



# 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 4<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 4<sup>TH</sup>

9.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

11.15 a.m. Good Friday Workshop review meeting St. John's Mortimer

6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. John's Padworth

#### THIRD OF EASTER

Eucharist

St. Saviour's MWE

Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

#### 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 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY** There will be a brief meeting at 11.15 am in church to review the Good Friday Worship & Workshop. Please advise Barbara Lewis of any items for the agenda by 1<sup>st</sup> May.

#### Readings for Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9.1-6

Psalm 30

Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-end

Gospel: John 21.1-19

#### 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. Pope Francis, Sylvia Perry, Derek Wallis

#### SERVICES/EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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*

#### MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.

#### Bank Holiday

Morning Prayer

Online

#### TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

#### WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.

#### We pray for the conclave.

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

10.00 a.m.

Vicar joins Collective Worship

Schools

#### THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer

#### 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

9.15 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer & Online

6.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Bells will be rung

St. John's Mortimer

8.30 – 9.00 p.m.

Bells will be rung

St. John's Mortimer

#### FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Online

#### SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

#### SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

9.00 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Padworth

10.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist

St. John's Mortimer

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

St. Saviour's MWE

**WEST BERKS FOOD BANK** See [www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk](http://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](http://www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk)

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS** will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto: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 the Parish*

*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*