



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 20TH – 27TH OCTOBER 2024

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 20TH	TWENTY-FIRST AFTER TRINITY	
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviours MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m.	Christmas Bazaar planning meeting	St. John's Mortimer
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. John's, Padworth

Readings for Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity	
First Reading: Job 38.1-7 (34-end)	Psalm: 104.1-10, 26,35c
Second Reading: Hebrews 5.1-10	Gospel: Mark 10.35-36

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED	
Christa, Richard, Chris, Heather, Jenny, Julia, Rita, Catherine, James, Joanne, Fiona, Julie, Alissia-Rose, Rosey, Sally, Gary, Charles, Mya, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Jill, David, Mitchell, Colleen, The Bowyer Family, Anne, Pam, Margaret, Jazz	
WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING R.I.P.	

MONDAY 21ST		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
4.00 p.m.	Vicar's meeting	Online

TUESDAY 22ND		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online

WEDNESDAY 23RD		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar attends Collective Worship	Schools

THURSDAY 24TH		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online

FRIDAY 25TH	Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs	
	Half term begins	
9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online

SATURDAY 26TH *Alfred, king, scholar & Cedd, abbot, bishop*



SUNDAY 27TH	LAST AFTER TRINITY	
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Holy Baptism & Sung Eucharist	St. Johns Mortimer & Online
11.45 a.m.	Mortimer PCC meeting	St. John's Mortimer
12.45 p.m.	Marriage preparation	St. John's Mortimer
5.30 p.m.	MWE PCC meeting	St. Saviour's MWE
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviours MWE

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey, please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

BENEFICE PLANNER Please make sure you send to the office admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes.

<p align="center">THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS' REQUIEM</p> <p>Monday 4th November 7.30 pm at St. John's, Mortimer & 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.</p>

<p align="center"> ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR </p> <p align="center">SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 10 AM TO 1 PM IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MORTIMER</p> <p><i>The Christmas Bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun</i> 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. <i>Thank you. Churchwarden</i></p>
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WEST BERKS FOOD BANK See www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk for full details. Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or ring 07955 626621.

Urgently needed: tinned meat meals (curry, hotpot, pies etc.), tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes/passata, variety pack cereals, lunch box individual fruit juice, wet wipes, shaving foam
Short supply: tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, ambient sponge pudding, honey, nappies (sizes 4 and 8)

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING Please donate regularly to support the Church's mission & work. Please see www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk

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 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