



# 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 7<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> 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](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 7<sup>TH</sup>

### FIFTH OF EASTER

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's, MWE  
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & online  
3.00 p.m. The Parish Service and Celebration of the Coronation  
St. John's, Mortimer & online  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. John's, Padworth

### Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 7.55-end Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.2-10 Gospel: John 14.1-14

### 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.**

### MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

*in honour of Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer*  
**Bank Holiday**

### TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

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

### WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
10.00 a.m. Vicar attends Collective Worship Schools

### THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
5.30 p.m. SIAMS meeting St. Mary's School

### FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

*in honour of Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar*

### SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

11.00 a.m. Wedding St. Mary's church, Mortimer

### SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

### SIXTH OF EASTER

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 rehearsals St. Mary's, Mortimer  
5.00 p.m. M.W.E. PCC meeting St. Saviour's, MWE  
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)

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

**The Parish Service & Celebration of  
The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 3 pm at St. John's Church, Mortimer  
Refreshments will be available afterwards**

**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](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:** 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

**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)  
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*