



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 1ST – 8TH 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>

SUNDAY 1ST

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer
5.30 p.m.	Tea and Cake followed by	
6.30 p.m.	Harvest Songs of Praise	St. John's, Padworth

SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

Readings for 17th Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16
Second Reading: Philippians 2.1-13 Gospel: Matthew 21.23-32

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

MONDAY 2ND

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
1.45 p.m.	St. Mary's School to visit church	St. Mary's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 3RD

in honour of George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
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WEDNESDAY 4TH

in honour of Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar's meeting	St. Mary's School
10.45 a.m.	St. John's School rehearsal	St. John's, Mortimer
6.00 p.m.	Marriage Preparation	St. John's, Mortimer

THURSDAY 5TH

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
1.35 p.m.	St. Mary's School to visit church	St. Mary's, Mortimer

FRIDAY 6TH

in honour of William Tyndale, translator, martyr

9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online
10.45 a.m.	St. John's School rehearsal	St. John's, Mortimer

SATURDAY 7TH

4.30 – 5.30 p.m.	Visiting bell ringers	St. John's Mortimer
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SUNDAY 8TH

EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Harvest Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
12.30 p.m.	Harvest Lunch	St. John's, Mortimer
5.45 p.m.	Tea and Cake followed by	
6.30 p.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving	St. Saviour's, MWE.

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more, 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

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MORTIMER

The Christmas Bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun

Donations We are looking for donations for stalls: handicrafts, bottles, toiletries, sweets, preserves, chocolate, items for the home & garden stall, raffle prizes etc. Cakes can be delivered the evening before/on the day. Donations of time & assistance are also very welcome.

Advertising We are looking for volunteers to deliver flyers advertising the bazaar nearer the time. If you can help, please contact the Benefice Office 01189 333 704. *Thank you. Churchwarden*

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, Mug Shots, baking powder, yeast, jelly pots, custard pots, nappies/nappy pants sizes 5,6,7,8

Short supply: tinned fruit, biscuits, tinned meat meals, confectionary (sweets, chocolate, treats), sugar

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