



# 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 9<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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 9<sup>TH</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 Second Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 1 Samuel 8.4-11, 16-20 Psalm: 138  
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 Gospel: Mark 3.20-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, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Jill, David, Mitchell, Colleen, The Bowyer Family, Anthony, Rhona, Anne

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

**R.I.P. Roger Spratt**

### MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
12 noon Burial of ashes St. Mary's, Mortimer

### TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
12 noon Chapter St. James the Less, Pangbourne

### WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

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

### THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

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

### FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m. *Richard Baxter, puritan devine* Morning Prayer Online

### SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

*Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer*

### SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

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

### NOTICES

**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)

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 7 PM AT ST. JOHN'S MORTIMER** Reading Haydn Choir present a Summer Concert of English Music. Tickets from [rdghaydnchoir+tickets@gmail.com](mailto:rdghaydnchoir+tickets@gmail.com). See [www.haydnchoir.org.uk](http://www.haydnchoir.org.uk) for more details.

#### PADWORTH PATRONAL FESTIVAL

**Everyone is warmly invited to join to give thanks at the beautiful parish church**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**5.30pm Tea & Cake**

**6.30 pm** Thanksgiving Songs of Praise

**VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY** You are warmly invited to the Annual Vicarage Garden Party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 3 to 5 pm. Cream Teas will be served. Admission & tea £3.00. Donations of cakes for tea, raffle & tombola prizes & plants for plant stall welcomed. Please speak to Lorna Jones or ring 01189 333136.

**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, marmalade, sugar (500g or 1kg), deodorant, instant mash, cup a soup, nappies size 7/8, washing up liquid, bleach/toilet cleaner

**Short supply:** tinned ham or corned beef, toilet rolls, custard/rice pudding pots, cereal bars, shaving foam

**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 lives of*

*Ted and Bertha Underwood*

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