



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 23RD – 30TH JANUARY 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 23RD JANUARY – THIRD OF EPIPHANY

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m.	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. John's, Mortimer

Readings for Third Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

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, Steve, Mary

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Jean Johnson, Roy Stone

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 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022 will take place from 18 - 25 January 2022. This is an annual initiative whereby Christian communities throughout the world are invited to pray for one another and for greater Christian Unity. Daily resources can be found at www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

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. Our doors have been closed due to Covid 19 and with no regular Government or Church of England funding we have lost significant income. 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.

PATHWAYS For the latest edition of the magazine for the Diocese of Oxford go to: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/> In the latest edition of Pathways, Revd Sorrel Shamel-Wood takes a fresh look at an encounter with Jesus to challenge our ideas about who we are and what Jesus values.

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 Ellen Cutler

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