



ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE

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

October 13th : Twentieth 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.

If you would like to use a Service booklet or hymn book, they are always available from the Sidespeople as you come into church.

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:

- 09.30: St John's:** Breakfast Church (*Rev'd Heather & Rosie*)
09.30: St Mary's: Morning Praise (*Sue Armstrong*)
11.00: St Peter's: Parish Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)
11.00: All Saints: Harvest Festival (*Ian Waring Green*)
18.00: St John's: Sunday @ Six (*Peter Colquhoun*)

Services in the coming Week:

Monday October 14th

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

Tuesday October 15th

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

Wednesday October 16th

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

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

followed by coffee in the John Pearson Hall.

Thursday October 17th

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

Sunday October 20th: Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

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

10.00: *St Peter's:* Morning Praise (*Charlotte, Peter & Susan*)

11.00: *St Mary's:* Parish Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

11.00: *All Saints:* Morning Prayer (*Ian Waring Green*)

*A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

This week's notices...

What's on this week:

Prayer Meeting for the parish and our community - every Friday at 10-11am in St John's Church - *feel free to drop in.*

Monday Meet and Eat - Monday 14th October at 3.30pm in JPH.

Alpha Course - Monday 14th October at 7pm at 2 Grange Rd

Old Alresford Mothers' Union meeting - Tuesday 15th October in JPH.

Wednesdays with Heather - Wednesday 16th October at 10.45am in JPH.

Chill Chat and Chomp! - Wednesday 16th October at 5pm in St John's Vestry.

Chatterbox - Thursday 17th October at 10-11am in JPH.

Table Talk - Friday 18th October at 12 noon in JPH.

Quiz night with fish & chips - Saturday 19th October at 6.30pm in JPH.

Solos Sunday Tea - Sunday 20th October at 2.30pm in JPH.

Forthcoming Funerals / Thanksgivings:

- Funeral of Maureen Mayers on Monday 14th October at 11.30am in St Mary's Church. All welcome to attend.
- Thanksgiving Service for David Hanson on Friday 25th October at 12 noon in St John's Church.

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by **Hefin and Peter Tudor** remembering their parents.

Live Streaming at St John's:

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

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 or 01962 733237. We of course always respect the confidentiality of your requests.

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 Churchyard clear-up: Saturday 26th October 9am to 12 noon. Volunteers will be rewarded with refreshments. Please bring your garden tools.
More information from James Lees 01962 732574 or james@lees92.plus.com.

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St John's Open Day:

Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way to make the St John's Open Day last Sunday such a great success - special thanks to the amazing commitment from the Office to getting so many leaflets, posters etc ready for everyone. There have been many many positive and encouraging comments from visitors as well as from all involved. Well done.

Rev Heather

Service of Comfort & Hope: Sunday 3rd November at 2pm in St John's:

Everyone is warmly invited to this simple and reflective service in which we remember loved ones who have died.

Bring a flower, one of each person remembered, to add to the Bouquet of Memories. There will be a few in the church for those unable to bring one.

A Memorial card, on which to write the names of the loved ones, can be picked up from the back of the church. During the service you will be invited to bring this, with your flower, to the front and a prayer will be said for those who have died. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle.

Refreshments will be served after the service in the John Pearson Hall.

If you live in Alresford and need a lift to enable you to get to the service, please call the Benefice Office on 01962 733545.

Help needed: please let Kathryn on 809078 know if you would be able to help with refreshments after this service.

Old Alresford Mother's Union: Our next meeting is

Tuesday 15 October at the John Pearson Hall, 2 for 2.30pm. We will be filling Rotary shoeboxes. New members always welcome.

Contact: Stephanie Durrant, Secretary on 01962 732318.



Solos:

Solos Sunday Tea is on **Sunday 20th October** in the John Pearson Hall from 2.30pm. Do hope you can join us for tea, scones, homemade cake, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you then.

Info: Marion 733921 Margaret 735185 Roger 734045.

Breakfast Church:

Please remember to come to Breakfast Church on **Sunday 13th October at 9.30am** in St John's. We would love some help to get the church ready at 5pm on Saturday 12th October if you could spare half an hour. *Many thanks.*

Safeguarding:

There is a new safeguarding email address for the benefice. From now on please use arlevalleysafeguarding@gmail.com.

This week's notices...

New Coffee Rota:

I will be making up a new church coffee rota for the next quarter and we still desperately need new members to join the rota. This is a much-appreciated service allowing us all to get together after the church services and socialise – an important aspect to the cohesiveness of our church community.

If you feel you can help, please contact Bernadette Cave (07968083706) or email bcave26@gmail.com.

The more people on our rota – the less frequent the commitment for all participants.

CTiA Christmas Shoebox Packing Party – Sunday 27th October:

Once again CTiA is supporting Alresford Rotary's involvement in the Rotary Wessex Christmas shoebox scheme for disadvantaged and/or displaced children in eastern Europe. This year the packing party will be at the normal venue, St Gregory's Pastoral Centre but from 12.15 p.m. until approximately 1.30 p.m. Please come along with enthusiasm and suitable small gifts and help pack the boxes that will be supplied.

There are strict rules as to what can and what can't be included in the boxes e.g. no liquids or sweets or other foodstuffs. For full details and for pictures and videos of happy recipients in previous years see wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk/ and for any further information please contact Andrew Castillo indri50@icloud.com. By helping, a child may receive a present for the first time in their life!

Save the date: Light Party in St John's **Saturday 2nd November 4-6pm**. Children with their grown-ups. Book in via arlevalleychurches@gmail.com. Offers of help please to Rosie.

November film at the Alresford Community Cinema:

Community Centre on Tuesday 5th November at 7pm.

'Swede Caroline' is a comedy about the (sometimes) very competitive world of vegetable growing - especially giant marrows!

There is a trailer at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHh1HzOpl4k

and it seems to be very well reviewed.

Tickets £8. Card or cash on the door. Licensed bar.

Bookings 01962 736282 or 07780 703543.

Brought to you by the Friends of St John's.



Please direct:

- ▶ **Material for notices:** please email Rob Attenborough at notices@arlevalleychurches.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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;
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: Hebrews 4.12-16

To be announced as a Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

The response is: Thanks be to God



Gospel: Matthew 10.17-31

When the Gospel is announced we respond with:

Glory to you, O Lord

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through 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 students and staff of Mar Elias Educational Institutions, Ibillin, Israel as they continue to educate the students in the way of peace and reconciliation despite the horrors of the continuing tragic situation in the Middle East.

Our Broken World..... Bring before God all the pain, injustice and terror that exists in our world today. Pray for Peace in the Middle East and that all National Leaders will have the courage to work towards Peace in our world.

The Lonely and the Hungry.... Bring before God all those who are hungry because of war, climate change or lack of funds. May we be ever thankful for all that we have and learn to share our wealth via charities or contributing to Food Banks. Pray also for the lonely, and all those who will find the colder weather difficult. May we be the 'Good neighbour' in the coming months and love one another.

Climate Change..... Bring before God all those who are suffering from the effects of Climate Change, especially the people of Florida. Pray that all peoples will realise the importance of changing the way we live in order to halt the progress of Climate Change and the effect it is having throughout the world.

Give Thanks..... for the success of St John's 'Open Day'. Pray that everyone who came may understand that the Church is for our Community and that everyone is welcome.

Our Town and surrounding villages.... Pray for all that makes our area so wonderful to live in. Give thanks for the shops we have, the surgery, the library and all the various organisations; pray that everyone who works in our town may feel valued.

***By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.***