



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 3RD – 10TH SEPTEMBER 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 3RD

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m.	Christmas Bazaar Planning meeting	St. John's, Mortimer
11.30 a.m.	Wedding rehearsal	St. Mary's, Mortimer
1.30 p.m.	Vicar's meeting	St. John's, Mortimer
2.30 p.m.	Quarter Peal	St. John's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. John's, Padworth

Readings for 13th Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 3.1-15 Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26,45b
Second Reading: Romans 12.9-end Gospel: Matthew 16.21-end

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, Phil, Danny

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Ruth Fagg, Becky Ray

MONDAY 4TH

9.15 a.m. *in honour of St. Birinus*
Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online

TUESDAY 5TH

9.15 a.m. **School term begins**
Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online

WEDNESDAY 6TH

in honour of Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of
The South American Mission Society

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar attends Collective Worship	Schools
3.00 p.m.	Burial of ashes	St. Saviour's, MWE
6.00 p.m.	Wedding Preparation	St. John's, Mortimer
7.00 p.m.	Wedding Preparation	St. John's, Mortimer

THURSDAY 7TH

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m. Burial of ashes St. John's, Padworth

FRIDAY 8TH

9.15 a.m. **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 9TH

2.00 p.m. *in honour of Charles Fuge Lowder, priest*
Wedding St. Mary's, Mortimer

SUNDAY 10TH

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Confirmation & Sung Eucharist	St. Mary's Mortimer
12.30 p.m.	Holy Baptism	St. Mary's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviour's, MWE

NOTICES

A CONFIRMATION SERVICE will be held on Sunday 10th September 2023 at St. Mary's, Mortimer. 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.

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER AT 11 A.M. there will be a short planning meeting in church for the Christmas Bazaar which will be held on 25th November. The bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun; we need offers of help & new ideas for seasonal stalls/games. All welcome. *Churchwarden*

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

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.

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, bleach, deodorant, ambient sponge puddings, curry, stew, meat balls, chocolate biscuits, biscuits, UHT milk, lunch box items,

Short supply: tinned custard, tinned meat meals (curry, stew, spaghetti bolognese), confectionary (sweets, chocolate, biscuits), cereal bars, tinned fruit.

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 life of Lilian Keep

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