



# 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

Vicar: The Reverend Paul Chaplin

Associate Priest: The Reverend Derek Spears

The Benefice Office: St John's Church Mortimer, RG7 3SY Tel.: 0118 9333704

Email: [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk)

Website: [www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk](http://www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk)

**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 11<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

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 11<sup>TH</sup>      THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9.00 a.m.      Eucharist      St. John's, Padworth  
10.00 a.m.      Sung Eucharist      St. John's Mortimer & Online  
6.30 p.m.      Advent Carol Service      St. Saviour's, MWE  
(mulled wine & mince pies from 5.45 p.m.)

**Readings for Third Sunday of Advent**  
First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10      Psalm 146.4-10  
Second Reading: James 5.7-10      Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

**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, Fr. Jonathan SSM, Clive, Andy and Sue, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Carol, Roger, Michelle, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Maureen, Steve, Mary, Joan, Jessica, Roger  
**WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**  
**R.I.P. John Cregan**

**MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
9.15 a.m.      Eucharist      St. John's Mortimer & Online  
10.40 a.m.      St. John's School to use church      St. John's Church  
2.00 p.m.      Burial of Ashes      Cemetery

**TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>      in honour of Lucy, martyr**  
9.15 a.m.      Eucharist      St. John's Mortimer & Online  
11.00 a.m.      St. Mary's School rehearsal      St. Mary's Church  
12 noon      Deanery Chapter  
2.00 p.m.      St. John's School Christmas Service      St. John's Church

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>      in honour of John of the Cross, poet,  
teacher of the faith**  
9.15 a.m.      Eucharist      St. John's Mortimer & Online  
10.00 a.m.      Vicar attends Collective Worship      Schools  
6.00 p.m.      Wedding Preparation      Online

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
9.15 a.m.      Eucharist      St. John's Mortimer & Online

**FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>      in honour of O Sapientia Eglantyne Jebb,  
founder of 'Save the Children'**  
9.00 a.m.      Choir Practice      St. Mary's, Mortimer

**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>      FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9.00 a.m.      Eucharist      St. Saviour's, MWE  
10.00 a.m.      Sung Eucharist      St. John's Mortimer & Online  
2.00 p.m.      Choir Practice      St. Mary's, Mortimer  
**4.00 p.m.      THE CAROL SERVICE      ST. MARY'S, MORTIMER**  
**The Festival of Lessons and Carols**

### NOTICES

**CONFIRMATION** If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more about Confirmation please contact Fr. Paul.

### BENEFICE CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m.**

St. Saviour's, Mortimer West End - Advent Carol Service  
(mulled wine & mince pies from 5.45 p.m.)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2 p.m.**

St. John's School Christmas Service at St. John's Church  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Church**  
The Carol Service – The Festival of Lessons & Carols  
Please stay for mulled wine, juice & mince pies after the service

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10 a.m.**

St. Mary's School Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

3 pm & 5 pm Christingle Services at St. John's, Mortimer  
4 pm Christingle Service at St. Saviour's, MWE  
11.30 pm Midnight Mass at St. John's, Mortimer

### Christmas Day

9 a.m. Eucharist at St. John's, Padworth

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St. John's, Mortimer

### ADVENT WORKSHOP AT ST. JOHN'S, MORTIMER THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 9.45 AM – 12 NOON

Children are invited to participate in songs/carols & craft. To register telephone 01189 333704 or email [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk).

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE

St. John's, Mortimer at 3 pm & 5 pm and St. Saviour's, Mortimer West End at 4 pm. If you wish to attend, please ring 01189 333704 or email [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk)

### WEST BERKS FOOD BANK [www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk)

There is a collection point in Tesco in Burghfield, Co-Op in Mortimer or to arrange collection from your doorstep – ring 07955 626621.

**Urgently needed:** tinned meat, tinned meat meals, male & female, deodorant, stuffing mix, gravy granules, sponge puddings (not chilled), toothbrushes (adult & child)

**In short supply:** tinned tomatoes, tinned custard, shaving foam, razors, long life uht milk, long life fruit juice, tinned soup (not tomato), ketchup, tinned fruit, shampoo, household cleaning products

**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)

*The 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*

*Kitty Walton, Richard Esslemont and Harry Stringer*

*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 lives of*

*Peter and Olive Lampert*