



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 29TH OCTOBER – 5TH NOVEMBER 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 29TH

10.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist

St. John's, Mortimer & Online

11.30 a.m.

Vicar's meeting

St. John's, Mortimer

LAST AFTER TRINITY

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.

Readings for Last Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34.1-12

Psalms 90.1-6, 13-17

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-end

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, Dennis, David, Jill, Mary, Fr. Derek, Phil & Helen, Danny, David

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Sue Elkins, Joan Stevens, Linda Jarrell

THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS' REQUIEM

Monday 6th 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 or telephone 01189 333 704.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 25TH 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. 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

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

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: fruit cartons, non-bio washing powder, children's toothbrushes/toothpaste, ambient sponge puddings, Mug Shots, jelly pots, custard pots

Short supply: confectionary (sweets, chocolate, treats) instant mash, bleach/toilet cleaner, 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

MONDAY 30TH

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's, Mortimer & Online

11.30 a.m.

Funeral for Linda Jarrell

St. Mary's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 31ST

in honour of Martin Luther, reformer

School term begins

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's, Mortimer & Online

WEDNESDAY 1ST

ALL SAINTS' DAY

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's, Mortimer & Online

10.00 a.m.

Clergy join Collective Worship

Schools

11.30 a.m.

Funeral for Joan Stevens

St. Mary's, Mortimer

THURSDAY 2ND

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's, Mortimer & Online

8.00 p.m.

Deanery Synod

FRIDAY 3RD

in honour of Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith & Martin of Porres, friar

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

SATURDAY 4TH

SUNDAY 5TH

ALL SAINTS' trans/4TH SUNDAY BEFORE

ADVENT

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