



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 14TH – 21ST 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>

SUNDAY 14TH

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & online
11.00 a.m.	Mortimer PCC meeting	St. John's, Mortimer
11.45 a.m.	Wedding rehearsal	St. Mary's, Mortimer
12.45 p.m.	Wedding rehearsal	St. Mary's, Mortimer
5.00 p.m.	MWE PCC meeting	St. Saviour's, MWE
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviour's, MWE

SIXTH OF EASTER

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

Readings for Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 17.22-31 Psalm 66.7-end
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.13-end Gospel: John 14.15-21

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.

SUNDAY 20TH MAY 4 P.M. AT ST. MARY'S, MORTIMER

The Mortimer Maying Service
The Annual Service of Thanksgiving
for the Community Life of this Parish of Stratfield Mortimer
All welcome. Refreshments will be served after.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS will take place:

St. John's, Mortimer – Sunday 28th May at 11.15 a.m.
St. Saviour's, Mortimer West End – Sunday 28th May at 12.30 p.m.
St. John the Baptist, Padworth – Sunday 28th May at 5 p.m.
For a copy of the papers email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

ST. JOHN'S, MORTIMER Donations are welcome towards the cost of the flowers which decorated the church to celebrate The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and may be sent to the office. *Thank you.*

THY KINGDOM COME All Christians are invited to pray between Ascension & Pentecost (18-28 May 2023) along with churches from over 80 different denominations & traditions in over 170 countries. A novena is an ancient tradition of devotional praying in Christianity, with prayers repeated for nine successive days. For resources go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/thy-kingdom-come>

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

MONDAY 15TH

St. Mathias the Apostle
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.30 a.m. Burial of ashes St. John's, Padworth

TUESDAY 16TH

in honour of Caroline Chisolm, social reformer
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

WEDNESDAY 17TH

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m. Vicar attends Collective Worship Schools
6.00 p.m. Wedding Preparation St. John's, Mortimer
7.00 pm. Baptism Preparation St. John's, Mortimer

THURSDAY 18TH

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

FRIDAY 19TH

in honour of Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer

SATURDAY 20TH

12.30 p.m. Wedding St. Mary's church, Mortimer
4.00 p.m. Wedding St. Mary's church, Mortimer

SUNDAY 21ST

SEVENTH OF EASTER
9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist **St. Mary's, Mortimer**
4.00 p.m. The Maying Service **St. Mary's, Mortimer**
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. John's, Padworth

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
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 Basil Beale

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