



ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE

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

November 17th : Second Sunday before Advent

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:** 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*)

Services in the coming Week:

Monday November 18th

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

Tuesday November 19th

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

Wednesday November 20th

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 November 21st

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

Sunday November 24th: Christ the King

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

09.30: *St John's:* Celtic Service of the Word

(Jackie Connell, Angela Peel & Peter Colquhoun)

09.30: *St Mary's:* Holy Communion BCP (*Rev'd Heather*)

11.00: *All Saints:* Parish Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

16.30: *St John's:* Evening Prayer

May the guiding hand of God lead us from the busyness and stress of daily life to the quiet place, still waters where we can rest awhile, and in that space find peace. Amen.

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.*

Solos Sunday Tea - Sunday 17th November at 2.30pm in JPH.

Monday Meet and Eat - Monday 18th November at 3.30pm in JPH.

Alpha Course - Monday 18th November at 7pm at 2 Grange Rd.

Old Alresford Mothers' Union Mtg - Tues 19th November 2 for 2.30pm in JPH.

Wednesdays with Heather - Wednesday 20th November at 10.45am in JPH.

Chill Chat and Chomp! - Wednesday 20th November at 5pm in St John's Vestry.

Chatterbox - Thursday 21st November at 10-11am in JPH.

The chancel flowers in St. John's have been sponsored by **Beryl Moody**, "remembering Jack with all my love".

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.



Solos: We will be holding our Solos Sunday Tea on the **17th November** in the John Pearson Hall from 2.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you then for Tea, Homemade cakes, Conversation and Friendship.

Marion 733921 Roger 734045 Margaret 735185

Old Alresford Mothers' Union: Our next meeting is **Tuesday 19th November** at the John Pearson Hall, 2 for 2.30 pm. Our theme for the meeting is Remembrance: sharing a memory about a person who has been an influence on our life. New members always welcome.

Contact Stephanie Durrant Secretary on 07905 006957.

A Quiet Night of Worship with Tim Uffindell: **Tuesday 10th December 6 - 7.30pm** in St John's Church. Join us for a moment of stillness before the busyness of Christmas. *Singing - Worship - Refreshments*

Rector: Rev'd Heather Brearey Email: arlevalleyrector@gmail.com Tel: 01962 732105
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This week's notices...

Michael Project Coffee Morning:



Thank you to everyone who supported the Michael Project coffee morning, those who donated gifts, puzzles, books, cards, raffle prizes and lovely cakes. With special thanks to the many volunteers who helped before during and after the event.

Thank you to those who joined us for the morning and for the many donations received. **It was a truly magnificent result, now £1285.46.**

We send our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Margaret, Helen, David and the Michael project team.

Benefice Office:

Please would you be aware that Penny is particularly busy at the moment with Christmas services and activities. Please respect her workplace and take note that if Penny is in a meeting that you may need to come back later rather than interrupting. Thank you for your co-operation. *Heather and Rosie.*

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.*

A Gift from St John's 2024 & Angel Festival

If you are able to help at all with the crafts or café on Saturday 30th November between 10am and 4pm please sign up on the form at the back of the church. Also, if you are able to help provide some food for the café, please sign up on the form at the back of the church.

Generosity: We usually ask any members of St John's who would like to do so to donate money to support this event and we would be very glad of donations to pay for the giving of joy through these free activities, food and drinks. Any contributions would be really appreciated and gratefully received. This is a wonderful way to share loving generosity with our local community. You can either pop 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 51-61-09 Acc 04129849 and mark it 'Gift from St John's'. *Thank you in advance for your help.*

Please direct:

- ▶ **Material for notices: please email Rob Attenborough at notices@arlevallychurches.org.uk Deadline: 3pm Thursday.**
- ▶ **Information about those in hospital to Jackie Connell 732056 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 Second Sunday before Advent

Collect:

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



First Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

To be announced as a Reading from the Book of Daniel

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

*At the end the reader will say: **This is the Word of the Lord**
The response is: **Thanks be to God***



Second Reading: Hebrews 10.11-25

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

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

'This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds',

he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Gospel: Mark 13.1-8

*When the Gospel is announced we respond with:
Glory to you, O Lord*

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

*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

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

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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...

Please join Mothers' Union members in prayers for local Womens' Refuges. Some branches including ours provide practical support for women who may arrive with very little.

Peace in this troubled world, for all countries ravaged by war, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, The Holy Land and other places where there is on-going fighting. Hold before God the people of Gaza as they struggle to survive. Pray for The United Nations and all trying to bring about peace and reconciliation, remembering Miranda who is currently in Bethlehem trying to support families in Gaza.

World leaders that they will be filled with humility, wisdom, compassion and integrity. Pray for all those attending COP29 that new targets to reduce global warming will be agreed and acted upon by all participating countries. Pray that more countries and their leaders will come to understand the need to control carbon emissions. Bring before God the people of Spain where further extreme rainfall has exacerbated the already flooded conditions.

The NHS as they face another difficult winter asking that new ways will be found to improve the service for patients and for staff. Pray for all who are anxious about finances following the budget, remembering especially farmers who are worried about the future of their farm.

All victims of abuse. Pray for those who are responsible for safeguarding within the Church of England and for Sarah and Alison the safeguarding officers in our Benefice. Hold before God Justin Welby, who has resigned as our Archbishop this week. Pray for healing in the church. In our Benefice we pray for Heather, the Ministry team and our churchwardens.

***God of love, God of peace, God of this world scarred by grief and tears,
ignorance and fear, soften hearts of stone and begin with mine.***