



# 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 22<sup>ND</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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 22<sup>ND</sup>

9.00 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's, Padworth

10.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist

St. John's, Mortimer & Online

6.30 p.m.

Evensong (BCP)

St. Saviour's, MWE

### Readings for 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 33.12 - end Psalm 99

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Gospel: Matthew 22.15-22

### 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 & Helen, Danny

### WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Joan Stevens, Linda Jarrell, John Englefield

### MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

### TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> in honour of Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

### THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> in honour of Alfred, king, scholar and Cedd, abbot, bishop

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

### FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

### SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> Simon and Jude, Apostles

### SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

10.00 a.m.

### LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sung Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

### NOTICES

**CONFIRMATION** If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more, please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

### THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS' REQUIEM

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 pm at St. John's, Mortimer & by Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>. All are invited to this annual service

when we remember with thanksgiving & prayer all our loved ones, family & friends, who have died & gone before us into God's nearer presence. If you

would like departed loved ones to be remembered at the Altar at this service

of thanksgiving & prayer please email the names to

[admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk) or telephone 01189 333 704.

### ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

### IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MORTIMER

*The Christmas Bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun*

**Donations** We are looking for donations for stalls: handicrafts, bottles,

toiletries, sweets, preserves, chocolate, items for the home & garden stall,

raffle prizes etc. Cakes can be delivered the evening before/on the day.

Donations of time & assistance are also very welcome.

**Advertising** We are looking for volunteers to deliver advertising flyers nearer the time. If you can help, please contact the Benefice Office 01189 333 704.

*Thank you. Churchwarden*

### 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)

**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](mailto: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.

### 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:** anti-bacterial spray, baby wipes, washing up liquid,

confectionary (sweets, chocolate, treats), ambient sponge puddings, Mug

Shots, jelly pots, custard pots, nappies/nappy pants sizes 5,6,7,8

**Short supply:** fruit juice, instant mash, bleach/toilet cleaner, flour, tinned

fruit, biscuits, tinned meat meals, sugar

### Notices for inclusion in the newsletter 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 Josie Jones*

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