



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 21ST – 28TH APRIL 2024

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 21ST

9.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

11.15 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist

Mortimer PCC meeting

Evensong (BCP)

St. Saviour's, MWE

St. John's, Mortimer & Online

St. John's, Mortimer

St. John's, Padworth

NOTICES

**THE FUNERAL EUCHARIST FOR SARAH THEAKER
WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 3RD MAY AT 1 PM
AT ST. MARY'S, MORTIMER**

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4.5-12

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: 1 John 3.16-end

Gospel: John 10.11-18

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

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

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Frank Stansfield, Sheila Hopmann, Sarah Theaker, Michelle Raath,

MONDAY 22ND

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

TUESDAY 23RD

in honour of St. George, patron of England

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

7.30 p.m.

Clarke Educational meeting

WEDNESDAY 24TH *in honour of Mellitus, bishop and*

Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

10.00 a.m.

Vicar attends Collective Worship

Schools

THURSDAY 25TH **St. Mark the Evangelist**

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

5.30 p.m.

Full Governing Board meeting St. John's School

FRIDAY 26TH

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

SATURDAY 27TH *in honour of Christina Rossetti, poet*

SUNDAY 28TH

9.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

11.45 a.m.

1.00 pm.

2.30 p.m.

6.30 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist

Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism

Burial of ashes

Evensong (BCP)

St. John's, Padworth

St. John's, Mortimer & Online

St. Saviour's, MWE

St. John's, Mortimer

St. Mary's, Mortimer

St. Saviour's, MWE

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 To avoid clashes, please send to the benefice office, all dates for services, rehearsals, meetings, events, work, etc., for the year ahead. admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

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

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK See 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: UHT milk, long life fruit juice, custard/rice pudding pots, dog food wet, jam/marmite/marmalade, sugar (500g or 1kg), deodorant, anti-bac spray
Short supply: tinned ham or corned beef, washing up liquid, sanitary wear (pads or tampons), pepper, instant mash, ladies' razors, lunch box drinks for children, nappies size 7/8, cereal bars, toilet rolls

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 **by 1st May** admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk or 01189 333704.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS will take place:

St. John's, Mortimer – Sunday 26th May at 11.15 a.m.

St. Saviour's, Mortimer West End – Sunday 26th May at 12.30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist, Padworth – Sunday 26th May at 3 p.m.

For a copy of the papers, email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.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