



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.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed! Happy Easter

BENEFICE DIARY 7TH TO 14TH APRIL 2024

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 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 7TH

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online
11.30 a.m. Marriage Preparation St. John's, Mortimer

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

NOTICES

Readings for Second of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4.32-35 Psalm 133
Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2 Gospel: John 20.19-end

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, Michelle, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Jill, David, Mitchell, Colleen, The Bowyer Family

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Sarah Theaker, Michelle Raath, John Doe

MONDAY 8TH

Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.30 a.m. Vicar's meeting St. John's, Padworth
6.00 p.m. Relief in Need meeting

TUESDAY 9TH

in honour of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, martyr
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
12 noon Funeral for John Doe St. Mary's, Mortimer

WEDNESDAY 10TH

in honour of William Law, priest, spiritual writer & William Ockham, friar, philosopher, teacher of the faith
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
7.00 p.m. Licensing of Rev'd Steve Newbold Upper Bucklebury

THURSDAY 11TH

in honour of George Selwyn, bishop
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

FRIDAY 12TH

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 13TH

SUNDAY 14TH

THIRD SUNDAY 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. Choir Practice Vestry, St. John's Mortimer
11.30 a.m. Baptism Preparation St. John's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. Saviour's, MWE

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP It was lovely to have so many children attending, to hear their joyful singing in the chancel, to watch them as they progressed around the Stations of the Cross engaging in this journey with Christ and to be part of the children's enthusiasm as they engaged in the various Easter activities. There was a lovely atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who helped.

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

BENEFICE GARDEN FELLOWSHIP We are planning a trip to The Savill Garden, Windsor on Tuesday 7th May 2024. Please speak to Lorna Jones or telephone 01189 333136 for more details.

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

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK See 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:** shower gel, egg noodle nests, ladies razors UHT milk, long life fruit juice, custard/rice pudding pots, lunchbox drinks for children, dog food wet, cat food wet or dry, shampoo, **Short supply:** sugar, deodorant, tinned meat meals (stew, chicken, hotpot), tinned ham or corned beef

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 – admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk or 01189 333704.

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 life of the Parish

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Joe Rogers

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