



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 27TH APRIL – 4TH 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 27TH

10.00 a.m.
11.45 a.m.
12.30 p.m.
1.15 p.m.

SECOND OF EASTER

Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
Marriage preparation St. John's Mortimer
Baptism preparation St. John's Mortimer
Vicar's meeting St. Mary's 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.

MANY THANKS to all who worked so hard to prepare our churches for the many liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. *The Vicar*

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP It was lovely to have so many children attending, to hear their joyful singing on the chancel steps, to watch them as they progressed around the Stations of the Cross engaging in this journey with Christ and to be part of the children's enthusiasm as they engaged in the various Easter activities. There was a lovely atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who helped.

SUNDAY 4TH MAY There will be a meeting at 11.15 am in church to review the Good Friday Worship and Workshop. Please advise Barbara Lewis of any items for the agenda by 1st May.

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 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

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

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 Cynthia Ray
and John Knox*

*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*

Readings for Second of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5.27-32 Psalm 118.14-end
Second Reading: Revelation 1.4-8 Gospel: John 20.19-end

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, Vera, Roy, Graham

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Pope Francis, Sylvia Perry, Derek Wallis

MONDAY 28TH

9.15 a.m. *George, martyr, patron of England (trans 23rd)*
Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

TUESDAY 29TH

9.15 a.m. *Mark the Evangelist (trans 24th)*
Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
5.30 p.m. Governing Board meeting St. Mary's School

WEDNESDAY 30TH *Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator*

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

THURSDAY 1ST

9.15 a.m. *Philip and James, apostles*
Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

FRIDAY 2ND

9.15 a.m. *Athanasius, bishop, teacher of faith*
Morning Prayer Online
12 noon Funeral for Derek Wallis St. Mary's Mortimer

SATURDAY 3RD

SUNDAY 4TH

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's MWE
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer
11.15 a.m. Good Friday Workshop review meeting St. John's Mortimer
6.30 p.m. Evensong St. John's Padworth