



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 18TH – 25TH 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 18TH
9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's MWE
10.00 a.m. Parish Festival Eucharist for The Assumption into Heaven of Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus St. John's Mortimer & Online
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. John's Padworth

Readings for The Blessed Virgin Mary
First Reading: Isaiah 61.10-12 Psalm: 45.10-12
Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7 Gospel: Luke 1.46-55
Readings for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
First Reading: 2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm: 130
Second Reading: Ephesians 4.25-5.2 Gospel: John 6.35, 41-51

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.

MONDAY 19TH
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
11.00 a.m. Burial of Ashes St. Mary's, Mortimer

TUESDAY 20TH *Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, William & Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army*
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

WEDNESDAY 21ST
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

THURSDAY 22ND
9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online

FRIDAY 23RD
9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 24TH Bartholomew the Apostle

SUNDAY 25TH THIRTEENTH AFTER TRINITY
9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Padworth
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) 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 We try to complete the first draft of the Benefice Planner for year ahead at this time each year. Many dates for the period Advent '24 to Advent '25 have already been arranged. Please make sure you send to the office all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes. It would be helpful if dates for the remainder of this year could also be confirmed. Thank you. Email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER AT 11 AM There will be a short planning meeting in church for the Christmas Bazaar which will be held on 23rd November. The bazaar is a key community event for fundraising, fellowship & fun; we need offers of help & new ideas for seasonal stalls/games. All welcome. *Churchwarden*

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, confectionary, instant coffee, cereal, cereal bars, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant

Short supply: nappies size 2, ketchup, 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.

LOST PROPERTY If you have lost a cycle helmet, please contact the office 01189 333704.

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

Becky Ray, James McInnes and Frances Draper

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