



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 26TH OCTOBER – 2ND NOVEMBER 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 26TH

9.00 a.m.

LAST AFTER TRINITY

Eucharist

St. John's Padworth

10.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

12 noon

Burial of ashes

St. Saviour's MWE

6.30 p.m.

Evensong (BCP)

St. Saviour's MWE

Readings for Last after Trinity

First Reading: Joel 2.23-end Psalm: 65

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Luke 18.9-14

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, George, Nick, Karen, David

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING R.I.P.

MONDAY 27TH

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

TUESDAY 28TH

9.15 a.m.

Simon & Jude, Apostles

Morning Prayer

Online

WEDNESDAY 29TH

9.15 a.m.

James Hannington, bishop, martyr

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

THURSDAY 30TH

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

FRIDAY 31ST

9.15 a.m.

Martin Luther, reformer

Morning Prayer

Online

SATURDAY 1ST

SUNDAY 2ND

9.00 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Eucharist

St. Saviour's MWE

10.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

11.45 a.m.

Wedding rehearsal

St. Mary's Mortimer

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

William James Westley

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Josie Jones

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.

Thank you to all who helped to prepare the churches of Stratfield Mortimer, Padworth & Mortimer West End for the harvest thanksgiving services & also for the harvest lunch & teas.

THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS' REQUIEM

Monday 3rd November 7.30 p.m. at St. John's, Mortimer

& Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>.

All are invited to this annual service when we remember with thanksgiving & prayer all our loved ones, family & friends, who have died & gone before us into God's nearer presence. If you would like departed loved ones to be remembered at the Altar at this service of thanksgiving & prayer please email the names to admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk or telephone 01189 333 704.



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

****** Raffle tickets are now available to buy ******

*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



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: fruit juice, coffee, confectionary, washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, soap bars. **Short supply:** tinned meat, sugar, UHT milk, anti-bac spray.

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

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. Please contact the office to book a date to have the eternal light lit in memory of a loved - each week £5.00.

Notices for inclusion in the newsletter should be submitted in writing/by email to the Benefice Office.