



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 23RD – 30TH APRIL 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 23RD

THIRD OF EASTER

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

Readings for Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2.14a 36-41	Psalm 116
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-23	Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

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, Sue, Dennis

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Wayne Kerr, Georgie Oxford, Peter Bevan

MONDAY 24TH

St. George, martyr, patron of England (trans from 23/4)

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m.	Vicar's meeting	St. Mary's School

TUESDAY 25TH

St. Mark the Evangelist

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
7.30 p.m.	Clarke's Educational meeting	

WEDNESDAY 26TH

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

THURSDAY 27TH

in honour of Christina Rossetti, poet

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
2.00 p.m.	School Eastertide service	St. Mary's Church

FRIDAY 28TH

in honour of Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr

SATURDAY 29TH

in honour of Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith

10 am to 12 noon	Children's Society Box opening	St. John's, Mortimer
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SUNDAY 30TH

FOURTH OF EASTER

10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
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NOTICES

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

BENEFICE PLANNER Please make sure all dates for services, meetings, events, etc., for the year ahead are in the planner to avoid clashes. Telephone the office or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

As The King & Queen Consort prepare to solemnise the promises & commitments they make to the nations & people they represent, the Church will begin 28 days of prayer & spiritual preparation alongside them – praying with & for The King from Easter Day to the Coronation with the final week to be a national week of dedicated prayer to uphold and strengthen His Majesty the King & all the Royal Family. For free reflections, go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/coronation>

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: long-life fruit juice, UHT long-life milk – blue or green, razors, shaving gel, toilet roll, large size nappies 5,6,7

Short supply: tinned tomatoes, cereal bars, baby food – all ages, sanitary towels, kitchen roll

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 or 01189 333704.

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

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES will be opened between 10 am & 12 noon on Saturday 29th April at St. John's, Mortimer. If you are unable to bring your box on that day contact Nick Munson 07905 617665.

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.

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
Cynthia Ray and John Knox
at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Basil Beale
and at St Saviour's, Mortimer West End – in thanksgiving for the life of the Parish*