



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 MAY 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 23rd May – Pentecost

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

Readings for Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21

Psalm: 104.26-36

Second Reading: Romans 8.22-27

Gospel: John 15.26-27

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. Joan Rackley, Rosemary Sibley

The Stratfield Mortimer Parish Sunday Eucharist at 10 a.m. at St John's, Mortimer.

From Pentecost/Whitsunday, 23rd May 2021, there will again be the opportunity to attend St John's, Mortimer.

No more than thirty people may be present at this stage and all current coronavirus guidelines 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.

If you would like to attend the Parish Eucharist at St John's this next Sunday please email or telephone the head verger, Lorna:

lornajones48@gmail.com / 01189 333136. It would be helpful if you could indicate the number of people in a group so that seats can be allocated accordingly & safely.

The 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*

Benefice Online Elevenses - Wednesdays at 11.00 am

It's good to talk...

Everyone is welcome to join with us to have a cup of coffee or tea on Wednesday mornings at 11.00 am

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

You do have to make your own coffee or tea.

NOTICES

BENEFICE WEBSITE www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk Please take a look – changes have been made recently so any bookmarks you already 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 for details.

FOOD BANK is experiencing greater demand than normal. Urgently needed items: chicken stock cubes, tinned peas, carrots & sweetcorn, tinned fruit & UHT long-life milk; In short supply: cereal bars, healthy lunchbox snacks, cup-a-soup, Mug Shots, long-life fruit juice, pasta sauce & disposable razors. Please continue to donate as you are able: all types of tinned & packeted foods, but please no more pasta. 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.

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/>

CHURCH OF ENGLAND - LIGHT A CANDLE By lighting a virtual candle, you're making space to pray. You can light a candle online to pray for yourself, for a loved one or for a situation. Whatever is going on, make space to pray in your life. Go to: <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>

BISHOP STEVEN'S NEW PODCASTS This series focusses on Holy Communion; the profound, wonderful meal at the heart of our faith. Listen online or search 'Bishop Steven Croft' wherever you get your podcasts. <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/support-services/communications/podcasts/>

*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