



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 10TH – 17TH SEPTEMBER 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 10TH FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY 10.00 a.m. Baptism, Confirmation & Sung Eucharist

12.30 p.m. Holy Baptism
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)

St. Mary's Mortimer
St. Mary's, Mortimer
St. Saviour's, MWE

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION 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.

Readings for 14th Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 12.1-14 Psalm 149
Second Reading: Romans 13.8-end Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

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, David, Jill, Mary, Fr. Derek, Phil, Danny

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Ruth Fagg, Becky Ray

MONDAY 11TH

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online
6.00 p.m. Vicar's meeting St. John's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 12TH

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

WEDNESDAY 13TH in honour of John Chrysostom, bishop,

teacher of the faith

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

THURSDAY 14TH Holy Cross Day

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

FRIDAY 15TH in honour of Cyprian, bishop, martyr

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 16TH in honour of Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts and Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest

SUNDAY 17TH FIFTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

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

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 '23 to Advent '24 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

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

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.

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, bleach, deodorant, ambient sponge puddings, curry, stew, meat balls, chocolate biscuits, biscuits, UHT milk, lunch box items,

Short supply: tinned custard, tinned meat meals (curry, stew, spaghetti bolognese), confectionary (sweets, chocolate, biscuits), cereal bars, tinned fruit.

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 Lilian Keep

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