



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 12TH – 19TH DECEMBER 2021

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.

SUNDAY 12TH

9.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

11.45 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eucharist

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Holy Baptism

St. John's, Padworth

St. John's, Mortimer

St. Saviour's, MWE

MONDAY 13TH

9.15 a.m.

Funeral for John Ilsley

WB crematorium

SUNDAY 19TH

10.00 a.m.

4.00 p.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eucharist

THE CAROL SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S, MORTIMER
The Festival of Lessons and Carols

St. John's, Mortimer

NOTICES

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

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

You are warmly invited to join a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at **St. John's Church, Mortimer at 3 pm or 5 pm or at 4 pm at St. Saviour's**. Your donations help the Children's Society to raise funds to support children & young people growing up in very difficult circumstances. Applications forms are available on the website www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk by sending an email to admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk or by telephoning 01189 333704. Please return forms by 14th December.

STEWARDS FOR CHRISTINGLE SERVICES If you are able to help at the 3 pm or 5 pm (or both) please sign the list at the back of the Church or email sarahteacake@btinternet.com. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING. Please continue to support the parishes - see www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk for details.

FOOD BANK

Urgently needed: long life UHT milk, long life fruit juice, dog food wet or dry, feminine hygiene tampons, male & female razors, shaving gel, bin liners,
In short supply: super noodles/instant noodles, stock cubes, confectionary, washing up liquid, cleaning products, non-bio washing powder (we decant).
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.

Readings for Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-end

Psalms 146.4-end

Second Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.7-18

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, Maureen

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. John Ilsley, Karen Harmsworth

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>

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 19th December at 4 pm at St. Mary's

The Carol Service – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

Christingle Services

3 pm at St. John's, Mortimer

4 pm at St. Saviour's, MWE

5 pm at St. John's, Mortimer

Midnight Mass 11.30 pm at St. John's, Mortimer

Christmas Day

8 am Eucharist at St. Saviour's, MWE

9 am Eucharist at St. John's, Padworth

10 am Eucharist at St. John's, Mortimer

*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

Richard Esslemont

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