



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 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 14TH – 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

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 14TH

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.30 a.m.	Baptism Preparation	St. John's Mortimer
12.00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation	St. John's Mortimer
12.30 p.m.	Vicar's meeting	St. John's Mortimer
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviour's, MWE

Readings for Holy Cross Day

First Reading - Numbers 21.4-9	Psalms: 22.23-28
Second Reading - Philippians 2.6-11	Gospel: John 3.13-17

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Christa, Richard, Chris, Jenny, Julia, Rita, Catherine, James, Joanne, Fiona, Julie, Alissia-Rose, Rosey, Sally, Gary, Charles, Mya, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Jill, David, Mitchell, The Bowyer Family, Anne, Pam, Margaret, Jazz, Roger, Nicola, Kevin, Graham, Jack, Christine, George, Nick, Karen

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Karen Athawes, Peter Jordan, Roy Belcher, Marlise Daniel

MONDAY 15TH

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
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TUESDAY 16TH

Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
1.45 p.m.	Funeral	St. Paul's Tadley

WEDNESDAY 17TH *Hildegard, abbess, visionary*

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

THURSDAY 18TH

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
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FRIDAY 19TH

9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online
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SATURDAY 20TH

John Coleridge Patteson, bishop & companions, martyrs		
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SUNDAY 21ST

FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST		
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's MWE
10.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer and Online
11.45 a.m.	Holy Baptism	St. Mary's Mortimer
5.00 p.m.	Padworth PCC meeting	St. John's Padworth
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. John's Padworth

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 Becky Ray

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

Ted & Bertha Underwood

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

the Parish

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey, please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

HARVEST IN THE BENEFICE

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER AT ST. JOHN'S, PADWORTH

5.45 pm Tea and Cake 6.30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER AT ST. MARY'S, MORTIMER

10 am Sung Eucharist at St. Mary's, Mortimer
12.15 pm for 12.30 pm Harvest Lunch at St. John's, Mortimer
Please sign the list at the back of the church, telephone 9333704 or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk if you would like to attend.

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, MWE

5.45 p.m. Tea and Cake 6.30 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER

11 am St. Mary's School Harvest Eucharist – St. Mary's, Mortimer

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

2.30 pm St. John's School Harvest Service – St. John's, Mortimer

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Mortimer Warm Welcome Space invite you to their coffee morning on 26th September, 9.30 am to 1 pm at Mortimer Methodist Church.

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 9.30 AM The Four Movements of Reconciliation - you are invited to a talk by the Bishop of Reading at Aldermaston Parish Hall RG7 4LW. Tickets £5 each to include a continental breakfast. Tickets from Reverend Jane Manley jmanley.awb@gmail.com 01189 712 891

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 7.30 PM Imagining *more* : the Role of Arts & Creativity in Revolution & Spirituality, a talk by the Bishop of Reading at The Music Hall, Bradfield College. Parking at B'field College Sports Complex RG7 6BZ.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. *The Christmas Bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun. Donations* We are looking for donations for stalls: handicrafts, bottles, toiletries, sweets, preserves, chocolate, items for the home & garden stall, raffle prizes etc. Cakes can be delivered the evening before/on the day. Donations of time & assistance are also very welcome. *Thank you. 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 '25 to Advent '26 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

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK See www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk for full details. Collection from Tesco B'field, Co-Op Mortimer or 07955 626621.

Urgently needed: cup-a-soup, mugshots, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat meals, tinned fish, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, biscuits, male razors, shaving foam. **Short supply:** tinned fruit

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING Please donate regularly to support the Church's mission & work. 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 newsletter should be submitted in writing/by email to the Benefice Office.