



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 27TH AUGUST – 3RD SEPTEMBER 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 27TH TWELFTH AFTER TRINITY
9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.30 a.m. Adult Confirmation Preparation St. John's, Mortimer

NOTICES

A CONFIRMATION SERVICE will be held in the benefice on Sunday 10th September 2023. 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.

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER AT 11 A.M. there will be a short planning meeting in church for the Christmas Bazaar which will be held on 25th November. The bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun; we need offers of help & new ideas for seasonal stalls/games. All welcome. *Churchwarden*

BENEFICE PLANNER We try to complete the first draft of the Benefice Planner for year ahead at this time each year. Many dates for the period Advent '23 to Advent '24 have already been arranged. Please make sure you send to the office all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes. It would be helpful if dates for the remainder of this year could also be confirmed. Thank you. Email 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

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

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: tinned custard, ambient sponge puddings, tinned meat meals, curry, stew, meat balls, confectionary i.e., sweets, chocolate biscuits, biscuits, UHT milk, lunch box items for school holidays

Short supply: tinned tuna or salmon, pot noodles, stock cubes, cooking oil, tinned tomatoes/passata, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit

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 Lilian Keep

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

Readings for 12th Sunday after Trinity
First Reading: Exodus 1.8-2.10 Psalm 124
Second Reading: Romans 12.1-8 Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

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, Danny
WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
R.I.P. Becky Ray

MONDAY 28TH in honour of Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith
Bank Holiday
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

TUESDAY 29TH Beheading of John the Baptist
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

WEDNESDAY 30TH in honour of John Bunyan, spiritual writer
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

THURSDAY 31ST in honour of Aidan, bishop, missionary
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

FRIDAY 1ST in honour of Giles, hermit
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 2ND in honour of Martyrs of Papua, New Guinea

SUNDAY 3RD THIRTEENTH AFTER TRINITY
9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m. Christmas Bazaar Planning meeting St. John's, Mortimer
11.30 a.m. Wedding rehearsal St. Mary's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. John's, Padworth