The Stratfield Mortimer Benefice
of
St Saviour Mortimer West End | St Mary and St John Stratfield Mortimer | St John the Baptist Padworth

St Mary's Church of England School | St John's Church of England School

Diocese of Oxford

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Our vocation as individuals and together as the Body of Christ is:
to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul and with all our strength;
and to love our neighbours as ourselves. (Mark 12.29-31)
Called to be Christ-like; contemplative, compassionate and courageous.

HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

BENEFICE DIARY 18TH – 25TH DECEMBER 2022

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter by email, please let us know by sending an email to admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk.

To be kept informed of our life and worship here, please complete one of the forms on our website – www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk
To maintain the life and worship of the Church in this community and to share and extend the love God has shown for us in Jesus Christ, the Church depends on the Christian giving and generous contributions of members and friends. To set up a regular payment by Standing Order, please see our website where full details are available. To make the most of your giving please use the Gift Aid scheme by placing your donation in one of the orange envelopes, adding your name and address or number or completing the Gift Aid form also available on the website. The Church can reclaim for its use the tax paid on the money given.

The Eucharist is offered daily at 9.15 am & Night Prayer each weekday at 9 pm & the Eucharist each Sunday at 10 am via Zoom. See below for link details.
Everyone is welcome to join with the clergy and to take part in these services. Details are also available on the website: www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions – please telephone The Vicar, Fr. Paul Chaplin 01189 331718.

Zoom link for services https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940

SUNDAY 18TH FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
2.00 p.m.	Choir Practice	St. Mary's, Mortimer
4.00 p.m.	**THE CAROL SERVICE**	**ST. MARY'S, MORTIMER**
	The Festival of Lessons and Carols	

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16 Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20
Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1.18-end

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED
Christa, Chris, Richard, Heather, Niamh, the Bowyer Family, Jenny, Gwen, Alan, Julia, Terry, Rita, Christopher, Catherine, James, Jay, Joanne, Lucas, Kay, Tom, David, James, Fiona, Pat, Julie, Grace, Alissia-Rose, Rosey, Sally, Brian, Gary, Charles, Susan, Mya, Rob, Sarah, Frances, Eddie, Shirley, Fr. Jonathan SSM, Clive, Andy and Sue, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Carol, Roger, Michelle, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Maureen, Steve, Mary, Joan, Jessica, Roger
WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
R.I.P. John Cregan

MONDAY 19TH

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	St. Mary's School Christmas Service	St. Mary's Church

TUESDAY 20TH

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
2.00 p.m.	Funeral for John Cregan	West Berkshire Crematorium

WEDNESDAY 21ST
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

THURSDAY 22ND
9.45 a.m. – 12 noon Advent Workshop St. John's, Mortimer

FRIDAY 23RD

SATURDAY 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00 p.m.	**Christingle Service**	**St. John's, Mortimer & Online**
4.00 p.m.	**Christingle Service**	**St. Saviour's, MWE**
5.00 p.m.	**Christingle Service**	**St. John's, Mortimer & Online**
11.30 p.m.	**Midnight Mass**	**St. John's, Mortimer & Online**

SUNDAY 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 a.m.	**Eucharist**	**St. John's, Padworth**
10.00 a.m.	**Sung Eucharist**	**St. John's, Mortimer & Online**

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more about Confirmation please contact Fr. Paul.

BENEFICE CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Sunday 18th December at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Church
The Carol Service – The Festival of Lessons & Carols
Please stay for mulled wine, juice & mince pies after the service
Monday 19th December at 10 a.m.
St. Mary's School Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church
Saturday 24th December
3 pm & 5 pm Christingle Services at St. John's, Mortimer
4 pm Christingle Service at St. Saviour's, MWE
11.30 pm Midnight Mass at St. John's, Mortimer
Christmas Day
9 a.m. Eucharist at St. John's, Padworth
10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St. John's, Mortimer

ADVENT WORKSHOP AT ST. JOHN'S, MORTIMER
THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER 9.45 AM – 12 NOON
Children are invited to participate in songs/carols & craft. To register telephone 01189 333704 or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE
St. John's, Mortimer at 3 pm & 5 pm and St. Saviour's, Mortimer West End at 4 pm. If you wish to attend, please ring 01189 333704 or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk
Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or ring 07955 626621 for collection
Urgently needed: tinned meat – ham/spam/corned beef, stuffing mix, gravy granules, sponge puddings (not chilled), toothbrushes (adult & child)
In short supply: tinned tomatoes, tinned custard, shaving foam, razors, long life uht milk, long life fruit juice, ketchup, tinned fruit, shampoo, household cleaning products, brown sauce, tinned fish

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING. Please donate regularly to support the Church's mission & work. The church here needs your help in order to serve our villages, our diocese, our nation & our world in the future. Please see www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk

Eternal Lights before the Blessed Sacrament burn to the Glory of God and this week
at St John the Evangelist, Mortimer – in thanksgiving for the life of Sidney Draper
at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Josie Jones
and at St Saviour's, Mortimer West End – in thanksgiving for the life of the Parish

Light a candle in Thanksgiving at Christmas
The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
John.1.5.