



# 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 15<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</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 15<sup>TH</sup> SIXTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Saviour's MWE  
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online  
5.00 p.m. Padworth PCC meeting St. John's Padworth  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. John's Padworth

#### Readings for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Proverbs 1.20-33 Psalm: 19  
Second Reading: James 3.1-12 Gospel: Mark 8.27-end

#### 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 16<sup>TH</sup>

*Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts,  
Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest*

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

### TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

*Hildegard, abbess, visionary*

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

### WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

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

### THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

*Theodore, archbishop*

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

### FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

*John Coleridge Patteson, bishop and companions,  
martyrs*

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

### SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

*Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

### SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

**SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY**

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  
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** 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. More details to follow.

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM** Cantemus will present *Son of God Mass* by James Whitbourn at St. John's, Mortimer. 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 soup, cup-a-soup, cereal, ambient sponge pudding, custard or rice pudding pots, long life fruit juice, washing up liquid, anti-bac spray, toilet cleaner

**Short supply:** tinned meat meals (curry, stew, spaghetti bolognese), tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, fruit squash, shaving foam

**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 Bob Woods

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the life of Lillian Keep

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