



# 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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## Alleluia, Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed. Happy Easter

### BENEFICE DIARY 4<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Easter Day

10.00 a.m. Eucharist – Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>

#### READINGS FOR EASTER DAY

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43                      Psalm: 118.1-2, 14-24  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11    Gospel: John 20.1-18

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

Christa, Chris, Richard, Heather, Niamh, the Bowyer Family, Jenny, Gwen, Alan, David, 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, Margaret, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Simon

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

R.I.P. Craig Beavan

#### EASTER SERVICES

The Benefice is live-streaming services via Zoom

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

#### BENEFICE DAILY PRAYER

Morning Prayer at 9.00 a.m. & Night Prayer at 9.00 p.m.

#### HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER EVE – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil of the Resurrection

#### EASTER DAY - 4<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 a.m. Easter Day Eucharist

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

**BENEFICE WEBSITE** [www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk](http://www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk) Changes have been made to the website. Please take a look – any bookmarks you have may need to be re-set.

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

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

**FOOD BANK** is experiencing greater demand than normal. Please continue to donate as you are able: all types of tinned & packeted foods, but please no more pasta. Urgently needed items: tinned tomatoes, tinned soup, instant mash & baked beans. In short supply: rice pudding, tinned fruit, small jars of coffee, pasta sauce and other cooking sauce, rice, small bags of sugar & baked beans. To make giving easier it's now possible to give via collection points in Budgens, Mortimer & Tesco, Burghfield, or to arrange collection from your doorstep – ring 07955 626621.

**PRAYER FOR THE NATION** The Archbishops invite us to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6 pm. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. Prayers can be found at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>

**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** The latest edition of the magazine for the Diocese of Oxford can be viewed at this link <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

*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 the Parish*

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