

Arle Valley  
Benefice

# The Arle Valley Benefice

New Alresford, Old Alresford  
Bighton, & Ovington

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Benefice Profile







# Welcome to our Benefice

Thank you for considering The Arle Valley Benefice as a place where God may be calling you to serve in the next stage of your ministry.

We hope that in the pages of this Benefice Profile you will discover what underpins the life of our churches and our town and villages, and how God provides so generously in all we do.

This is a truly exciting opportunity for an inspirational, experienced and reflective priest to join us in the joy of what God is already doing here in The Arle Valley Benefice; to help us fulfil our vision in ever deeper ways; and take us forward with a clear direction, pioneering new strategies for growing our churches.

Of course, we are far from perfect, but many good things are already in place, and at our heart is a genuine desire to work alongside you to build up the community of faith, sharing the transforming love of God with the people we are called to serve.

Could you be the one to help us realise this vision, and to inspire us with joy and energy as you lead us in faith and mission here in New Alresford, Old Alresford, Ovington and Bighton?



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# Welcome to the Winchester Diocese

Thank you for your interest in coming to minister here in this Diocese.

We serve a whole range of diverse communities, from the historic city of Winchester with our glorious Cathedral, to the great port city of Southampton, the burgeoning boroughs of Basingstoke, Bournemouth, and Christchurch, thriving market towns such as Andover, Alton, Alresford and Romsey, and innumerable picture-perfect Hampshire villages. In all that there is much wealth – but there is also significant deprivation too, especially in our large urban conurbations where our churches are supporting some of the diocese's poorest communities.

In every context, we are committed to the making the love and life of Jesus Christ known, through our churches, schools, and chaplaincies in a way that makes a tangible difference to those communities and their people. We do that through our common commitment to 'Walking the Wessex Way': in Winchester's past we find a rich heritage of serving, learning, growing and loving which inspires us for the future.

In many ways the Diocese of Winchester is in transition, as is the world around us. In parish ministry we seek people who are aware of the challenges that we face, but who are motivated above all by faith, hope and love in addressing them. We welcome those who are committed to help God's church to be the very best it can be, in the power of the Spirit, releasing all God's people into the mission and ministry to which they are called. And we recognise, too, our need to develop in diversity.

We are excited by the opportunities before us, and warmly invite applications from those who want to join us in addressing them.

With the assurance of my prayers as you seek God's best next step for you,

+ Philip de Valley Benefice 2025



The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen  
The Bishop of Winchester







Revd David Chattell  
Area Dean of Alresford and Alton



## Welcome to the Alresford Deanery

Close to the historic Cathedral city of Winchester we are a very rural deanery of five benefices and twenty-six churches with a rich diversity of tradition set in a large area of beautiful Hampshire countryside bordering Basingstoke to its North East and Winchester to the West.

We have a mix of stipendiary clergy, Focal Ministers, Licensed Lay Ministers and Licensed Lay Worship Leaders.

Recently Alresford Deanery has agreed to be in partnership with its neighbouring Alton Deanery, being held in plurality. We are now holding joint chapter meetings and Deanery Synods working towards common vision and strategy.

Arle Valley currently has three Focal Ministers who are commissioned to serve in their local communities.

There are currently warm conversations between representatives of Arle Valley Benefice and Parish of the Itchen Valley exploring ways of working more closely together that facilitate stronger ministry to schools and families as well as thinking about shared services. Discussions are wide ranging with the desired outcome that priests and all lay people involved in ministry might, through greater collaboration, better serve their respective communities and churches.

I believe this is an exciting time to be joining us in a strong focussed team.

The Reverend David Chattell

Area Dean of Alresford  
Area Dean of Alton



# The Arle Valley Benefice

The Arle Valley Benefice brings together four unified and vibrant churches: St. John the Baptist Church in the market town of New Alresford, St. Mary the Virgin in the village of Old Alresford, All Saints Church in Bighton and the Parish of Ovington (St. Peter's) and Itchen Stoke. St. Mary's Church in Itchen Stoke is now cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust.

We aim to be intergenerational churches at the heart of our communities in which everyone can flourish, and where people can discover the extravagant love of God.

We are a church family that is made up of people from very different and varied church backgrounds. We try hard to make new people feel welcome, and to care for one another with love and kindness. We don't always get things right and we don't have all the answers, but we do try to be faithful Christians, living lives in our local community that reflect the teachings of Jesus.

Sunday mornings begin with a warm welcome and an invitation to join us in celebrating the good news about Jesus Christ. Our worship is varied to meet the needs of our village communities and encompasses traditional and contemporary worship.

Our churches are often used for concerts, fundraising and social events where we love to welcome our communities.

All parishes contribute to the Benefice Office which supports us all with benefice administration.

Each church has its own identity and tradition but whatever the mode of worship, we expect God to meet with us and speak to us.







## Our Vision

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen*  
*2 Corinthians 4:18*

# The Benefice - Growing in Faith, Growing New Life in Christ

## Our Vision

Rooted in God  
Inspiring Community  
Engaging Through Love

We seek to be a welcoming, thriving and growing Christian family, working to discern God's vision for us whilst witnessing to, and living out, Christ's message in our community with a relevance that resonates in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The priorities we have for our Vision are:

- To be a church that listens to God and has prayer at the heart of all we do
- To faithfully teach the Bible as the word of God
- To grow a range of services across the Benefice that will enable people from all backgrounds and ages to see what a life in Christ can bring
- To develop further a 'not just Sundays' approach to the activities and services we provide by building relationships across our communities
- To enhance a mission-led approach to work in the parishes ensuring our Gospel message is clear and strong
- To minister to all members of our congregation meeting them at their point of need

- To increase the number of children, younger people and families in our churches
- To help the parishes continue their growth together as a benefice enabling the effective sharing and development of resources
- To encourage people with a calling to lay ministry
- To nurture the growth of pastoral care in each parish
- To increase our digital media presence across the benefice enabling more people to engage with the Church and its mission to spread the Gospel of Christ.
- To explore closer working together across neighbouring benefices, particularly for clergy and ministry teams for mutual support and the sharing of resources.







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God  
we  
trust

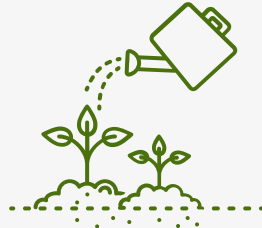
Who we're looking for

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually  
1 Chronicles 16:11

# We're looking for a rector who will...



...be called by God to this place,  
being bold and imaginative to  
inspire us in our relationship with Him



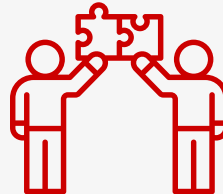
...challenge and encourage us,  
harnessing and underpinning our  
energy, enthusiasm and creativity  
to grow our living faith



..relate relevantly and  
meaningfully to children,  
young people and families



...confidently lead us  
to be a church that grows  
deeper and wider in faith



...be a team player,  
willing to share and develop  
ideas with others showing  
resilience and leadership



...be open to developing  
new directions, enabling us  
to be sensitive and courageous





# What we can offer you..

- Welcoming and supportive congregations across four unique parishes - each one with its own character, challenges and joys
- Strong pastoral support provided by both the Ministry Team and the laity
- Churchwardens with a wide range of skills and knowledge with a willingness to be involved in all aspects of church life
- Four strong, experienced PCCs to support you
- A committed team of volunteers and lay leaders ready to be guided and empowered
- The resources of an excellent benefice administrator
- Each church is blessed with an organist
- Well maintained churches
- A real enthusiasm to support you in helping us become the church God is calling us to be.



***Loving God,  
you alone bring growth to your Church  
and transformation to our communities.  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions,  
and grace in living and telling your story.***

***Send us the leaders we need  
so our churches can grow  
in commitment to you, in numbers and diversity,  
and in partnership with our local communities  
in all that gives life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.***



## In our time of vacancy, we asked our parishioners what they would be looking for in a new incumbent

Has a strong personal relationship with Christ

Resilient and wise

Offers vibrant and challenging bible teaching

## From our younger parishioners!

Kind and caring with a good sense of humour

Creative and makes church fun!

Seen in the community and schools and have their own interests outside church







## Our People

*We your people are the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever*  
*Psalm 79:13*



# Our Team



**ROSIE WARING GREEN**  
Churchwarden - St. John's



**JAMES LEES**  
Churchwarden - St. John's



**ROGER PARSONS**  
Churchwarden - St. Mary's



**BOB ELLIS**  
Churchwarden - All Saints



**CHRIS JAMES**  
Churchwarden - All Saints



**Roger Harrison**  
Acting Churchwarden - St. Peter's





# Our Team



**IAN WARING GREEN**  
Focal Minister



**SUE ARMSTRONG**  
Focal Minister



**MINNA BRUCE**  
Focal Minister



**PETER COLQUHOUN**  
Licensed Lay Minister



**ANGELA PEEL**  
Licensed Lay Minister



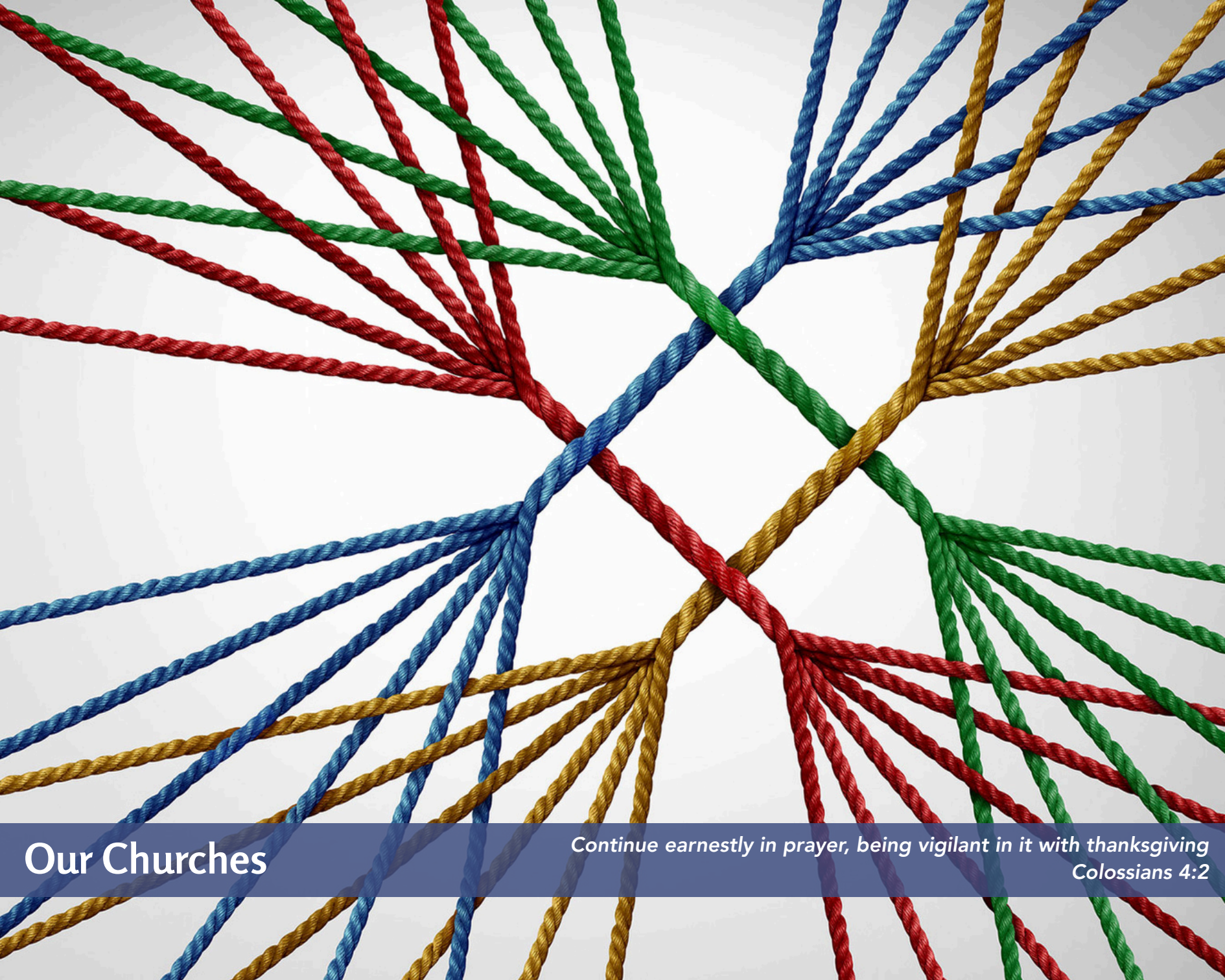
**CHARLOTTE RYTON**  
Licensed Lay Minister



**SUSAN ROBERTS**  
Licensed Lay Minister







# Our Churches

*Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving*  
Colossians 4:2



# St. John the Baptist, New Alresford

St. John's is a multi-generational church community in the heart of New Alresford where everyone receives a warm welcome. There is a mix of traditional and contemporary worship because we love the rich heritage of the church whilst seeking to be relevant to our ever-changing culture.

The four Licensed Lay Ministers give support and we have two worship leaders. There is a team of experienced pastoral visitors, including specialist bereavement and hospital teams. We belong to Churches Together in Alresford and there is an active fundraising charity associated with the church called the Friends of St. John's.

There are seven established home groups and we run an Alpha course regularly – this course has led to a number of baptisms and confirmations. We also run a variety of other groups and activities for all ages, which offer support, friendship and prayer.

St. John's has particularly close mission links in Zimbabwe as well as supporting Shanthigramam in India, and has connections with the Holy Land.

We have good links with the infant and junior schools. We host a weekly informal youth group Chill, Chat and Chomp, Monday Meet and Eat for primary aged children after school, and Chatterbox, a baby and toddlers' group.

The annual Crib service and Light Party are extremely popular with local children and families. We recognise that children and young people are the future of the church and to this end we are praying for, and seeking to appoint, a Benefice Children's and Families worker. As God leads us in this endeavour, we need to be faithful in prayer trusting that God will provide the solution that brings him glory and leads many people to Christ.



# A Church for Our Community

Our vision for the church building is that we share a partnership with the community – both contribute to the mission of the Church in Alresford.

St. John's is situated in the heart of Alresford, set back slightly from the main high street and accessed by a number of pedestrian paths. Every day people walk past the church on their way to the town or the heritage line railway station.

The large, open churchyard is maintained by volunteers, together with some paid help, and is a good resource for the town.

Prayer is at the centre of all our activities and we encourage the use of prayer through: Prayer Space, Lady Chapel, Prayer Table, Votive Candle Stand along with a Prayer Tree in the porch.

As we seek to offer friendship, hospitality and refuge to all, the building joins in with that mission: we are keen that the building realises its potential for welcoming flexibility and openness, without losing its precious heritage.

## THE JOHN PEARSON HALL

Our open and welcoming large hall is in regular use by church and community groups.

## CREATION CARE

Our enthusiastic Creation Care Team has guided the church to achieve Bronze award status and we are currently working towards Silver level. We recognise that this is an ongoing process and acknowledge that there are great benefits raising the profile of eco-church within the wider town community.





# New Alresford

## THE TOWN

New Alresford is a picturesque market town midway between Winchester and Alton. There is an exceptional number of clubs, societies, coffee shops and pubs which contribute to a very lively community atmosphere, and St. John's church is situated at its heart. There is a thriving weekly market, and a small amount of light industry which provides local employment.

Alresford is a focus for the many pilgrims who pass on their pilgrimage from Winchester to Canterbury or on the Camino Way to Santiago Compostella.

It is also known as the UK's capital of watercress farming and as the home of the Mid-Hants Steam Railway – the Watercress Line.

The annual Watercress Festival attracts in excess of 15,000 visitors, many of whom return to enjoy the beautiful surrounding countryside and river walks.

With the population currently at about 6,000, housing is varied and includes some social provision as well as sheltered housing and a new retirement complex.

In addition, there is a development of some 300 new houses currently under construction.

## SCHOOLS

### INFANT AND JUNIORS

Sun Hill Infant and Preschool and the Sun Hill Junior School are very active and enjoy a strong relationship with the wider community.

### SECONDARY

Perins School is part of the "Seven Alresford Schools" group and uses feeder schools to help define its catchment area, including Sun Hill Infant and Preschool, Sun Hill Junior School, Cheriton Primary School, Ropley Primary School, Preston Candover Primary School, and Four Marks Primary School.



# St. Mary the Virgin, Old Alresford

St. Mary's is a friendly and welcoming congregation and there is a committed PCC of 9 members, including the Focal Minister and the Churchwarden.

Many visit the church because it is the birthplace of the Mothers' Union. Mary Sumner, its founder, was the wife of the Rector at St. Mary's from 1850 – 1885. In 2015, the south transept, together with a new window, were dedicated to her memory. An annual service to celebrate her life is held in August.

Currently, we are nearing the end of raising funds to install a small kitchen servery and disabled access toilet in the church. All the necessary permissions have been obtained and it is hoped this work will start in the near future. This will, we hope, make the church much more flexible in the way it can be used, for both church and other local events.

There is a keen team of bellringers who practice weekly and ring on two Sundays each month as well as on other occasions.

Old Alresford Cottage is a care home situated close to the church. The Focal Minister, usually assisted by a member of the congregation, holds a short service there each month.

It's our aim, going forward, to provide more opportunities for all in the community to learn more about our faith, whether through coming to services or attending a group run here or elsewhere in the benefice.





# A Church for Our Community

St. Mary's is open every day and attracts many visitors throughout the year. It is on the Camino Way from Reading to Southampton and pilgrims who call in to the church are invited to help themselves to refreshment.

A recently introduced bookstall in the church porch is proving very popular and brings in welcome funds.

A monthly coffee morning for all ages is run by a team from St. Mary's in the village hall. This is a well-attended and lively occasion, attracting those who don't have a direct contact with St. Mary's, as well as those who do.

## OUR VILLAGE

The rural village of Old Alresford lies in the countryside one mile north of New Alresford.

Together with its eight surrounding hamlets it has a population of c. 600 including some 60 children. Most residents, mainly professionals, travel further afield for their work.

The village hall is very well-used for many activities, including TOADS, (the popular amateur dramatic society), annual pantomime and other productions.

A weekly post office is held in the village hall, as well as other regular classes and group meetings.

The adjoining village green is the site of the annual village fair and fireworks display.





# The Parish of Ovington and Itchen Stoke

St. Peter's is a small but committed congregation and with the support of focal and lay ministers hold two to three services a month.

St. Peter's first started hosting 'Cafe Church' nine years ago and these services have now become part of the intrinsic nature of what we offer at St. Peter's. It brings to the community a wonderful opportunity to enter the church to enjoy a coffee and a chat, before we then join together, very informally, to consider and discuss a theme or a word or an idea.

This style of 'worship' has brought about a considerable feeling of fellowship. We learn from each other's experiences, and about each other's faith. We are often challenged to reflect and contemplate on this, resulting in a spiritual growth. We share and engage with each other in a way that isn't possible with liturgy. This allows us to become vulnerable with each other and that therefore cultivates an intimacy, providing a deeper sense of community.

A fabric fund is maintained which has financed major restorations in recent years. We have considered a conversion of 25% of pew space to an open plan meeting area for other users of the church, but this type of development would require a much higher level of fundraising.

**Itchen Stoke** has St. Mary's Church which is now cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust and kept open for visitors. Occasional services are held by the Arle Valley Benefice by candlelight only, since this church has no electricity or water or toilet installation.



St. Peter's, Ovington



St. Mary's, Itchen Stoke





# A Church for Our Community

The villages of Ovington and Itchen Stoke are situated just under 2 miles west from the centre of New Alresford lie either side of the River Itchen, well known to anglers and surrounded by farm land and water meadows with pleasant walks, all within the South Downs National Park. The population of the two villages together with outlying farmhouses and hamlets is around 300.

As a social centre, apart from the Bush pub, St. Peter's is the only place or reason for community involvement. Church events play an important role in bringing the community together and provide an opportunity to fundraise for the parish.

There is an annual cricket match against a team from St. John's, and other events include the village fete, carol singing on Christmas Eve around the village ending up in the pub, concerts, safari suppers, bridge drives, lectures etc.

We are looking at holding different events in the church that will welcome non-regular church goers. The PCC is motivated to keep an active church for future generations.





# All Saints Church, Brighton

All Saints Church is of Norman construction and is well-maintained thanks to generous residents who hold it in high esteem.

At All Saints we are fortunate in being part of a diocesan Focal Ministry scheme which has proved to be a great success and is much appreciated by the Parishioners.

Normally the congregation at our Sunday morning service averages around 15, with 50+ on special occasions and at festivals.

Our need is for the new Incumbent to work with the Focal Minister particularly on outreach, and to continue to provide in our church monthly Holy Communion.

The Church Electoral Roll stands at 30. There is a strong and active PCC which currently meets 4/5 times a year.

We have a Diocesan Parish Mission Action Plan (pMap) in place to help us focus on the following objectives:

- To include and involve current church members in events, and to reach out to the whole community across all ages.
- To increase participation in and support for regular worship

These objectives are in line with our aim to grow the kingdom of Jesus Christ in scope and depth in our parish.





# A Church for Our Community

Situated some 3 miles north-east of Alresford, the parish comprises the villages of Bighton and the neighbouring settlement of Gundleton totalling about 140 households.

The most popular church and community activities are:

- Mothering Sunday service involving children in various ways;
- Easter Day service (with an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard!);
- Harvest Thanksgiving and Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall;
- Remembrance Sunday is always very well attended;
- On Advent Sunday there is an open invitation to activities with tea and cake in the village hall – “real Advent Calendars” are distributed to every family in the parish;
- Mid-December Carol Service;
- Christmas Midnight Communion.

We are in the process of developing and assembling a welcome pack for newcomers to our community.

A village WhatsApp group helps to maintain support for those who need help with transport and other village issues.

Alongside the Church, other community facilities are the Village Hall and the well-regarded pub, The Three Horseshoes.

Our local monthly community magazine, the 'Big Gun News' is distributed to every household in the Parish giving details of local events and activities.

The biggest event in the community calendar is the Annual Fete, held in early September, with a wide variety of activities and events; the money raised is divided equally between the Church and the Village Hall.







## Our Organisation & Communications

*But all things should be done decently and in order  
1 Corinthians 14:40*



# Our Organisation

## GOVERNANCE

Each of the four Benefice Churches benefit from a PCC. They are able to listen to the needs of their Parish and provide support to the incumbent and Focal Ministers concerning how those needs can be met. All the PCC's meet regularly to discuss matters relating to God's mission, services, and practical issues such as building maintenance. Some have sub-committees dealing with particular areas such as Fabric or Health and Safety.

Parishes have church wardens who lead the day-to-day management of church life, in conjunction with the incumbent and where available a Focal Minister. All church wardens meet regularly with Ministers as a group, to consider Benefice/Parish requirements including joint services and how they are conducted.

Each PCC has a designated post as Treasurer and Secretary, although there are vacancies at present.

All the PCCs have access to the Benefice Administrator who works 22.5 hours a week.

All four Church buildings are well looked after and benefit from people in each parish that care about them. These are a mix of people that attend services regularly and those that do not.

	Electoral Roll	Worshipping Community
St. John's, New Alresford	156	147
St Mary's, Old Alresford	39	23
All Saints, Bighton	30	21
St Peter's, Ovington	24	9

## SAFEGUARDING

**Safeguarding is an integral part of the life and ministry of the church. We are committed to maintaining environments that are safe for all children, young people and adults and to creating nurturing, caring conditions within our church. Our policy complies with Diocesan requirements including necessary training and appropriate DBS checks.**

**We have two Benefice Safeguarding Officers. We regularly ensure that the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard is kept up-to-date and all the actions are taken very seriously.**



# Communication

## OUR WEBSITE [arlevalleychurches.org.uk](http://arlevalleychurches.org.uk)

The Arle Valley Churches website is our single most important communication tool, serving to provide an initial point of contact to anyone reaching out to us for the first time. We strive through the design and content to convey a warm welcome to everyone in the wider community and to provide a readily available source of regularly updated information.

It is a fact that just over 90% of people seeking information initially do so online. Having information helps to extend an open invitation to prospective congregation members. It provides an insight into what type of ministry they will experience, as well as a sense of community, welcome and support.

So, before even taking the tentative steps of turning up in person, it can hopefully answer the question 'Is this the type of church I would want to belong to?' Those first impressions are so important.

We seek to ensure that our website continues to grow and develop for the benefit of our communities and mission to spreading the word of God.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

We post news of our parishes as well as reposting from other Christian sources regularly. Social media complements our website presence and shows that the churches of the Arle Valley Benefice are welcoming, lively and caring at the heart of our communities.

We currently have 695 followers on our [Facebook page](#). Our [Instagram page](#) is new and we are excited about this.

## YOUTUBE

### The Arle Valley Benefice

[www.youtube.com/@thearlevalleybenefice5720/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@thearlevalleybenefice5720/streams)

Our livestream services have also been reaching people that perhaps would not typically come to church. On average, we have around 36 views of each service, helping people feel connected, included and up-to-date with church life.

## PARISH MAGAZINE

'[The Arle Valley Voice](#)' is our A4 benefice magazine published monthly. The content is engaging and welcoming and designed to give a sense of the vibrancy of our busy churches.

It is a handy publication with news, events, a calendar, and local advertising available to congregation, local community and those who visit the church or do not have internet access. The current issue is also available to view or download from the 'Community and Outreach' section of the website.







## Our Church Life

*Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation*  
*Mark 16:15*

# Discipleship and Faith Development

## Bible Study/Lent & Advent Groups/Home Groups

Small groups of people meet in fellowship to study the bible and pray together. These groups usually gather in one of the members' homes and also enjoy refreshments together. Lent Groups are usually organised by Churches Together in Alresford which gives an opportunity for wider discussions outside our usual congregations.

We are always looking for innovative ways to engage with those who are not currently involved in church and encourage those who are curious to explore their faith. Our fourth Sunday service, Celtic Service of the Word along with our Alpha Courses have been particularly successful in welcoming new people to St. John's.



## Alpha Courses

We love running Alpha courses! Our last Alpha course was in summer 2025 and we had 14 participants (not just for the food!)



Have a look at some fantastic comments we have received about the Alpha course:

*'I found it to be inspiring and stimulating.'*

*It has certainly changed my way of thinking and feeling'*

*'I loved the comradeship with others and making new friends.'*

*'I was able to ask questions and learn so much.'*

*'It helped me to connect to my faith spiritually.'*

## Care in the Community

It is an essential part of our church mission to reach out to and support our local communities. In our aim to be a visible Christian presence in the town and villages, we run numerous events and groups and offer pastoral care to anyone in need.

## Supported Housing, Care and Retirement Homes

As part of our pastoral care and community outreach, our small, mostly lay-led ministry team visit Bailey House, Ellingham Close and Old Alresford Cottage once a month and offer a short communion service with hymns, a reading and short talk. They also take a monthly Home Communion out to those who are housebound.

Everyone is encouraged to join in the service and hymns and share their thoughts on the message of the readings and talk, or just to have a good old chat at the end of the service.





# Children, Young People and Families

## BREAKFAST CHURCH

On the second Sunday of the month, our 9:30am service is a more informal service that is designed to appeal to all ages but has a specific focus on those with young families.

The service lasts about 40-50 minutes and has three hymns which are accompanied by our Music Group. There is a relaxed beginning to Breakfast Church with the opportunity to have tea, coffee and tasty food!

## CHATTERBOX

For 0 – 4s, every Thursday from 10 – 11am. Currently attended by about 12 families (children and their parents or carers). Drinks and snacks served. We finish by singing together before we say goodbye.

## CHILL, CHAT AND CHOMP

This discipleship group of about eight young people meets on Wednesday evenings at 5pm in the West Room in St. John's. It is a place for young people to have fun and explore their Christian faith.

## FAMILIES @ 4

We gather together on the 1st Sunday of every month at St. John's for some shared time to chat and relax while the children have a chance to roam, play and explore.

Families enjoy fun interactive storytelling, songs, a great craft session and a cuppa. Currently we have babies and toddlers to teens and everyone in between.

## MONDAY MEET AND EAT

Families with primary school children and under join the fun in St. John's. Churches Together in Alresford and local charities have been supporting the Monday Meet and Eat initiative for two years and we are now hosting ten families and providing a hot meal and great fellowship.

## OLD ALRESFORD MONDAYS AT 10.00

Toys for toddlers and a chance for families and locals to meet up at the Christy Hall. Organised by St. Mary's Church.



# Our Activities



Bellringers



Flower Teams



Churchyard Teams



Coffee Rotas



Cleaners



Catering



Tech Team



Prayer Team





# Serving our Communities



**Alresford Watercress  
Festival Café**



**A Gift From  
St. John's**



**Mothers' Union**



**Coffee, Cake  
and Chat**



**Sunday Solos**



**Pastoral Visiting &  
Bereavement Support**



**Befriend the End**



**Looking Forward**



**Men's Supper Club**



**Old Alresford Mondays  
at 10.00**







**The Rectory**

*For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything  
Hebrews 3:4*



# The Rectory

Built in the 1990s, the Rectory is a large traditional brick built detached house, approximately a quarter of a mile from the town centre of New Alresford. Located on a quiet residential lane, the large driveway provides ample parking and easy access.

The Rectory's position provides adequate privacy whilst the property benefits from excellent proximity to the countryside and rural surroundings nearby.

The property is in easy walking distance to the very sought after market town of Alresford, with a range of shops and local amenities.

- 4 bedrooms (3 doubles and 1 single)
- Light and spacious lounge
- Dining room
- Modern refurbished kitchen/breakfast room
- Study with dual access from entrance porch and hall
- Utility room
- Large secluded garden
- Separate two car garage



# Floorplan

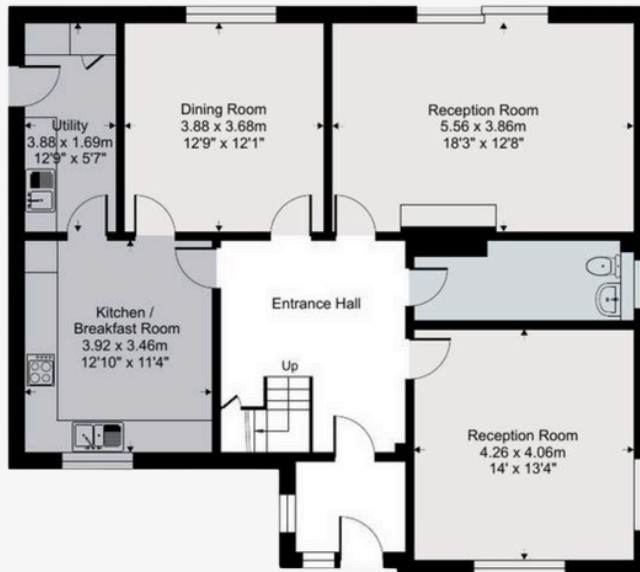
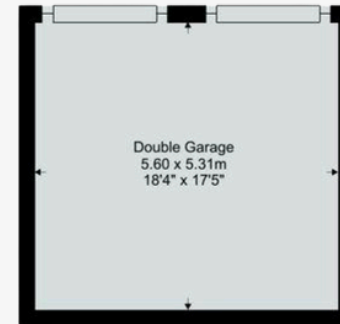
## Jacklyns Lane, Alresford, SO24 9LF

Approximate Area = 2179 sq ft / 202.4 sq m

Garage = 320 sq ft / 29.7 sq m

Total = 2499 sq ft / 232.1 sq m

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Floor plan produced in accordance with RICS Property Measurement 2nd Edition, incorporating International Property Measurement Standards (IPMS2 Residential) © nichecom 2025 Produced for Savills (UK) Limited REF: 1376762







## Our Worship

*For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise  
1 Chronicles 16:25*



## ST. JOHN'S

9.30am Parish Communion  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

9.30am Breakfast Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

6pm Sundays at Six  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

9.30am Celtic Service of the Word  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

10am Midweek Communion  
Wednesdays

## ST. MARY'S

11am Village Family Praise  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays

9.30am Morning Praise  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

11am Parish Communion (CW)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

9.30am Parish Communion (BCP)  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## ST. PETER'S

11am Café Church  
(every other month)  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays

11am Parish Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

10am Morning Praise  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

## Regular Pattern of Services

**We need you!**

We know there is an opportunity for growth of these services and to ensure everyone's needs and worship styles are catered for.

## ALL SAINTS

11am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

11am Morning Prayer (CW)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

11am Parish Communion  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

**Benefice Service**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
(alternating churches)



## **PATRONAL FESTIVALS**

Eucharist, afternoon tea and Songs of Praise

## **HARVEST SERVICES**

Thanksgiving Services

## **ADVENT COMPLINE**

Weekday evenings

## **CHRISTINGLE**

Celebration service during Families @ 4pm

## **CAROL SINGING IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

Taking Christmas cheer to others

## **SCHOOL CAROL SERVICES**

Two performances for Infants and Juniors

## **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES**

Services in our four churches

## **SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE**

A simple and reflective service

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES**

BCP Communion

Poignant services across the benefice

## **PRAYERS AROUND THE TREE OF REMEMBRANCE**

Opportunity to remember those no longer with us



## **CRIB SERVICE**

Christmas Eve telling of the Christmas Story

## **FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS**

First Eucharist of Christmas

## **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**

BCP Holy Communion

Christmas Day Family Communion

## **LENT PROGRAMME**

Various services and events

## **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Family services

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Communion service, foot washing and vigil

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

Church Together Walk of Witness

An Hour at the Cross

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

BCP Communion

All Age Communion

## **EASTER MONDAY**

Churches Together Easter Walk



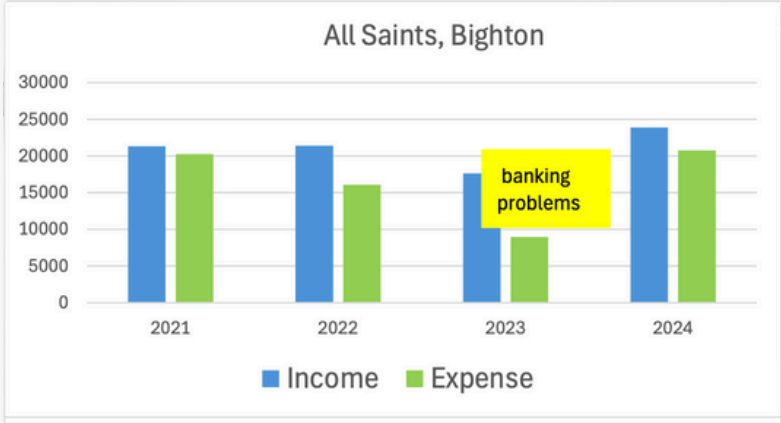
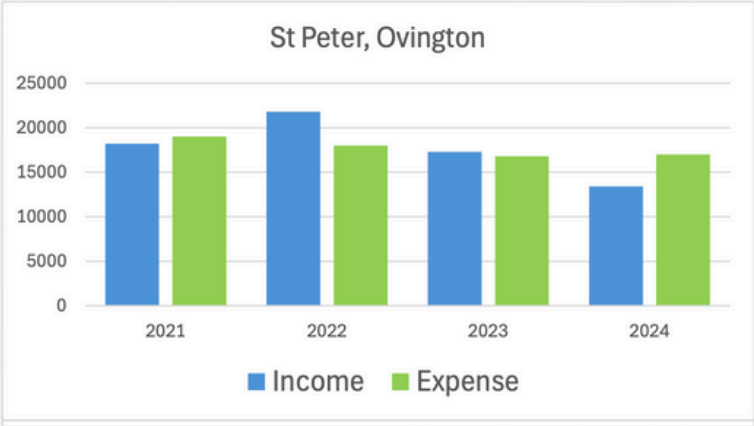
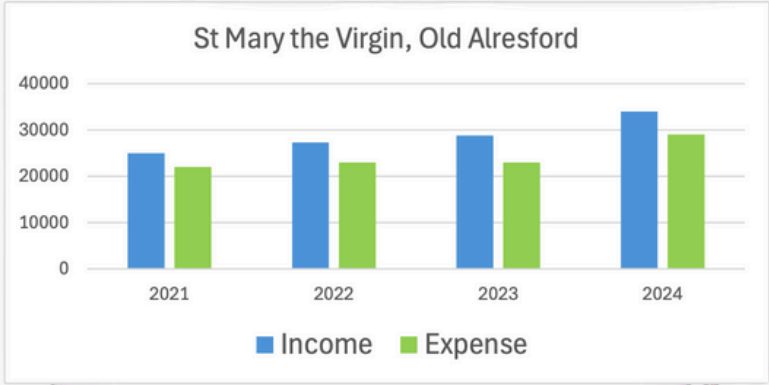
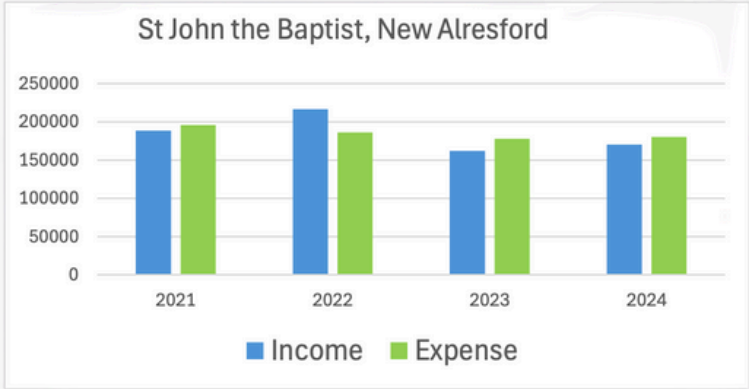


# Finance

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others*  
*1 Peter 4:10*



Unrestricted Income and Expenditure

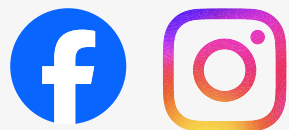


# The Arle Valley Benefice

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

## BENEFICE OFFICE ADDRESS

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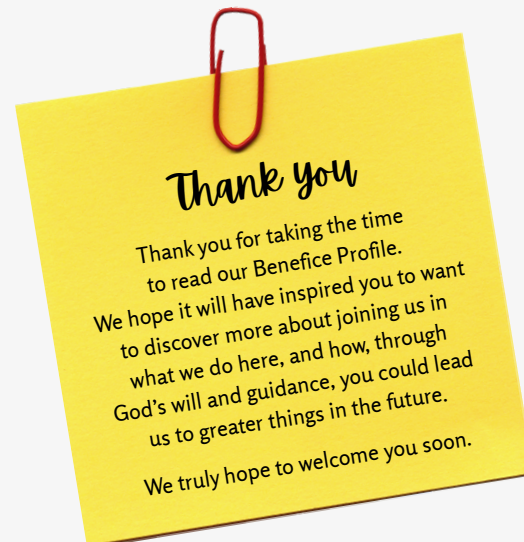
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