



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 29TH JANUARY – 5TH FEBRUARY 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 29TH

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE CANDLEMAS (trans)

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
5.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea followed by St. John's, Padworth
6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise St. John's, Padworth

Readings for

Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-5 Psalm 24.7-end
Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

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.

Nigel Mortimer, Michael Barnett, Gillian Martin, Roy Holmes, Susan Hodgkinson, Margaret Munson

MONDAY 30TH

in honour of Charles, king & martyr

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

TUESDAY 31ST

in honour of John Bosco, priest

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
1.30 p.m. Funeral for Susan Hodgkinson St. Saviour's, MWE
7.30 p.m. Clarke's Educational meeting

WEDNESDAY 1ST

in honour of Brigid, abbess

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m. Vicar attends Collective Worship School

THURSDAY 2ND

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
3.00 p.m. Funeral for Michael Barnett West Berks Crematorium

FRIDAY 3RD

in honour of Anskar, archbishop, missionary

SATURDAY 4TH in honour of Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order

SUNDAY 5TH

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise St. Saviour's, MWE

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

CANDLEMAS SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY

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

BENEFICE SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER 21ST FEBRUARY

You are warmly invited to food & fellowship at the Benefice Shrove Tuesday Supper at 7.30 pm in St John's Church, Mortimer. There will be homemade meat & vegetarian dishes accompanied by green salad & crusty bread. Pancakes will be served with a variety of toppings followed by tea & coffee. Fruit juice & water will be on the spring-themed tables but bring your own drinks if you prefer. A basket will be available for donations. Each table will have a fun picture/catchphrase quiz to feed the mind. If you are able to come, it would help with catering if you would please let the Benefice Office know by 13th February. admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk or 01189 333704.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2 P.M. AT ST. MARY'S SULHAMSTEAD The theme this year is *'I have heard about your faith'*. All welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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: ambient long life sponge puddings, sanitary products
In short supply: female deodorant, washing up liquid

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
Hollie Andrews and June Woods*

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

Joe and Iris Brimley

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