



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 8TH – 15TH OCTOBER 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 8TH

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Harvest Sung Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer
11.30 a.m.	Vicar's meeting	St. John's, Mortimer
12.30 p.m.	Harvest Lunch	St. John's, Mortimer
3.00 p.m.	Vicar's meeting	St. John's, Mortimer
5.30 p.m.	Tea & Cake followed by	
6.30 p.m.	Harvest Songs of Praise	St. Saviour's, MWE

Readings for 18th Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19
Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14 Gospel: Matthew 21.33-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, Sue, Dennis, David, Jill, Mary, Fr. Derek, Phil & Helen, Danny

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Linda Jarrell, John Englefield, Ken Hutt

MONDAY 9TH

in honour of Denys, bishop, & companions, martyrs, Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
11.30 a.m.	Funeral for Kenneth Hutt	St. Mary's, Mortimer
1.25 p.m.	School rehearsal	St. John's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 10TH

in honour of Paulinus, bishop, missionary & Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	St. Mary's School Harvest Service	St. Mary's church
2.00 p.m.	St. John's School Harvest Service	St. John's church

WEDNESDAY 11TH

in honour of Ethelburga, abbess & James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus

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

THURSDAY 12TH

in honour of Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer & Edith Cavell, nurse

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
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FRIDAY 13TH

in honour of Edward the Confessor, king

9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online
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SATURDAY 14TH

SUNDAY 15TH

NINETEENTH AFTER TRINITY

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 & find out more, please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

HARVEST IN THE BENEFICE

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT ST. JOHN'S, MORTIMER

10 am Sung Eucharist at St. John's, Mortimer

12.30 pm Harvest Lunch at St. John's, Mortimer

Please sign the list at the back of the church, telephone 9333704 or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk if you would like to attend.

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, MWE

5.45 p.m. Tea and Cake

6.30 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving

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 flyers advertising the bazaar nearer the time. 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

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

Harvest appeal: instant mash, pasta sauce, instant coffee, tinned vegetables, tinned ham/corned beef, UHT milk, tinned custard/rice pudding, sugar 500gms/1Kg, razors male/female, sweet biscuits

Urgently needed: ambient sponge puddings, fruit juice, Mug Shots, baking powder, yeast, jelly pots, custard pots, nappies/nappy pants sizes 5,6,7,8

Short supply: tinned fruit, biscuits, tinned meat meals, confectionary (sweets, chocolate, treats), sugar

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 lives of

Sam Adshhead, Rose Spratley and Frank Brown

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Pat Bradshaw

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