



ARLE VALLEY BENEFICE

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

January 26th : Third Sunday of Epiphany

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 (*Rev'd Heather*)
09.30: St John's: Celtic Service of the Word
(*Jackie Connell, Angela Peel & Ian Waring Green*)
09.30: St Mary's: Holy Communion BCP (*Rev'd Heather*)
11.00: All Saints: Parish Communion (*Rev'd Heather*)

Services in the coming Week:

Monday January 27th

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

Tuesday January 28th

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

Wednesday January 29th

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 January 30th

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

Sunday February 2nd: Candlemas

09.30: *St John's:* Benefice Farewell Service for Bishop David
(*Rev'd Heather*)

16.00: *All Saints:* Families @ 4 Service

Open our ears Lord ...

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 27th January at 3.30pm in JPH.

Wednesdays with Heather - Wednesday 29th January at 10.45am in JPH.

Chill Chat and Chomp! - Wednesday 29th January at 5pm in St John's Vestry.

Chatterbox - Thursday 30th January at 10-11am in JPH.



Flowers in St John's:

The chancel flowers in St John's have been sponsored by **Pearl Court**

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.



Monday Meet and Eat:

We now have 11 families who drop in for fellowship and a meal and we would be very grateful for some more occasional help. Either to make tea/coffee and wash up or to play games with the children or to cook a first course or a pudding.

Please contact Rosie Waring Green rosie@22rwg.co.uk or 07891120662 if you are able to help in any way or to ask for more details. Many thanks.

Headline: **Monday Meet and Eat** are on the Winchester Diocese website: winchester.anglican.org/churches-across-the-diocese-offer-a-warm-welcome-this-winter. Photo at the top of the page and scroll down to the bottom for a great report and photos - very exciting!!

Thanksgiving Service: There will be a Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's on **Thursday 30th January at 1pm** for Pam Hatch. All welcome.

Please note that Heather's day off will generally be a Monday from now on.

Blue week's notices...

Bishop David is to be the next Bishop of Truro!

Bishop David is to be the next Bishop of Truro! He and Helen will be moving to Cornwall sometime in the early spring. Bishop David is well known and loved in our Benefice and by way of a farewell will be preaching at a special service at St John's on **Sunday 2nd February 2025, 9.30am**. There will be Brunch provided afterwards in the JPH. Please put the date in your diary.

Please keep Bishop David and Helen in your prayers as they prepare for this new chapter. *Revd. Heather.*

St John's APCM:

Group reports are now being gathered in and need to be with Jo Whiteman by 26th January. Most people will have received an individual email but if I have missed you or if new groups want to contribute please send your reports to me by the **26th** at joanna_whiteman@yahoo.co.uk. *Thank you.*

St John's Flower Sponsorship List for 2025:

The list for sponsoring flowers in St John's for 2025 is now available at the back of Church and at the moment there are lots of spare dates. If you would like to remember a special birthday, anniversary or a loved one by sponsoring a pedestal then this is your chance. For information sponsorship of a pedestal is £30. Very many thanks to everyone who sponsored the flowers last year.

Breakfast Church:

Due to the successful launch of this service at 9.30am on the second Sunday of each month we are looking for around 2 extra helpers. This informal service is sacred, worshipful and wonderful and seeks to demonstrate the love of Christ for everyone.

If you would like to help or have any questions please email ...

joanna_whiteman@yahoo.co.uk or see me, most Sundays, at St John's. *Thanks Jo.*

The Storeroom / Old Vestry in St John's has been 95% tidied, please do not put anything in there without speaking to Rosie first. Just waiting on one organisation to finish their area.

West Room at St John's: On Monday 3rd February the West Room will be out of use for the week as the fabulous new cupboards are being built to rehouse the tables and make them more accessible as well as better storage cupboards above. Please bear with the work needed to complete this project, the decorating as well.

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.**

BENEFICE FAREWELL SERVICE FOR BISHOP DAVID



**St. John's Church, New Alresford
Sunday, 2nd February at 9.30am**

**Please join us in saying
Thank You and Farewell to
David, the Bishop of Basingstoke
as he starts his new post as the
next Bishop of Truro in the Spring.**



Bishop



Thank You



David!

**BRUNCH AFTER THE SERVICE.
ALL WELCOME!**

This week's notices...

Alresford Community Cinema, Tuesday 4th February at 7pm:



Thelma was Inspired by a real-life experience of director Josh Margolin's own grandmother, and shines the spotlight on an elderly grandmother as an unlikely action hero!

Strong-willed Thelma shows she is more than capable of taking care of things when she is scammed out of thousands - despite what her daughter Gail (Parker Posey), son-in-law Alan (Clark Gregg), or grandson Danny might believe -

Well regarded and described as *'fun and entertaining movie about the lives of elderly people, issues of scam calls and family with fun energy, good direction and a wonderful performance from Oscar-nominated actress June Squibb'*.

Tickets £8. Card or cash on the door.

Bookings 01962 736282 or 07780 703543

Brought to you by the Friends of St John's

Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

To be announced as a Reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

The response is: Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

When the Gospel is announced we respond with:

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he 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 children, teachers and housemothers at the Pannai home and school in Tamil Nadu for needy children and orphans. We give thanks for those who sponsor them from St Johns.

The World..... Bring before God the fragile ceasefire between Israel and Gaza; the war in Ukraine; the changeover of leadership in Syria and anywhere else there is conflict and injustice. Pray that all world leaders will begin talking to each other and strive for the common good not self gratification.

Climate Change..... Pray for all those suffering from the effects of Climate Change remembering the people of Los Angeles who have lost everything through fire, and all those still recovering from flooding. Pray that the recent storm affecting the British Isles will not cause too much damage.

Effect of the Cold Weather..... Bring before God all those finding it hard to heat their homes due to the cost of living crisis. Pray for all who are homeless and all refugees during this winter period. Give thanks for all organisations who work to help all people who are struggling at this time.

Our Benefice..... Pray for Heather who is suffering at this time. Pray too for all who minister to us; give them all courage, wisdom and patience. Ask that all of the churches in the Benefice will be places of love and welcome. May we be the beacon of light so needed in our world today.

Our Community..... Pray for all those who are bereaved, ill, lonely or sad. Pray that we may all be alerted as to how we can help and especially show God's love and comfort.

... and teach us to listen to you.