



# 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 4<sup>TH</sup> – 11<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 4<sup>TH</sup>

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.45 a.m.	Holy Baptism	St. John's, Mortimer
3.00 p.m.	Thanksgiving for Baptism Service	St. John's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. John's, Padworth

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### NOTICES

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

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT** marks the start of the Christian year & is a season of expectation & hope. It is also the transition from one lectionary cycle to the next. This coming year we will be following the Gospel of Matthew.

### Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10 Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19  
Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13 Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

### 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, Gladys Pearce

### MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
7.30 p.m.	'A Christmas Carol'	St. John's, Mortimer

### TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
1.30 p.m.	School rehearsal	St. John's, Mortimer

### WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

#### in honour of St. Ambrose, bishop

	<b>Ember Day</b>	
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar attends Collective Worship	Schools
3.00 p.m.	Governing Board meeting	St. Mary's School

### THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.45 a.m.	School rehearsal	St. John's Church
1.45 p.m.	School visit	St. John's Church

### FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ember Day

10.45 a.m.	School rehearsal	St. John's Church
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### SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ember Day

### 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 Service	St. Saviour's, MWE

**ST. NICHOLASTIDE THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM - SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 3 PM at St. John's, Mortimer** A short informal service of thanksgiving for all those families whose children have been baptised recently in our Parishes.

**ADVENT WORKSHOP THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 9.45 AM – 12 NOON AT ST. JOHN'S, MORTIMER.** Children are invited to participate in songs/carols & craft. To register telephone the office 01189 333704 or email [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk).

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICES** will take place on Christmas Eve at St. John's, Mortimer at 3 pm & 5 pm & at St. Saviour's, Mortimer West End at 4 pm. If you wish to attend, please contact the parish office on 01189 333704 or [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk) to request a form.

### 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, shampoo, male deodorant

**In short supply:** tinned tomatoes, tinned custard, sponge puddings (not chilled), shaving foam, razors, long life uht milk, long life fruit juice, toilet roll, tinned soup, toothpaste, adult toothbrushes

**ADVENT EXTRAS** - £2.60. To reserve a copy please see Roger Jones or telephone 01189 333 136.

**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)

**BENEFICE PLANNER** Please make sure all dates for services, meetings, events, etc., for the year ahead are in the planner to avoid clashes. Send details to the benefice office or by email to [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk)

**PATHWAYS** The latest edition of the Diocese of Oxford magazine can be viewed at this link <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

**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*

*Thomas Bailey*

*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*

### The Stratfield Mortimer Benefice Services

Coronavirus guidance will be followed e.g. masks must be worn, hands sanitised & distancing maintained. Directions will be given to enable people to move safely through the church.

### The Benefice is live-streaming services via Zoom.

Parish Eucharist Monday to Thursday 9.15 am  
Parish Sunday Eucharist at 10 am each Sunday  
Parish Night Prayer at 9 pm - Monday to Friday