



# 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 22<sup>ND</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

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.

**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](http://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 22<sup>ND</sup>

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

### SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

#### Readings for Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Proverbs 31.10-end Psalm: 1  
Second Reading: James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

#### 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. Doreen Moon**

### MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
5.00 p.m.	Personnel & Pay meeting	St. Mary's School

### TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
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### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> *Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer & Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer* Ember Day

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
10.00 a.m.	Vicar joins Collective Worship	Schools
11.00 a.m.	Reading Branch Ringers	St. John's Padworth

### THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> *Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army*

9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St. John's Mortimer & Online
1.15 p.m.	School rehearsal	St. John's Mortimer
4.00 p.m.	Governors meeting	St. Mary's School

### FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### *Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists* Ember Day

9.15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Online
1.15 p.m.	School rehearsal	St. John's Mortimer

### SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> Ember Day

### SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> 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

### 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](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk) all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes.

**SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 2 PM** 24 hour Prayer Meeting in the Upper Room at St Marys Church Burghfield. For details contact 0797 987 1608.

#### SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7.30 PM - ST. JOHN'S MORTIMER

**Canemus** 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 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT ST. JOHN'S, PADWORTH

5.45 pm Tea and Cake 6.30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise

##### SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk) if you'd like to attend - by 6<sup>th</sup> October

##### SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 23<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk)

**WEST BERKS FOOD BANK** See [www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk](http://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 Robert Woods  
at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Bluebell Krefling  
and at St Saviour's, Mortimer West End – in thanksgiving for the life of the Parish*