



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 19TH – 26TH 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 19TH

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
11.15 a.m.	Christmas Bazaar planning meeting	
		St. John's, Mortimer
11.30 a.m.	Baptism Preparation	St. John's, Mortimer
5.00 p.m.	Padworth PCC meeting	St. John's, Padworth
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. John's, Padworth

Readings for 2nd Sunday before Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 1.7, 12 - end Psalm 90.1-8, 12
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

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

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Dennis Noel Leaver, Frances Fuller

MONDAY 20TH

in honour of Edmund, king, martyr & Priscilla Lydia Sellon, restorer of the religious life in the Church of England

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
6.00 p.m.	Relief in Need meeting	

TUESDAY 21ST

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
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WEDNESDAY 22ND *in honour of Cecilia, martyr*

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar attends Collective Worship	Schools
5.00 p.m.	Personnel & Pay meeting	St. Mary's School

THURSDAY 23RD *in honour of Clement, bishop, martyr*

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
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FRIDAY 24TH *in honour of Catherine, martyr & Isaac Watts, hymn writer*

9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online
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SATURDAY 25TH



10 am to 1 pm

Christmas Bazaar at St. John's, Mortimer

SUNDAY 26TH

CHRIST THE KING

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

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.



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
There will be home and garden, handicraft, jewellery & soft toy stalls, tombola, raffle & cake & preserves to buy. Refreshments will be for sale. Donations to stalls are welcome. Please leave at the back of the church on Sunday morning or at 6 pm on Friday 24th. Thank you. *Churchwarden*

ADVENT EXTRAS - £2.60. To reserve a copy please see Roger Jones or telephone 01189 333 136.

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 lives of
Vanessa Bailey, Ken Grummitt and Sheila Tanner*

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life Michael Tull

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