



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 23RD – 30TH JULY 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

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

Readings for 7th Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Genesis 28.10-19a Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24
Reading: Romans 8.12-25
Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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

**WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
R.I.P.**

MONDAY 24TH

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
6.30 p.m.	Confirmation preparation	St. John's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 25TH

James the Apostle

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
6.30 p.m.	Confirmation preparation	St. John's, Mortimer

WEDNESDAY 26TH

Anne & Joachim, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m.	Vicar's meeting	.
6.00 p.m.	Baptism preparation	St. John's, Mortimer
6.45 p.m.	Wedding Preparation	Online
7.30 p.m.	Wedding Preparation	Online

THURSDAY 27TH

Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
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FRIDAY 28TH

9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online
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SATURDAY 29TH

Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of our Lord

4.00 p.m.	Wedding	St. John's, Mortimer
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SUNDAY 30TH

EIGHTH AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
3 – 5 p.m.	Vicarage Garden Party	The Vicarage

NOTICES

A CONFIRMATION SERVICE will be held in the benefice on Sunday 10th September 2023. If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more about Confirmation please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

BENEFICE PLANNER We try to complete the first draft of the Benefice Planner for year ahead at this time each year. Many dates for the period Advent '23 to Advent '24 have already been arranged. Please make sure you send to the office all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes. It would be helpful if dates for the remainder of this year could also be confirmed. Thank you. Email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY You are warmly invited to the Annual Vicarage Garden Party on Sunday 30th July from 3 to 5 pm. Cream Teas will be served. Admission & tea £2.00. Donations of cakes for tea, raffle & tombola prizes & plants for plant stall welcomed. Please speak to Lorna Jones or ring 01189 333136.

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: tinned tomatoes/passata, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, instant coffee, fruit squash, cooking oil, sugar (500g or 1kg), tinned meat meals, curry, stew, meat balls, tinned vegetable, instant mash, tinned fruit, pot noodles, instant noodles, confectionary eg. sweets, chocolate biscuits, washing up liquid, biscuits, crisps, jam/marmite/marmalade, uht milk, lunch box items for school holidays, pasta sauce

Short supply: cup a soup, gluten free pasta, ambient sponge puddings, tinned potatoes, ketchup,

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.

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

Richard Esslemont, Brian Allwood and Keith Farrer

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

Bernard and Irene Fishwick

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