



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 27TH FEBRUARY – 6TH MARCH 2022

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.

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

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 SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. John's, Mortimer
10 a.m. service also by Zoom	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940	
11.45 a.m.	Holy Baptism	St. Mary's, Mortimer

Readings for Sunday before Lent

First Reading: Exodus 34.29-end	Psalm 99
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2	Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

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, Fr. Jonathan SSM, Clive, Andy and Sue, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Carol, Roger, Michelle, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Maureen, Steve, Mary

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Marion Quarterman, John Bull, Julian Keable, Shirley Povey

MONDAY 28TH

TUESDAY 1ST *in honour of St. David, bishop, patron of Wales*
7.30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Supper St. John's, Mortimer

WEDNESDAY 2ND ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	St. John's School
2.00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	St. Mary's School
7.30 pm	Eucharist with Ashing	St. John's, Mortimer

THURSDAY 3RD

FRIDAY 4TH
2.00 p.m. World Day of Prayer Service Methodist Church

SATURDAY 5TH

SUNDAY 6TH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer

The Stratfield Mortimer Benefice Services

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 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

Benefice Lent Prayer

As the days lengthen and we spend longer in the light of day
Grant that I may spend longer in the Light of Your Presence O Lord
and may those seeds of Your Word which have been long buried within me
grow like everything around us into love for You and love for all Your people.
Grant, Lord, that this Lent there may be a Springtime for my life in Christ. Amen

NOTICES

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

BENEFICE SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER 1ST MARCH You are warmly invited to food & fellowship at the Benefice Shrove Tuesday Supper at 7.30 pm in St John's Church, Mortimer. There will be homemade meat & vegetarian dishes accompanied by green salad & crusty bread. Pancakes will be served with a variety of toppings followed by tea & coffee. Fruit juice & water will be on the spring-themed tables but bring your own drinks if you prefer. A basket will be available for donations. Each table will have a fun picture/catchphrase quiz to feed the mind. If you are able to come, it would help with catering if you would please let the Benefice Office know by 12 noon on Monday 28th February admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk or 01189 333704. All Covid safety measures and diocesan guidelines will be followed.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 4TH MARCH, 2 P.M. AT MORTIMER METHODIST CHURCH. The theme this year is 'I know the plans I have for you'. All welcome.

LENT EXTRAS are available - £2. Please see Roger Jones or ring 01189 9333136 to reserve a copy.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING. Please donate regularly to support the Church's mission and work. The church here needs your help in order to serve our villages, our diocese, our nation and our world in the future. Please see the website to see how to give efficiently. www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk

FOOD BANK

Please continue to donate as you are able

Urgently needed: confectionary, super noodles/instant noodles, tinned meat meals stew/curry/ravioli, tinned meat ham, corned beef etc., tinned fish

In short supply: cup-a-soup, non-bio laundry powder, anti-bac cleaning sprays, washing up liquid, bleach

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

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.

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 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