



# 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 18<sup>TH</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

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>

<b>SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SECOND AFTER TRINITY</b>	
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer
11.30 a.m.	Wedding Preparation	St. John's, Mortimer
5.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	St. John's, Padworth
6.30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Songs of Praise	St. John's, Padworth

### Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Genesis 18.1-15      Psalm 116  
Second Reading: Romans 5.1-8      Gospel: Matthew 9.35-10.8

### 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.** Fr. Marco Riva

<b>MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<i>in honour of Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of the faith</i>	
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online

<b>TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup></b>		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online

<b>WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup></b>		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar attends Collective Worship	Schools
5.30 p.m.	Personnel & Pay meeting	St. Mary's School

<b>THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<i>in honour of Alban, first martyr of Britain</i>	
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online

<b>FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<i>in honour of Etheldreda, abbess</i>	
9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online

<b>SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>	
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<b>SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THIRD AFTER TRINITY</b>	
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

### NOTICES

**A CONFIRMATION SERVICE** will soon be held in the benefice. 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.

**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](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk)

### PADWORTH PATRONAL FESTIVAL

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**5.30pm** Afternoon Tea

**6.30 pm** Thanksgiving Songs of Praise

**VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY** will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July. More details to follow.

### WEST BERKS FOOD BANK [www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk](http://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:** tinned fruit, baby toiletries, tinned tomatoes/passata, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, instant coffee, sugar (500g or 1kg)

**Short supply:** cooking oil, sanitary pads, cleaning spray for home

**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)

**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 the Parish*

*at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the lives of*

*Jim and Lilian Stephenson*

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