



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 5TH – 12TH 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 5TH

10.00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eucharist

St. John's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 7TH

12 noon

Funeral for Karen Harmsworth WB crematorium

SUNDAY 12TH

9.00 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's Padworth

10.00 a.m.

Eucharist

St. John's, Mortimer

11.45 a.m.

Holy Baptism

St. Saviour's, MWE

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5 Canticle: Benedictus

Second Reading: Philippians 1.3-11

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

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>

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.

CHRISTMAS 'MINI' BAZAAR

The Churchwardens would like to thank everyone who participated in the annual bazaar; those who contributed their time & talents to making & selling lovely things, & all those who contributed by coming & buying them! We are thinking about having a similar kind of event in the summer; all suggestions welcome. *Churchwardens*

THE CAROL SERVICE

Festival of Lessons and Carols

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

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

There will be Christingle Services in the benefice at 3 pm, 4 pm and 5 pm on Christmas Eve.

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 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

Thomas Bailey and Harry Stringer

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