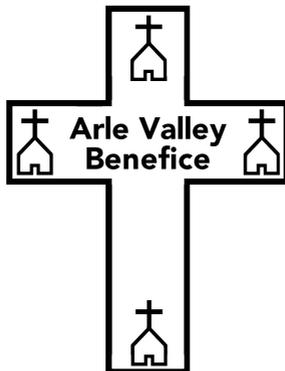




St Mary's, Old Alresford



St John's, New Alresford



St Peter's, Ovington



All Saints, Bighton

## 11th August 2019 : Eighth 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.

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

### ***This Sunday:***

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| 08.00: New Alresford: | Holy Communion BCP ( <i>Tasha</i> )                   |
| 09.30: New Alresford: | Second Sunday Service ( <i>Rosie</i> )                |
| 09.30: Old Alresford: | Parish Communion – Patronal Festival ( <i>Julia</i> ) |
| 10.00: Ovington:      | Parish Communion ( <i>Tasha</i> )                     |
| 11.00: Bighton:       | Morning Prayer ( <i>Ian</i> )                         |
| 11.30: Itchen Stoke:  | Baptism ( <i>Julia</i> )                              |

*Father, may there be within the coming week quiet moments when I can rest in your presence, sit for a while at your feet and be still and simply listen. Amen.*

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## ***The Week Ahead...***

### **Monday 12th August**

### **Tuesday 13th August**

10.00: Coffee, Cake & Chat in John Pearson Hall

19.30: St John's Standing Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday 14th August**

09.00: New Alresford: Morning Prayer (Celtic tradition)

### **Thursday 15th August**

09.00: Old Alresford Place: Holy Communion

### **Friday 16th August**

10.00: New Alresford: Devotional Service (*Peter*)

12.00: "Table Talk" in John Pearson Hall

19.30: Bell Ringing Practice

### **Saturday 17th August**

### **Sunday 18th August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

*Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.1-2,9-20; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56*

08.00: New Alresford: Holy Communion BCP (*Rev'd Ron Corne*)

09.30: New Alresford: Parish Communion (*Jackie*)

09.30: Old Alresford: Morning Praise (*Sue*)

10.00: Ovington: Morning Prayer (*Peter*)

11.00: Bighton: Parish Communion (*Graham*)

14.30-16.00: JPH: "Solos Tea on Sunday"

### ***Officiating at Services:***

*Rev'd Julia Myles*

*Rev'd Tasha Anderson*

*Rev'd Canon Jackie Browning*

*Rev'd Ron Corne*

*Rev'd Canon Graham Trasler*

*Sue Armstrong*

*Peter Colquhoun*

*Ian Waring Green*

*Richard McVeigh*

*Rosie Waring Green*

Priest-in-Charge: Arle Valley Benefice

Curate in the Arle Valley Benefice

Retired priest

Registry

Retired Priest

Licensed Lay Minister

Licensed Lay Minister

Licensed Lay Minister

Director of Music at St John's

St John's Church

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

***Flowers in St John's:*** The Chancel flowers have been provided by Jan Cole remembering her husband, Ray, on their wedding anniversary.

***Coffee, Cake & Chat:*** in the John Pearson Hall on **Tuesday 13th August** from 10am until 11.30am.

***Solos Sunday Tea:*** We are having Solos Sunday Tea with Home made cakes in the John Pearson Hall on **Sunday 18th August** 2.30-4pm. Do join us for conversation and Fellowship. *Info Marion 733921 Margaret 733185.*

***Coffee at St John's:*** Due to the well earned retirement of some stalwarts of the coffee team we are urgently in need of some new helpers to make tea/coffee after the 9.30am service. We are a friendly and flexible team. The commitment is once every other month. *Please speak to Karen Beecher, telephone 732063.*

***Confirmation course:*** There are three people interested in being confirmed and so a small confirmation group will be taking place during the autumn. We will explore the basics of the Christian faith and then what it means to be confirmed. There will be plenty of space for your questions! It is likely to take place on six evenings during the autumn term.

*Do please let Julia or Tasha know if you are interested.*

***Summer Fun 2019:*** You are invited to come to the performance of The Blue Crystal bring presented by the young people of Summer Fun on **Friday 30th August** at 6.00pm in St John's Church. It will last approximately one hour and you do not need a ticket. Do come along to see the culmination of 3 days fun and activities and also to support all involved in this project.

*Any further information from Rosie Waring Green 07891120662.*

***Service changes:*** Please note that due to Summer Fun there will be NO Celtic Prayer on Wednesday August 28th and that the service on Friday August 30th will begin at 9.30am.

### ***Announcing Two Saturday morning workshops...***

***... of contemporary music for worship on Saturday 14th September and Saturday 28th September*** 9.30-12.30 in St John's church for musicians of any stage, instrument and ability. We hope to discover new, young talent and new instruments, as well as established ones, to supplement our groups on Second Sunday morning and 4th Sunday evening (no-one is obliged to join a group). Just come and play and enjoy music and modern worship. Led by Steve Abley who taught music long ago at Perins.

*Steve will also be leading the music for our three 'Encounter' services September 22nd, October 20th and November 24th.*

*(Please see next page for details of this)*

## **FOURTH SUNDAY NEWS!**

### **You helped us review our Fourth Sunday Service.**

From September 22nd onwards, the 4th Sunday morning at St John's will be the same as the 1st and 3rd ie 9.30am Parish Communion with choir. For Sep, Oct and Nov on the 4th Sunday we will have two new gatherings!

**5-6pm It's 'TEATIME CHURCH'** - ALL ARE WELCOME at this family-friendly gathering whether 9 months or 90 years!  
It will have a feel like the Mothering Sunday Breakfast.

**6pm 'ENCOUNTER'** for those who wish to encounter God through contemporary Worship and His Word.

*A summary below from Julia explains why NEW THINGS ARE PLANNED!*

- It was felt that fourth Sunday communion was neither traditional enough for some nor modern enough for others, so neither felt well served.
- We have struggled to recruit a team to run Junior Church other than the parents at whom the service was aimed, and music became a strain once Chris Kipling had left.
- Young families say they can only commit to one Sunday morning per month and have been choosing Second Sunday more.
- Young families are less wedded to a Sunday morning slot than those who prefer traditional communions so activity for families is probably best at other times or days.
- The service was felt by some to be too long, whereas Second Sunday is shorter.
- Several children like Second Sunday as they stay in with their parents.
- Tasha now priested is able to preside in a morning rather than be running children's groups.
- Having three traditional communions per month means that the more traditional folk were happier to embrace one a month that is more informal and child friendly (Second Sunday).
- It is a far easier pattern for leaders and congregation to have only one different type of 9.30am service.
- Tasha and I believe that family focussed worship and more contemporary worship would have more freedom by moving to an evening / teatime.
- It is hoped that having a family focussed gathering at a teatime will mean that there will be greater willingness to help with children's activities if volunteers aren't missing a service themselves.

#### **Please direct:**

- ▶ **Material for notices: email to [notices@stjohnsalresford.org.uk](mailto:notices@stjohnsalresford.org.uk)  
Deadline: 3pm Thursday.**
- ▶ **Information about those in hospital to Sue Greenway 732406 or Patricia Todd 738408.**
- ▶ **Information for Intercessions to the churchwardens.**

## ***Collects & Readings for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity***

### **Collect**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



### **First Reading: Isaiah 1.1,10-20**

*To be announced as a Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom!  
Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD;  
I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.  
When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more;  
bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation –  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.  
Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.  
When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.  
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,

learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.  
Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.  
If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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



### **Psalm 50.1-8,23,24**



### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16**

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

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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



**GOSPEL: Luke 12.32-40**

*When the Gospel is announced we respond with:*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

*At the conclusion of the Gospel the reader says:*

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

*The response is: **Praise to you, O Christ***



**Post Communion**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
    be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
    be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
    shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
    be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever. **Amen**

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## ***For Prayer***

**Home:** Ruth Page, Pearl Page, Jilly Cowling, Sarah Wilding, Jack Hamilton.

**Those receiving on-going care:** Winifred Ottley, Ian Voak.

**Those in Nursing and Rest Homes:** Alison Denny, Florence and Alan Jordan, Meg Read, Ann Bravery, Meryl Vaughan, Brenda Lowe, Jill Read, Pam Hatch, Molly Cook, Monica Dawe, Joan White, Bea Nicholls, Marguerite Turner.

**Home Communicants:** Jill Francis, Peter Petheram, Sylvia Percival, Hazel Gibbons, Margaret Underwood, Meg Russell, Michael and Joan Johnson; and those who attend worship at Bailey House, Grange Road, Ellingham Close and Old Alresford Cottage.

**R.I.P.** George Watson, Jude.

### ***Please pray for:***

**The situation in Syria**, where NATO allies are holding crucial talks to try to establish a safe zone in the North East of the country.

**Farmers and businesses** who are anxious about their future in these times of uncertainty.

**Those families under increased financial pressure** because of the school holidays, and for those businesses and agencies trying to help the situation.

Please pray for the **spiritual growth and safety of all the young people and their leaders** going to **Soul Survivor at Peterborough** from 17th - 22nd August.

**As Boomtown continues**, pray for the continued happiness of all involved. In the light of the absence this year of the facility to test drugs, pray especially for the **safety all the young people** who do take drugs.

The **families of those killed and injured in the shootings** in the USA.

The **police officer injured in a machete attack in London**, and for all police officers daily at risk in the performance of their duties.

For **Shanthigramam village in Tamil Nadu**, where elderly people severely damaged by leprosy are able to live and be cared for. For the residents and those who support them, and for **Valsa Augustine**, the clinical psychologist responsible for referring people there.