



# 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 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter by email, please let us know by sending an email to [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 25<sup>TH</sup> THIRTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Padworth  
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. Saviour's MWE

#### Readings for Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 1 Kings 8.(1.6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Psalm: 84  
Second Reading: Ephesians 6.10-20 Gospel: John 6.56-69

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Christa, Richard, Chris, Heather, Jenny, Julia, Rita, Catherine, James, Joanne, Fiona, Julie, Alissia-Rose, Rosey, Sally, Gary, Charles, Mya, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Jill, David, Mitchell, Colleen, The Bowyer Family, Anne, Pam, Margaret

**WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING  
R.I.P.**

### MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> BANK HOLIDAY

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer

### TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> *Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo*

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

### WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> *Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith*

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

### THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> *Beheading of John the Baptist*

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

### FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> *John Bunyan, spiritual writer*

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

### SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> *Aidan, bishop, missionary*

### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's, MWE  
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
11.00 a.m. Christmas Bazaar planning meeting  
St. John's Mortimer  
11.45 a.m. Wedding Preparation 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, please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

**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 '24 to Advent '25 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](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk)

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 11 AM** There will be a short planning meeting in church for the Christmas Bazaar which will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun; we need offers of help & new ideas for seasonal stalls/games. All welcome. *Churchwarden*

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM** Cantemus will present *Son of God Mass by James Whitbourn* at St. John's, Mortimer. Free entry. Retiring collection in aid of Singing for the Brain: The Alzheimer's Society.

**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](http://www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk)

**WEST BERKS FOOD BANK** See [www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk) for full details of how & what to donate. Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or ring 07955 626621.

**Urgently needed:** tinned soup, cup-a-soup, cereal, ambient sponge pudding, custard or rice pudding pots, long life fruit juice, washing up liquid, anti-bac spray, toilet cleaner

**Short supply:** tinned meat meals (curry, stew, spaghetti bolognese), tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, fruit squash, shaving foam

**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.

**LOST PROPERTY** If you have lost a cycle helmet, please contact the office 01189 333704.

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*

*Michael Esslemont-Palmer*

*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*