



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 17TH – 24TH NOVEMBER 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 17TH

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. Saviour's MWE
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. Johns Mortimer & Online
11.45 a.m.	Marriage Preparation	St. John's Mortimer
5.00 p.m.	Padworth PCC meeting	St. John's Padworth
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. John's Padworth

SECOND BEFORE ADVENT

Readings for Second Sunday before Advent

First Reading: Daniel 12.1-3
Psalm 16
Second Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Gospel: Mark 13.1-8

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, Colleen, The Bowyer Family, Anne, Pam, Margaret, Jazz, Geoff

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Colleen Beare

MONDAY 18TH

9.15 a.m.	<i>Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist</i> Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
5.00 p.m.	Personnel & Pay meeting	St. Mary's School

TUESDAY 19TH

9.15 a.m.	<i>Hilda, abbess & Mechtild, béguine, mystic</i> Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
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WEDNESDAY 20TH

	<i>Edmund, king, martyr & Priscilla Lydia Sellon, restorer of religious life in the Church of England</i> Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
9.15 a.m.	Vicar attends Collective Worship	Schools
10.00 a.m.	Governor training	

THURSDAY 21ST

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
5.00 p.m.	Governor training	St. Mary's School

FRIDAY 22ND

9.15 a.m.	<i>Cecilia, martyr</i> Morning Prayer	Online
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SATURDAY 23RD

10 am to 1 pm

Christmas Bazaar at St. John's, Mortimer

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
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)	St. Saviour's MWE

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.

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



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 10 AM TO 1 PM IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MORTIMER

Raffle tickets are available to buy now!

The Christmas Bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun
Donations We are looking for donations for stalls: handicrafts, bottles, toiletries, sweets, preserves, chocolate, items for the home & garden stall, jewellery & scarves, raffle prizes etc. Cakes can be delivered the evening before/on the day. Donations of time & assistance are also very welcome.

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 refreshments & then 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.

Urgently needed: tinned meat meals (curry, hotpot, pies etc.), tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes/passata, variety pack cereals, lunch box individual fruit juice, wet wipes, shaving foam

Short supply: tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, ambient sponge pudding, honey, nappies (sizes 4 and 8)

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 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

Ken Grummitt, Sheila Tanner & Daisy Bailey

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Michael Tull

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