



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.

BENEFICE DIARY 23RD – 30TH JUNE 2024

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 23RD	FOURTH AFTER TRINITY	
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
1.30 p.m.	Haydn Choir rehearsal	St. John's, Mortimer
7.00 p.m.	Haydn Choir Summer Concert	St. John's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviour's, MWE

Readings for Fourth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 1 Samuel 17.57-18.5, 10-16 Psalm: 133
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Gospel: Mark 4.35-end

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Christa, Richard, Chris, Heather, Jenny, Julia, Rita, Catherine, James, Joanne, Fiona, Julie, Grace, Alissia-Rose, Rosey, Sally, Gary, Charles, Mya, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Jill, David, Mitchell, Colleen, The Bowyer Family, Anne

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Anthony Clulow, Jürgen Moltmann, Gwen Glover, Roger Spratt

MONDAY 24TH	Birth of John the Baptist	
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Quinquennial Inspection	St. John's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 25TH	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
9.15 a.m.		

WEDNESDAY 26TH Ember Day		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar attends Collective Worship	Schools
4.00 p.m.	Meeting	St. Mary's School

THURSDAY 27TH Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
7.45 p.m.	Deanery Synod	St. Mary's, Burghfield

FRIDAY 28TH Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith		
	Ember Day	
9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online

SATURDAY 29TH Peter and Paul, Apostles		
	Ember Day	

SUNDAY 30TH FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.30 a.m.	Marriage Preparation	St. John's, Mortimer
5.30 p.m.	Tea and Cake	St. John's, Padworth
6.30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Songs of Praise	St. John's, Padworth

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey, please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

BENEFICE PLANNER To avoid clashes, please send to the benefice office, all dates for services, rehearsals, meetings, events, work, etc., for the year ahead. admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 7 PM AT ST. JOHN'S MORTIMER Reading Haydn Choir present a Summer Concert of English Music. Tickets from rdghaydnchoir+tickets@gmail.com. See www.haydnchoir.org.uk for more details.

PADWORTH PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Everyone is warmly invited to join to give thanks at the beautiful parish church

Sunday 30th June

5.30pm Tea & Cake

6.30 pm Thanksgiving Songs of Praise

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY You are warmly invited to the Annual Vicarage Garden Party on Sunday 7th July from 3 to 5 pm. Cream Teas will be served. Admission & tea £3.00. Donations of cakes for tea, raffle & tombola prizes & plants for plant stall welcomed. Please speak to Lorna Jones or ring 01189 333136.

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

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK See www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk for full details of how & what to donate. Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or ring 07955 626621.

Urgently needed: cup-a-soup, tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, instant noodles, cereal bars, cereal, coffee

Short supply: tinned soup, pasta sauce, fruit squash

ETERNAL LIGHT at St. John's, Mortimer – if you would like to have the eternal light lit in memory of a loved one anytime throughout the year, please contact the office to book a date – each week £5.00.

Notices for inclusion in the newsletters should be submitted in writing/by email to the Benefice Office no later than the Wednesday of the week in which they are to appear.

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 Keith Lock

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Barbara Rose

and at St Saviour's, Mortimer West End – in thanksgiving for the life of the Parish