



# 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 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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 30<sup>TH</sup>

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
11.30 a.m. Marriage Preparation St. John's, Mortimer  
5.30 p.m. Tea and Cake St. John's, Padworth  
6.30 p.m. Thanksgiving Songs of Praise St. John's, Padworth

#### Readings for Fifth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 2 Samuel 1.1, 17-end Psalm: 130  
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8.7-end Gospel: Mark 5.21-end

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

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

#### WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

**R.I.P.** Claire Pritchard, Anthony Clulow, Jürgen Moltmann, Gwen Glover

### MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

*Henry, John & Henry Venn, priests,  
evangelical devines*

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

### TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
4.00 p.m. Governing Board meeting St. Mary's School

### WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> Thomas the Apostle

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

### THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

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

### FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

### SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

*Thomas More, scholar & John Fisher, bishop,  
martyrs*

10.00 a.m. Steeple Keeper course St. Mary's, Mortimer

### SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

#### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's, MWE  
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
3 – 5 p.m. Vicarage Garden Party The Vicarage  
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](mailto:admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk)

#### PADWORTH PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Everyone is warmly invited to join to give thanks at the beautiful parish church

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**5.30pm** Tea & Cake

**6.30 pm** Thanksgiving Songs of Praise

**VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY** You are warmly invited to the Annual Vicarage Garden Party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 3 to 5 pm. Cream Teas will be served. Admission & tea £3.00. Donations of cakes for tea, raffle & tombola prizes & plants for plant stall welcomed. Please speak to Lorna Jones or ring 01189 333136.

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 7 PM AT ST. JOHN'S, MORTIMER** South Berks Concert Band present 'Spring into Summer'. For more details visit [www.southberksmusic.org.uk](http://www.southberksmusic.org.uk). Tickets are available from Baobab, [SBBCB\\_Music@yahoo.com](mailto:SBBCB_Music@yahoo.com), or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-berks-concert-band](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-berks-concert-band).

**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](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:** 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 life of Keith Lock*

*at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Barbara Rose*

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