



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 22ND – 29TH JANUARY 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 22ND

THIRD OF EPIPHANY

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.45 a.m.	Marriage preparation	St. John's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviour's, MWE

Readings for Third of Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4 Psalm 27.1,4-12
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

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, Fr. Jonathan SSM, Clive, Andy and Sue, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Carol, Roger, Michelle, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Maureen, Steve, Mary, Joan, Jessica, Roger, Sue

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING R.I.P.

Nigel Mortimer, Michael Barnett, Gillian Martin, Roy Holmes, Susan Hodgkinson, Terence Elford, Margaret Munson

MONDAY 23RD

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
12.30 p.m.	Funeral for Margaret Munson	St. John's, Mortimer
7.30 p.m.	Vicar's meeting	

TUESDAY 24TH *in honour of Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith*

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar's meeting	St. Mary's Church

WEDNESDAY 25TH Conversion of Paul

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

THURSDAY 26TH *in honour of Timothy and Titus,*

companions of Paul

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
7.30 p.m.	Quarter Peal for Margaret Munson	St. John's, Mortimer

FRIDAY 27TH

SATURDAY 28TH *in honour of Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith*

SUNDAY 29TH PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE CANDLEMAS (trans)

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
5.45 p.m.	Afternoon Tea followed by	St. John's, Padworth
6.30 p.m.	Songs of Praise	St. John's, Padworth

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more about Confirmation please contact Fr. Paul.

BENEFICE PLANNER Please make sure all dates for services, meetings, events, etc., for the year ahead are in the planner to avoid clashes. Send details to the benefice office or by email to admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023 This is an annual initiative traditionally observed 18 - 25 January, - the octave of St. Peter & St. Paul - whereby Christian communities throughout the world are invited to pray for one another & for greater Christian Unity. Daily resources can be found at www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

CANDLEMAS SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY

St. John the Baptist, Padworth will celebrate Candlemas 'Songs of Praise' on Sunday 29th January at 6.30 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served at 5.45 pm. All are welcome to join.

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or ring 07955 626621 for collection

Urgently needed: tinned meat meals curry, chilli, spaghetti bolognese etc., tinned fish, ambient long life sponge puddings, nappies sizes 6, 6+ & 7, washing up liquid

In short supply: tinned custard, cleaning cloths, tinned ham, spam, corned beef, tinned rice pudding

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.

PATHWAYS The latest edition of the Diocese of Oxford magazine can be viewed at this link <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

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 Ruby James

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