



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.**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed! Happy Easter

BENEFICE DIARY 20TH TO 27TH APRIL 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 a.m., 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 20TH

9.00 a.m.
10.00 a.m.

EASTER DAY

Eucharist
Sung Eucharist

St. John's Padworth
St. John's Mortimer & online

Readings for Easter Day

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26

Gospel: John 20:1-18

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, Mary, Roger, Nicola, Kevin, Vera, Pope Francis, Roy, Graham

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Sylvia Perry, Derek Wallis

MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK - 21ST Bank Holiday

TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK - 22ND School term begins

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

WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK - 23RD

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

THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK - 24TH

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online
11.00 a.m. St. Mary's School Easter Eucharist St. Mary's Mortimer

FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK - 25TH

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK - 26TH

11.00 a.m. Quarter Peal St. John's Mortimer
4.00 p.m. Visiting Ringers St. John's Padworth

SUNDAY 27TH SECOND OF EASTER

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer
11.45 a.m. Marriage Preparation St. John's Mortimer
12.30 p.m. Baptism Preparation St. John's Mortimer
1.15 p.m. Vicar's meeting St. Mary's Mortimer

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST'S COMMANDMENT TO LOVE

In Holy Week and Easter we hear again Christ's commandment to love as He has loved us. We need to respond to Him in clear and straightforward ways especially at this time.

NOTICES

MANY THANKS to all who worked so hard to prepare our churches for the many liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. *The Vicar*

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more about Confirmation please contact Fr. Paul.

MORTIMER ST. MARY'S JUNIOR SCHOOL EASTER EUCHARIST will take place on Thursday 24th April at 11.00 am at St. Mary's Church. All welcome.

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: tinned fruit, long life juice, ambient sponge puddings, cereal bars **Short Supply:** UHT milk, tinned meat meals, non-bio washing powder/tablets, anti-bac spray

ELECTORAL ROLL This year an entirely new Roll must be prepared & the old Roll withdrawn. All who wish to be included in the new Roll must complete an application form. Forms have been sent to all those on the current Roll & there is also a supply of forms at the back of the church for those not on the existing Roll but who would like to apply to be included. Forms must be returned to the Benefice Office by **24th April**.

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.

BENEFICE PLANNER Please make sure you send to the office admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes.

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.

*The 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 Cynthia Ray
at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Basil Beale
and at St Saviour's, Mortimer West End – in thanksgiving for the life of the Parish*