



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 6TH – 13TH 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 6TH

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

Readings for Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Job 1.1; 2.1-10	Psalm: 26
Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12	Gospel: Mark 10.2-19

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 7TH

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.30 a.m.	Vicar's meeting	St. Mary's Mortimer

TUESDAY 8TH

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
12 noon	Chapter	St. Mark's Englefield

WEDNESDAY 9TH

Denys, bishop & companions, martyrs and Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar attends Collective Worship	Schools

THURSDAY 10TH

Paulinus, bishop, missionary and Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
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FRIDAY 11TH

Ethelburga, abbess James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus

9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online
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SATURDAY 12TH

Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer and Edith Cavell, nurse

SUNDAY 13TH

HARVEST THANKSGIVING / TWENTIETH AFTER TRINITY

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Padworth
10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	St. Mary's Mortimer
12.15 p.m.	Harvest Lunch	St. John's Mortimer
5.45 p.m.	Tea and Cake	St. Saviour's MWE
6.30 p.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving	St. Saviour's MWE

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

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

THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS' REQUIEM

Monday 4th November 7.30 pm at St. John's, Mortimer & Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>. All are invited to this annual service when we remember with thanksgiving & prayer all our loved ones, family & friends, who have died & gone before us into God's nearer presence. If you would like departed loved ones to be remembered at the Altar at this service of thanksgiving & prayer please email the names to admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk or telephone 01189 333 704.



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. 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 lives of Sam Adshead, Rose Spratley and Frank Brown

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Pat Wickham

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