



# 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 15<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2023

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 15<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.	Vicar's meeting	Online
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. John's, Padworth

### SECOND OF EPIPHANY

### 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. Send details to the benefice office or by email to [admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk)

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023** This is an annual initiative traditionally observed 18 - 25 January, - the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul - whereby Christian communities throughout the world are invited to pray for one another and for greater Christian Unity. Daily resources can be found at [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)

### Readings for Second of Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7	Psalm 40.1-12
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9	Gospel: John 1.29-42

### 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

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

Roy Holmes, Susan Hodgkinson, Terence Elford, Margaret Munson

### CANDLEMAS SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

St. John the Baptist, Padworth will celebrate Candlemas 'Songs of Praise' on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served at 5.45 pm. All are welcome to join.

### WEST BERKS FOOD BANK [www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk)

Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or ring 07955 626621 for collection

**Urgently needed:** tinned meat meals curry, chilli, spaghetti bolognese etc., tinned fish, ambient long life sponge puddings, nappies sizes 6, 6+ & 7, washing up liquid

**In short supply:** tinned custard, cleaning cloths, tinned ham, spam, corned beef, tinned rice pudding

**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)

**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.

**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.

*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 Kitty Walton*

*at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Ruby James*

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

### MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
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### TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

*in honour of Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot &  
Charles Gore, bishop*

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m.	Funeral for Terence Elford	St. Saviour's, MWE

### WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

*in honour of Amy Carmichael, spiritual writer*

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar attends Collective Worship	Schools
6.00 p.m.	Marriage Preparation	St. John's, Mortimer

### THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

*in honour of Wulfstan, bishop*

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar's meeting	Vicarage

### FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

*in honour of Richard Rolle, spiritual writer*

### SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

*in honour of Agnes, child, martyr*

### SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

### THIRD OF EPIPHANY

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