



# 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.**

## Alleluia, Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed! Happy Easter

### BENEFICE DIARY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH TO 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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 a.m., 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>

<b>SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	
<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>St. John's, Padworth</b>
<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>St. John's Mortimer &amp; online</b>

<b>Readings for Easter Day</b>		
First Reading: Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24	
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11	Gospel: John 20:1-18	

<b>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED</b>		
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		
<b>WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING</b>		
R.I.P. John Nelson Doe, Michelle Raath		

**MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK – 1<sup>ST</sup> Bank Holiday**

**TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK – 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

**WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK – 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

**THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK- 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

**FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK – 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

**SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK – 6<sup>TH</sup>**

<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SECOND OF EASTER</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer
11.30 a.m.	Vicar's meeting	St. John's, Mortimer

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST'S COMMANDMENT TO LOVE**  
In Holy Week and Easter we hear again Christ's commandment to love as He has loved us. We need to respond to Him in clear and straightforward ways especially at this time.

#### NOTICES

**MANY THANKS** to all who worked so hard to prepare our churches for the many liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. *The Vicar*

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

**BENEFICE PLANNER** To avoid clashes, please send to the benefice office, all dates for services, rehearsals, meetings, events, work, etc., (and for the year ahead). [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk)

**BENEFICE ALTAR SERVERS' LENT MISSION** We are asking for help to raise money for children in urgent need in our link diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman. Donations may be sent to the Benefice Office, payable to Mortimer PCC & marked 'Lent Mission'. Thank you.

**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 the website to see how to give efficiently. [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:** shower gel, egg noodle nests, ladies razors, UHT milk, long life fruit juice, custard/rice pudding pots, lunchbox drinks for children, dog food wet, cat food wet or dry, shampoo,

**Short supply:** sugar, deodorant, tinned meat meals (stew, chicken, hotpot), tinned ham or corned beef

**BENEFICE GARDEN FELLOWSHIP** We are planning a trip to The Savill Garden, Windsor on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Please speak to Lorna Jones or telephone 01189 333136 for more details.

**ELECTORAL ROLLS** for all three parishes will soon be revised. If your name isn't on the current roll and you would like to be, please contact the office – [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk) or 01189 333704.

**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.

*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 life of the Parish*

*at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the lives of*

*Harry and Gwen Westbury*

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