



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.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed! Happy Easter

BENEFICE DIARY 30TH APRIL – 7TH MAY 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>

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| SUNDAY 30TH | FOURTH OF EASTER | |
| 10.00 a.m. | Sung Eucharist | St. John's, Mortimer |
| 11.30 a.m. | Wedding Preparation | St. John's, Mortimer |

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| Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter | |
| First Reading: Acts 2.42-end | Psalm 23 |
| Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.19-end | Gospel: John 10.1-10 |

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
WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
R.I.P. Georgie Oxford, Peter Bevan

MONDAY 1ST *in honour of Philip and James, Apostles*
Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 2ND *in honour of Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith*
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

WEDNESDAY 3RD
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m. Vicar attends Collective Worship Schools
10.30 a.m. Vicar's meeting St. Mary's School
6.00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal St. Mary's, Mortimer

THURSDAY 4TH *in honour of English saints and martyrs of the Reformation era*
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

FRIDAY 5TH
SATURDAY 6TH
11.00 a.m. The Coronation of King Charles III

SUNDAY 7TH **FIFTH OF EASTER**
9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online
3.00 p.m. The Parish Service and Celebration of the Coronation St. John's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. John's, Padworth

NOTICES

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

BENEFICE PLANNER Please make sure all dates for services, meetings, events, etc., for the year ahead are in the planner to avoid clashes. Telephone the office or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III
As The King & Queen Consort prepare to solemnise the promises & commitments they make to the nations & people they represent, the Church will begin 28 days of prayer & spiritual preparation alongside them – praying with & for The King from Easter Day to the Coronation with the final week to be a national week of dedicated prayer to uphold and strengthen His Majesty the King & all the Royal Family. For free reflections, go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/coronation>

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
Urgently needed: long-life fruit juice, UHT long-life milk – blue or green, razors, shaving gel, toilet roll, large size nappies 5,6,7
Short supply: tinned tomatoes, cereal bars, baby food – all ages, sanitary towels, kitchen roll

ELECTORAL ROLLS for all three parishes will soon be revised. If your name isn't on the current roll and you would like to be, please contact the office – admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk or 01189 333704.

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.

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 Cynthia Ray

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Basil Beale

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