



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.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed! Happy Easter

BENEFICE DIARY 11TH – 18TH 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 11TH

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.30 a.m.	Mortimer PCC meeting	St. John's Mortimer
5.30 p.m.	MWE PCC meeting	St. Saviour's MWE
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviour's MWE

FOURTH OF EASTER

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9.36-end	Psalm 23
Second Reading: Revelation 7.9-end	Gospel: John 10.22-30

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. Alan Thorpe**

MONDAY 12TH

9.15 a.m. *Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar*
Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

TUESDAY 13TH

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

WEDNESDAY 14TH Matthias the Apostle

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

THURSDAY 15TH

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

FRIDAY 16TH

9.15 a.m. *Caroline Chisolm, social reformer*
Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 17TH

SUNDAY 18TH

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's MWE
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist **St. Mary's Mortimer**
12.15 for 12.30 p.m. Bring & Share Lunch **St. John's Mortimer**
4.00 p.m. The Maying Service St. Mary's Mortimer
The Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication for The Parish of Stratfield Mortimer

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 followed by a

Bring and Share Lunch at St. John's at 12.15 p.m.

Please sign the list at the back of church with food you can bring

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

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK See www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk for full details. Collection from Tesco Bfield, 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 on Sunday 25th May.

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/>

BENEFICE PLANNER Please end 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 lives of

Rosemary Sibley, Sheila Tanner, Phyl Lyons and Dora Farwell

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Basil Beale

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