



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 17TH – 24TH SEPTEMBER 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

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 pudding, fruit juice, ketchup/mayo, UHT milk - full cream, blue, deodorant, baby food for 7 months plus, baby food for 10 months plus, baby food for 12 months plus

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 life of the Parish
at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Grace Tremlett
and at St Saviour's, Mortimer West End – in thanksgiving for the life of the Parish*

SUNDAY 17TH

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| 9.00 a.m. | Eucharist | St. Saviour's, MWE |
| 10.00 a.m. | Sung Eucharist | St. John's, Mortimer |
| 11.45 p.m. | Holy Baptism | St. Mary's, Mortimer |
| 12.45 p.m. | Wedding Preparation & Wedding Rehearsal | |
| | | St. Saviour's, MWE |
| 5.00 p.m. | Padworth PCC meeting | St. John's, Padworth |
| 6.30 p.m. | Evensong (BCP) | St. John's, Padworth |

Readings for 15th Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 14.19-end Psalm 114
Second Reading: Romans 14.1-12 Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

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. Becky Ray

MONDAY 18TH

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| 9.15 a.m. | Eucharist | St. John's, Mortimer & Online |
| 6.00 p.m. | Vicar's meeting | St. John's, Mortimer |

TUESDAY 19TH in honour of Theodore, archbishop

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| 9.15 a.m. | Eucharist | St. John's, Mortimer & Online |
| 12 noon | Funeral for Becky Ray | St. Mary's, Mortimer |

WEDNESDAY 20TH in honour of John Coleridge Patteson, bishop

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| 9.15 a.m. | Eucharist | St. John's, Mortimer & Online |
| 10.00 a.m. | Vicar attends Collective Worship | Schools |
| 6.00 p.m. | Wedding Preparation | St. John's, Mortimer |
| 7.00 p.m. | Vicar's meeting | St. John's, Mortimer |

THURSDAY 21ST Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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| 9.15 a.m. | Eucharist | St. John's, Mortimer & Online |
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FRIDAY 22ND

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| 9.15 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Online |
| 12.15 p.m. | Wedding | St. Saviour's, MWE |

SATURDAY 23RD

SUNDAY 24TH SIXTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

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| 9.00 a.m. | Eucharist | St. John's, Padworth |
| 10.00 a.m. | Sung Eucharist | St. John's Mortimer & Online |
| 11.45 a.m. | Wedding Preparation | St. John's, Mortimer |
| 6.30 p.m. | Evensong (BCP) | St. John's, Padworth |