



# 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 21<sup>ST</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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 21<sup>st</sup> November – Christ the King

10.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer
11.45 a.m.	Holy Baptism	St. Mary's, Mortimer

Also at Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Advent

10.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer
6.00 p.m.	Advent Procession	St. John's, Mortimer

followed by the Blessing and Lighting of the Christmas Tree on the fairground at 7 pm

#### Readings for Christ the King

First Reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14	Psalm: 93
Second Reading: Revelation 1.4b-8	
Gospel: John 18.33-37	

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

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

#### WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

**R.I.P.** Karen Harmsworth, Janet Lambert, Muriel Robinson, Margaret Mayes

#### The Stratfield Mortimer Benefice Sunday Eucharist

Coronavirus guidance will be followed e.g. masks must be worn, hands sanitised & distancing maintained. Directions will be given to enable people to move safely through the church.

The 10.00 a.m. service will also be zoomed at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>

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

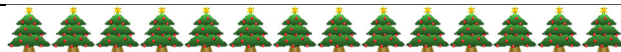
The Zoom link for all services

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

### NOTICES

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



### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH 'MINI' CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM  
IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

***Please note: the bazaar will be held in St. John's Church.***

*The Christmas Bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun*

We are looking for donations for a cake & preserves stall; handicrafts, chocolate & raffle prizes. Donations of time & assistance are also very welcome as well as donations of money!

Tea, coffee & mince pies will be available.

A one way system will be in place to help keep social distancing.

*Thank you. Churchwardens.*



**ADVENT EXTRAS** - £2.00. To reserve a copy please see Roger Jones or telephone 01189 333 136.

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

### FOOD BANK

**Urgently needed:** instant coffee, instant mash, long life fruit juice long life milk, sponge puddings, chocolate/treats/confectionery, sanitary towels, baby wipes.

**In short supply:** chilli/spag bol packet mix, tinned meals, stew/curry/hotpot/ravioli/pies, tinned fish, granulated sugar, toilet roll, shampoo or shower gel.

There is a collection point in Tesco, Burghfield, or to arrange collection from your doorstep – ring 07955 626621.

**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.**

*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 lives of*

*Sheila Tanner and Ken Grummitt*

*at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the lives of*

*Bernard and Irene Fishwick*

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