



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 10TH – 17TH AUGUST 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 10TH

10.00 a.m.

EIGHTH AFTER TRINITY

Sung Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

Readings for Eighth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

Psalm 50.1-8, 23-end

Second Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

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, Roy, Graham, Jack, Christine, Nanette, George, Nick

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Marlise Daniel, Mary Chaplin

MONDAY 11TH

Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares & John Henry Newman, priest

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

TUESDAY 12TH

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

WEDNESDAY 13TH

Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer & Octavia Hill, social reformer

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

THURSDAY 14TH

Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

Bradfield Ringing Course

St. Mary's Mortimer

FRIDAY 15TH

The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

10.15 a.m.

Bradfield Ringing Course

St. John's Mortimer

6.30 p.m.

Nationwide Ringing of Bells for VJ Day

St. Mary's Mortimer

SATURDAY 16TH

SUNDAY 17TH

9.00 a.m.

Eucharist

St. Saviour's MWE

10.00 a.m.

Parish Festival Eucharist for The Assumption into Heaven of Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus

11.45 a.m.

Wedding Rehearsal

St. Mary's Mortimer

2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Bradfield Ringing Course

St. John's Padworth

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 10TH AUGUST 10 a.m. Eucharist at St. John's Mortimer only. No services at St. John's Padworth or St. Saviour's, MWE.

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*

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 tomatoes, tinned meat meals, tinned fish, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, biscuits, male razors, shaving foam
Short supply - tinned fruit

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 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
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 lives of
Barbara and Ken Grummitt
and Mary Chaplin*

*at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the lives of
Ruby James and Lillian Keep*

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