



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 2ND – 9TH JUNE 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 2ND

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

Readings for First Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 Psalm: 139.1-5, 12-18

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 Gospel: Mark 2.23-3.6

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, Anthony, Rhona, Anne

WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

R.I.P. Roger Spratt, Neil Pettet, Frank Stansfield

MONDAY 3RD

Martyrs of Uganda

School term begins

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

TUESDAY 4TH

Petroc, abbot

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

WEDNESDAY 5TH

Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr

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

THURSDAY 6TH

Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
6.30 p.m. Bells - Ring Out For Peace St. John's, Mortimer

FRIDAY 7TH

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online

SATURDAY 8TH

Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer

SUNDAY 9TH

SECOND SUNDAY 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 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

RING OUT FOR PEACE The bells of St John's, Mortimer will join bells across the country to 'Ring Out for Peace' on 6th June at 6.30pm to mark 80th anniversary of D Day.

SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 7 PM AT ST. JOHN'S MORTIMER Reading Haydn Choir present a Summer Concert of English Music. Tickets from rdghaydnchoir+tickets@gmail.com. See www.haydnchoir.org.uk for more details.

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY You are warmly invited to the Annual Vicarage Garden Party on Sunday 7th 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.

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: UHT milk, long life fruit juice, marmalade, sugar (500g or 1kg), deodorant, instant mash, cup a soup, nappies size 7/8, washing up liquid, bleach/toilet cleaner

Short supply: tinned ham or corned beef, toilet rolls, custard/riced pudding pots, cereal bars, 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 the Parish

at St John the Baptist, Padworth – in thanksgiving for the lives of Alf and Ruby Tull

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