



The Stratfield Mortimer Benefice of

St Saviour St Mary and St John St John the Baptist
Mortimer West End Stratfield Mortimer 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 31ST AUGUST TO 7TH 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 31ST

ELEVENTH AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m. Christmas Bazaar planning meeting St. John's Mortimer

Readings for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Jeremiah 2.4-13 Psalm: 81.1, 10-end
Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

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, Nanette, George, Nick, Karen

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
R.I.P. Peter Jordan, Roy Belcher, Marlise Daniel

MONDAY 1ST

Giles, hermit

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

TUESDAY 2ND

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea

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

WEDNESDAY 3RD

Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
6.00 p.m. Wedding Preparation St. John's Mortimer

THURSDAY 4TH

Birinus, bishop **School term begins**

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.30 a.m. Funeral for Roy Belcher St. John's Mortimer

FRIDAY 5TH

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 6TH

Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society

SUNDAY 7TH

TWELFTH AFTER TRINITY

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's MWE
10.00 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer and Online
11.45 a.m. Wedding Preparation St. John's Mortimer
12.45 p.m. Renewal of Vows Rehearsal St. Mary's Mortimer
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. John's Padworth

NOTICES

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

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 11 A.M. There will be a short planning meeting in church for the Christmas Bazaar which will be held on 22nd 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*

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER AT 9.30 A.M. 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

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
Thank you to those who supported Hungry Holidays 2025. It was reported that the project was very successful.

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 newsletters should be submitted in writing/by email to the Benefice Office.

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 lives of

Harry & Gwen Westbury

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