



# 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 3<sup>RD</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

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.*

**Morning Prayer & Night Prayer are offered each weekday at 9 am & 9 pm respectively & 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.**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Epiphany (trans)**  
**10.00 a.m. Eucharist - livestreamed via Zoom**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>**

### NOTICES

**NEW BENEFICE WEBSITE** go to: [www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk](http://www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION** If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more about Confirmation please contact Fr. Paul.

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING.** Please continue to support the parishes - see [www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk](http://www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk) for details.

**FOOD BANK** is experiencing greater demand than normal. Please continue to donate as you are able: all types of tinned & packeted food especially sugar, baked beans, tinned fish, instant mash, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, chilli mix & soup, tinned fruit, rice pudding, sponge puddings & custard. Also in short supply: shampoo, deodorant, sanitary & cleaning products. To make giving easier it's now possible, as well as giving via collection points in Budgens, Mortimer & Tesco, Burghfield, to arrange collection from your doorstep. To arrange collection ring 07955 626621.

**DIOCESE OF OXFORD** Live-streamed & 'as live' worship and resources are available for everyone across the Diocese of Oxford - complementing the prayers, meditations & worship offered by local churches. The principal Diocesan services take place at 10 am each Sunday. Go to: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

**DAILY HOPE FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND** offers music, prayers & reflections as well as full worship services at the end of a telephone line & is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. **DAILY PRAYER** services in both contemporary & traditional forms & for all times of day can be viewed at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

#### Readings for Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6                      Psalm: 72  
Second Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12              Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Christa, Chris, Richard, Heather, Niamh, the Bowyer Family, Jenny, Gwen, Alan, David, Julia, Terry, Rita, Christopher, Catherine, James, Jay, Joanne, Lucas, Kay, Tom, David, James, Fiona, Pat, Julie, Fr. Alan, Grace, Alissia-Rose, Rosey, Craig and Sally, Brian, Gary, Charles, Susan, Mya, Rob, Sarah, Frances, Eddie, Shirley, Steve, Fr. Jonathan SSM, Clive, Andy and Sue, Margaret, Thomas, Dorothy, Keith

**WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**  
**R.I.P. Jennifer Newport**

Welcome to Join in Stratfield Mortimer, Mortimer West End & Padworth  
**DAILY PRAYER & WORSHIP RESOURCES**

**The Benefice is live-streaming services via Zoom.**

**Parish Morning Prayer at 9 am & Night Prayer at 9 pm  
Monday to Friday.**

**Parish Sunday Eucharist at 10 am each Sunday**

The Zoom link for all services is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>

The invitation to join with the Parish church here in Morning & Night prayer is an invitation to make a 'sacred' space & time in our day to pause to reflect & pray together with the help & guidance of scripture & to pray together with one heart & mind. *Fr. Paul Chaplin*

*The 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 Josie Jones*

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