



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 9TH TO 16TH APRIL 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 a.m., 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 9TH EASTER DAY
9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & online

Readings for Easter Day
First Reading: Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24
Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-18

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, Fr. Jonathan SSM, 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. Wayne Kerr, Georgie Oxford, Peter Beavan

MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK - 10TH Bank Holiday

TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK - 11TH
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK - 12TH
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK- 13TH
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK – 14TH

SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK – 15TH

SUNDAY 16TH SECOND OF EASTER
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer
11.30 a.m. Baptism Preparation St. John's, Mortimer
12 noon Marriage Preparation St. John's, Mortimer
2.00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal St. Mary's, Mortimer
5.00 p.m. Padworth PCC meeting St. John's, Padworth

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST'S
COMMANDMENT TO LOVE**

In Holy Week and Easter we hear again Christ's commandment to love as He has loved us. We need to respond to Him in clear and straightforward ways especially at this time.

NOTICES

MANY THANKS to all who worked so hard to prepare our churches for the many liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. *The Vicar*

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

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 the website to see how to give efficiently. www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK

www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk

See Food Bank website for details of how & what to donate. Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op in Mortimer or to arrange collection from your doorstep – ring 07955 626621.

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

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES will be opened between 10 am & 12 noon on Saturday 29th April at St. John's Church, Mortimer. If you are unable to bring your box on that day, contact Nick Munson 07905 617665.

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.

*The 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 lives of

Raymond and Lilian Keep

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