



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 27th : Last 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:

- 08.00: St John's:** Holy Communion BCP (*Bp David*)
09.30: St John's: Celtic Service of the Word
(*Jackie Connell and Angela Peel*)
09.30: St Mary's: Holy Communion BCP (*Sue Armstrong by ext*)
11.00: All Saints: Parish Communion (*Ian Waring Green by ext*)
16.30: St John's: Evening Prayer

Services in the coming Week:

Monday October 28th

09.00: *All Saints:* Morning Prayer (*will be said by those attending*)

Tuesday October 29th

09.00: *St John's:* Morning Prayer (*will be said by those attending*)

Wednesday October 30th

09.00: *St Mary's:* Morning Prayer (*will be said by those attending*)

10.00: *St John's:* Holy Communion (*Susan and Charlotte by ext*)
followed by coffee in the John Pearson Hall.

Thursday October 31st

09.00: *St Peter's:* Morning Prayer (*will be said by those attending*)

Sunday November 3rd: All Saints' Day

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

11.00: *St Peter's:* Café Church (*Minna Bruce*)

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

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

14.00: *St John's:* Service of Comfort and Hope (*Rev'd Heather*)

16.00: *St John's:* Families at 4

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise ...

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.*

Churchyard cleanup - Saturday 26th October 9-12 at St John's.

CTiA Shoebox Packing Party - Sunday 27th October at 12.15pm at St Gregory's.

Alpha Course - Monday 28th October at 7pm at 2 Grange Rd

Michael Project Coffee Morning - Saturday 2nd November at 10am in JPH.

Light Party in St John's - Saturday 2nd November at 4pm.

Forthcoming Funerals / Thanksgivings:

- Thanksgiving Service for David Hanson on Friday 25th October at 12 noon in St John's Church.
- Funeral Service for Anthea Mayne on Friday 25th October at 2pm in All Saints Church, Bighton.

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by **Sue Clarke** remembering John on his birthday.

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.

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

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.

Blue week's notices...

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.

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!

St John's Angel Festival beginning on Saturday 30th November:

You are invited as a group, an organisation, a family or an individual to create a recyclable angel to display in the church from Saturday 30th November to Tuesday 7th January. There are limited allocated spaces so don't leave it too late to book your place. *For further details please either collect a form from St John's porch or contact Rosie Waring Green rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891120662.*

This week's notices...

Michael Project Coffee Morning:

We are having a coffee morning for the Michael Project on Saturday November 2nd 10am till 12noon in the John Pearson Hall. Do come for coffee/tea and cake. There will be a raffle and a sale table. Do hope to see you then. *Margaret 01962 735185.*

Recycling Soft Plastic:

Despite the news that only a proportion of the soft plastic taken to supermarkets is being recycled, the church will continue to collect it. If only a small amount is recycled that is still better than it being incinerated. If we put it in our household rubbish it will definitely be incinerated. Please just ensure that it is clean and that you cut off any paper labels.

The news isn't good about incinerating either. The reason incinerating our rubbish is as bad as burning coal is because of the amount of plastic involved.

The way forward is clear: we must reduce our dependence on plastic. To do this we need to increase our pressure on the supermarkets to reduce their plastic packaging. This means trying, wherever possible, to be selective in the items we purchase.

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=kHhIHzOpl4k

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.



The Director, Finn Bruce, is coming along to the showing of his film 'Swede Caroline'. The film was apparently shot in and around Alresford, Avington and other local areas so you may recognise some of the sites used.

Finn will do a Q&A session at the end of the evening for 10 minutes or so, as an 'added extra'!

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.



St. John's Angel Festival

Saturday, 30th November from 10am

Come and see the church filled with Angels!

**Would you like to create an angel
to represent your group / family /
organisation or business for the
Angel Festival at St. John's Church
starting Saturday, 30th November?**

**Please email Rosie for further details:
e. rosie@22rwg.co.uk**

Call in for a booking form at St. John's Church.



Collect and Readings for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen



Epistle: Hebrews 7.23-28

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

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

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

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



Gospel: Mark 10.46-52

When the Gospel is announced we respond with:

Glory to you, O Lord

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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 of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 Michael Project and all the people of Zimbabwe as they are facing an 80% drought, and without rain this season 6 million people will be in need of food aid.

Our broken world.... Pray for the healing of all nations, especially The Middle East, Sudan, Ukraine and Myanmar. Bring before God all in authority and worldly power, that they may be guided along the right path towards justice and peace.

NHS and all health care..... Give thanks for the successful flu and covid vaccine programme, and for all the care we receive from the Surgery. Pray for all who are blind and cannot see your beautiful world. Bring before God the sick and lonely in our town that they may feel His love and care.

Climate Change..... Pray for all those affected by Climate Change be it by flood, drought or horrendous storms. Pray that we as well as the scientists will do all we can to minimise the changes in the climate and do our best to live sustainable lives.

All those worrying about winter bills.... Bring before God all those who will have difficulty this winter with heating their homes; all those who still find feeding their families hard due to the cost of living. Ask that we may have generous hearts and help wherever possible.

Our benefice..... Give thanks for all that takes place in our churches. Pray that all who come to visit us will receive a warm welcome and will want to come again. Pray that 'Breakfast Church' will be successful and give thanks for all in the congregations who help in any way to spread The Good news of the Gospel.

... In all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways