

RAY GILES

Many in the village and indeed those with connections to Alresford will appreciate the wonderful setting that offers all those who visit St Peter's an experience of connection with their loved ones or a place to just enjoy peace. St Peter's Church and Churchyard never fail to leave an impression on all visitors where the history, a place to pay respect to those departed, to take in the rural beauty or on occasion to meet and talk to others who are visiting.



The ruins and churchyard have, over the past 33 years, been lovingly attended and maintained by Ray Giles. Many will have met Ray over these years and would have not only enjoyed a word or two in general conversation but on occasion would have benefited from Ray's pastoral care that results from his deep-rooted faith.

Ray has now decided to retire from this labour of love and we, on behalf of Alresford, would like to pay tribute and offer gratitude to Ray for his services to the people of our village.

St Andrew's Church is now looking for help to carry on the work that Ray has done, and we are looking for volunteers. The work required is generally grass cutting, strimming in the more delicate areas, keeping a general standard of order with respect to tidiness in and around the graves and occasionally pruning of shrubs and trees.

Whether it is Winter, Spring, Summer or Autumn this is a truly wonderful place to spend one or two hours just pottering and **if you think you would like to be involved or would like to know more then please contact one of the Church Wardens; Wendy Wilson 01206 825040 or Lyn Bull 01206 827146**