



# 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

Vicar: The Reverend Paul Chaplin

Associate Priest: The Reverend Derek Spears

The Benefice Office: St John's Church Mortimer, RG7 3SY Tel.: 0118 9333704

Email: [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk)

Website: [www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk](http://www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk)

**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 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

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 28<sup>TH</sup>

9.00 a.m.  
10.00 a.m.  
11.45 a.m.  
1.00 pm.  
2.30 p.m.  
3.45 p.m.  
4.00 p.m.  
6.30 p.m.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eucharist St. John's, Padworth  
Sung Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online  
Holy Baptism St. Saviour's, MWE  
Holy Baptism St. John's, Mortimer  
Burial of ashes St. Mary's, Mortimer  
Vicar's meeting St. Mary's, Mortimer  
Rehearsal St. Mary's, Mortimer  
Evensong (BCP) St. Saviour's, MWE

#### NOTICES

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

**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](mailto: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](http://www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk)

**WEST BERKS FOOD BANK** See [www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk](http://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 **1<sup>st</sup> May** [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk) or 01189 333704.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS** will take place:

St. John's, Mortimer – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15 a.m.  
St. Saviour's, Mortimer West End – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30 p.m.  
St. John the Baptist, Padworth – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 3 p.m.

For a copy of the papers, email [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.

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 lives of Cynthia Ray  
and John Knox*

*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*

#### Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8.26-end Psalm: 22.25-end  
Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-end Gospel: John 15.1-8

#### 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, Anthony

#### WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

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

#### MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m. *St. Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith*  
Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

#### TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

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

#### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

9.15 a.m. *Philip and James, Apostles*  
Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
10.00 a.m. Vicar attends Collective Worship Schools

#### THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

9.15 a.m. *Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith*  
Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
12 noon Funeral for Sheila Hopmann St. Mary's, Mortimer

#### FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online  
1.00 p.m. Funeral for Sarah Theaker St. Mary's, Mortimer

#### SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

*English saints & martyrs of the Reformation Era*

#### SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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