



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 18TH – 25TH MAY 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 18TH

9.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

11.30 a.m.

4.00 p.m.

FIFTH OF EASTER

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist

Vicar's meeting

The Maying Service

St. Saviour's MWE

St. Mary's Mortimer

St. John's Mortimer

St. Mary's Mortimer

**The Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication for
The Parish of Stratfield Mortimer**

Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 11.1-18

Psalm 148

Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6

Gospel: John 13.31-35

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, Roy, Graham

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Frederick Shirley, Alan Thorpe

MONDAY 19TH

9.15 a.m.

Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

TUESDAY 20TH

9.15 a.m.

Alcuin, deacon, abbot

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

WEDNESDAY 21ST

9.15 a.m.

Helena, protector of the Holy Places

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

10.00 a.m.

Vicar joins Collective Worship

Schools

7.30 p.m.

Clarke's Educational meeting

THURSDAY 22ND

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

FRIDAY 23RD

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

SATURDAY 24TH

John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers

SUNDAY 25TH

9.00 a.m.

SIXTH OF EASTER

Eucharist

St. John's Padworth

10.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

11.15 a.m.

Annual Meeting

St. John's Mortimer

12.30 p.m.

Annual Meeting

St. Saviour's MWE

3.00 p.m.

Annual Meeting

St. John's Padworth

6.30 p.m.

Evensong (BCP)

St. Saviour's MWE

NOTICES

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

SERVICES/EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday 18th May at 10 am

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 18th May at 4 pm

The Maying Service

The Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication

for The Parish of Stratfield Mortimer

All Welcome

Refreshments will be served after the service

PADWORTH PATRONAL FESTIVAL Everyone is warmly invited to join to give thanks at the beautiful parish church on Sunday 30th June - 5.30pm - Tea & Cake & 6.30 pm - Thanksgiving Songs of Praise

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY You are warmly invited to the Annual Vicarage Garden Party on Sunday 6th July from 3 to 5 pm. Cream Teas will be served. Admission & tea £3.00. Donations of cakes for tea, raffle & tombola prizes & plants for plant stall welcomed. Please speak to Lorna Jones or ring 01189 333136.

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING Please donate regularly to support the Church's mission & work. Please see www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS will take place:

St. John's, Mortimer – Sunday 25th May at 11.15 a.m.

St. Saviour's, Mortimer West End – Sunday 25th May at 12.30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist, Padworth – Sunday 25th May at 3 p.m.

For a copy of the papers, email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.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 send to the office all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes. admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

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 Roger Spratt

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Ian Westbury

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