



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 24TH NOVEMBER – 1ST DECEMBER 2024

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 24TH

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. Johns Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m.	Choir Practice	Vestry
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviour's MWE

Readings for Christ the King

First Reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93
Second Reading: Revelation 1.4b-8 Gospel: John 18.33-378

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Christa, Richard, Chris, Heather, 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, Geoff

**WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
R.I.P. Heather Gibbs, Colleen Beare**

MONDAY 25TH

Catherine, martyr & Isaac Watts, hymn writer

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

TUESDAY 26TH

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
1.15 p.m. St. John's School rehearsal St. John's Mortimer

WEDNESDAY 27TH

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

THURSDAY 28TH

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m. Vicar's meeting
1.15 p.m. St. John's School rehearsal St. John's Mortimer
5.00 p.m. Governor meeting St. Mary's School

FRIDAY 29TH

*Day of Intercession & Thanksgiving for the
Missionary Work of the Church*

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 30TH

Andrew the Apostle

SUNDAY 1ST

ADVENT SUNDAY

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's MWE
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. Johns Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m. Choir Practice Vestry
11.30 a.m. Vicar's meeting St. John's Mortimer
6.00 p.m. Advent Procession St. John's, Mortimer

**followed by the Blessing and Lighting of the Christmas Tree
on the fairground at 7 pm**

NOTICES

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

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.

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - 24TH NOVEMBER is also Stewardship Sunday, an important time to reconsider our commitment to God's Service, including the commitment of our financial resources.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 1ST DECEMBER The season of Advent marks the start of the Christian year & is a season of expectation & hope. It is also the transition from one lectionary cycle to the next. This coming year we will be following the Gospel of Luke. The Advent Procession will take place at 6 pm at St. John's, Mortimer followed by the Blessing & Lighting of the Christmas Tree on the Fairground at 7pm. All welcome.

ADVENT EXTRAS £2.60. Please see Roger Jones or telephone 01189 333 136.

ADVENT WORKSHOP AT ST. JOHN'S, MORTIMER FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 9.45 – 11.45 A.M.

Children are invited to participate in songs/carols & craft. To register telephone 01189 333704 or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE

St. John's, Mortimer at 3 pm & 5 pm and St. Saviour's, Mortimer West End at 4 pm. If you wish to attend, please ring 01189 333704 or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK See www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk for full details. Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or ring 07955 626621. See Food Bank website for Reverse Advent Calendar details.

Urgently needed: noodle nests, cooking oil, UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, shampoo

Short supply: savoury biscuits, tins of biscuits, stuffing, gravy, cranberry, sauce, Pringles/sharing crisps, tins of sweets, Christmas cake (long dates)

FAMILY LIST Our Family List of all connected with the benefice is being updated. Please take a form from the back of the church, complete and return it to the office, even if you have signed a form previously. If you wish to be sent a form, please email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk. Thank you.

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.

PATHWAYS The latest edition of the Diocese of Oxford magazine can be viewed at this link <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

*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 Sheila Tanner

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

Bernard and Irene Fishwick

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