for our town and all those who work here. Give thanks that we have a variety of shops, services, organisations, which help us live our lives. Bring before God all those who are struggling to make ends meet, have no employment or who are suffering with mental health problems.

**Our Benefice.....** Give thanks for Heather and all who minister to us. As we look forward to having the new chairs at St John's help us to appreciate all the good things in our 4 churches. May each church be a welcoming, restful and prayerful place to everyone who enters; may each church become the centre of their community.

**The NHS and Social Care....** Bring before God all who are sick and in pain; all on NHS waiting lists and all being cared for either at home or in Rest Homes. Pray that the new Government may prioritise health. Pray also for all countries that lack medicines and health professionals and give thanks for all the health volunteers that go to war zones.

**Our Young People....** As the school year finishes pray that all young people may find refreshment during the summer break. Pray that if exam results were not good, sound advice and help will be given. Pray also that teachers will be refuelled in readiness for the New Year in September.

*God, in us abolish friction,  
God, through us your love make known.*