



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 24TH SEPTEMBER – 1ST OCTOBER 2023

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>

NOTICES

SUNDAY 24TH	SIXTEENTH AFTER TRINITY	
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer
11.30 a.m.	Wedding Preparation	St. John's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviour's, MWE

Readings for 16th Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 16.2-15 Psalm 105.1-6, 37-end
Second Reading: Philippians 1.21-end Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

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, Clive, Andy and Sue, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Carol, Roger, Michelle, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Maureen, Steve, Mary, Joan, Jessica, Roger, Sue, Dennis, David, Jill, Mary, Fr. Derek, Phil, Danny

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. John Englefield, Ken Hutt, Becky Ray

MONDAY 25TH *in honour of Lancelot Andrewes, bishop & Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith*
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online

TUESDAY 26TH *in honour of Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army*
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online

WEDNESDAY 27TH *in honour of Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists*
Ember Day
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m. Vicar attends Collective Worship Schools
5.00 p.m. Personnel & Pay meeting St. John's School

THURSDAY 28TH
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online

FRIDAY 29TH **Michael and All Angels**
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 30TH *in honour of Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith*

SUNDAY 1ST **SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY**
9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
5.30 p.m. Tea and Cake followed by
6.30 p.m. Harvest Songs of Praise St. John's, Padworth

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more about Confirmation please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

HARVEST IN THE BENEFICE

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER AT ST. JOHN'S, PADWORTH

5.30 pm Tea and Cake followed by
6.30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT ST. JOHN'S, MORTIMER

10 am Sung Eucharist at St. John's, Mortimer
12.30 pm Harvest Lunch at St. John's, Mortimer
Please sign the list at the back of the church, telephone 9333704 or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk if you would like to attend.

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, MWE

5.45 p.m. Tea and Cake
6.30 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving

BENEFICE PLANNER We try to complete the first draft of the Benefice Planner for year ahead at this time each year. Many dates for the period Advent '23 to Advent '24 have already been arranged. Please make sure you send to the office all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes. It would be helpful if dates for the remainder of this year could also be confirmed. Thank you. Email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

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 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.

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Please visit the Food Bank website for full details of how and what to donate.
Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or ring 07955 626621 for collection

Harvest appeal: instant mash, pasta sauce, instant coffee, tinned vegetables, tinned ham/corned beef, UHT milk, tinned custard/rice pudding, sugar 500gms/1Kg, razors male/female, sweet biscuits
Urgently needed: ambient sponge puddings, fruit juice, ketchup/mayo, UHT milk (blue), deodorant, baby food for 7 months +, baby food for 10 months +, baby food for 12 months +
Short supply: tinned fruit, tinned custard, biscuits, tinned meat meals, confectionary (sweets, chocolate, treats), baby/toddler fruit pouches, bleach, male or female razors

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 lives of

Bob Woods and Robert Woods

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Pat Bradshaw

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