



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 28TH JULY – 4TH AUGUST 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 28TH

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Padworth
10.00 a.m. Holy Baptism & Sung Eucharist
St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.45 a.m. Vicar's meeting St. John's, Mortimer
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. Saviour's, MWE

Readings for Ninth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11.1-15 Psalm: 14
Second Reading: Ephesians 3.14-end Gospel: John 6.1-21

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

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Ann Crump, Maisie Smith, Pat Wickham, Norah Anstey, Claire Pritchard

MONDAY 29TH

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m. Vicar's meeting St. John's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 30TH

*William Wilberforce, social reformer,
Oludah Equino & Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners*
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

WEDNESDAY 31ST Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus

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

THURSDAY 1ST

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

FRIDAY 2ND

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 3RD

SUNDAY 4TH TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's, MWE
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) 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 To avoid clashes, please send to the benefice office, all dates for services, rehearsals, meetings, events, work, etc., for the year ahead. admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING Please donate regularly to support the Church's mission & work. The church here needs your help in order to serve our villages, our diocese, our nation & our world in the future. 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: cup-a-soup, tinned soup, tinned vegetables, biscuits, ketchup, confectionary, instant coffee, cereal, cereal bars, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant

Short supply: tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, ambient sponge pudding, uht milk, long life fruit juice, fruit squash, mug shots, pot noodles, dried milk/marvel

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.

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
Brian Allwood, Keith Farrer and Roger Spratt*

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

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