



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 29TH SEPTEMBER – 6TH OCTOBER 2024

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.

The Eucharist is offered daily at 9.15 am & Night Prayer each weekday at 9 pm & 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 29TH

EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY/ MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
3.30 p.m. Bishop Olivia's Farewell Service Reading Minster

Readings for Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9. 20-22 Psalm: 124
Second Reading: James 5.13-end Gospel: Mark 9.38-end

Readings for Michael and All Angels

First Reading: Genesis 28.10-17 Psalm 103.19-end
Second Reading: Revelation 12.7-12 Gospel: John 1.47-end

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Christa, Richard, Chris, Heather, Jenny, Julia, Rita, Catherine, James, Joanne, Fiona, Julie, Alissia-Rose, Rosey, Sally, Gary, Charles, Mya, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Mollie, Graham, Delphine, Jill, David, Mitchell, Colleen, The Bowyer Family, Anne, Pam, Margaret, Jazz

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Doreen Moon

MONDAY 30TH

Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
7.30 p.m. Cantemus rehearsal St. John's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 1ST

Remigius, bishop, Anthony Ashley Cooper, social reformer

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
1.15 p.m. School rehearsal St. John's Mortimer
1.45 p.m. MSM to visit church St. Mary's Mortimer

WEDNESDAY 2ND

10.00 a.m. St. Mary's School Harvest Eucharist St. Mary's Mortimer
2.00 p.m. St. John's School Harvest Service St. John's Mortimer

THURSDAY 3RD

George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

FRIDAY 4TH

Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon

9.00 a.m. Vicar's meeting
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online
1.45 p.m. MSM to visit church St. Mary's Mortimer

SATURDAY 5TH

2.30 p.m. Cantemus rehearsal St. John's Mortimer
7.30 p.m. Cantemus 'Song of God Mass' St. John's Mortimer

SUNDAY 6TH

NINETEENTH AFTER TRINITY

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's MWE
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
5.45 p.m. Tea and Cake St. John's Padworth
6.30 p.m. Harvest Songs of Praise St. John's Padworth

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey, please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

BENEFICE PLANNER Please make sure you send to the office admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes.

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 7.30 PM - ST. JOHN'S MORTIMER

Cantemus will present *Son of God Mass* by James Whitbourn. A varied programme, including music for saxophone & choir, lighter music, classical favourites-Verdi & Purcell & even Hungarian folksongs! Free entry. Retiring collection in aid of Singing for the Brain: The Alzheimer's Society.

HARVEST IN THE BENEFICE

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT ST. JOHN'S, PADWORTH

5.45 pm Tea and Cake 6.30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER AT ST. MARY'S, MORTIMER

10 am Sung Eucharist at St. Mary's, Mortimer
12.15 pm for 12.30 pm Harvest Lunch at St. John's, Mortimer

Please sign the list at back of church, telephone 9333704, admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk if you'd like to attend - by 6TH October.

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, MWE

5.45 p.m. Tea and Cake 6.30 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 10 AM TO 1 PM IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MORTIMER

The Christmas Bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun
Donations We are looking for donations for stalls: handicrafts, bottles, toiletries, sweets, preserves, chocolate, items for the home & garden stall, raffle prizes etc. Cakes can be delivered the evening before/on the day. Donations of time & assistance are also very welcome. *Thank you. Churchwarden*

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING Please donate regularly to support the Church's mission & work. Please see www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK See www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk for full details of how & what to donate. Collection from Tesco Burghfield, Co-Op Mortimer or ring 07955 626621.

Urgently needed: tinned meat meals (curry, hotpot, pies etc.), tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes/passata, variety pack cereals, lunch box individual fruit juice, wet wipes, shaving foam

Short supply: tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, ambient sponge pudding, honey, nappies (sizes 4 and 8)

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.

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