



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.

BENEFACTORY DIARY 8TH – 15TH 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.

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 8TH FIFTEENTH 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. Wedding rehearsal St. Mary's Mortimer
6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) St. Saviour's, MWE

Readings for Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Proverbs 22.1-2, 8, 9, 22, 23 Psalm: 125
Second Reading: James 2.1-10, (11-13) 14-17 Gospel: Mark 7.24-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.**

MONDAY 9TH

Charles Fuge Lowder, priest

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

TUESDAY 10TH

9.15 a.m. Eucharist St. John's Mortimer & Online
12 noon Chapter St. John's, Mortimer

WEDNESDAY 11TH

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

THURSDAY 12TH

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

FRIDAY 13TH

John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith

9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer Online
1.15 p.m. Wedding St. Mary's Mortimer

SATURDAY 14TH Holy Cross Day

SUNDAY 15TH 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

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION If you would like to explore the next step in the journey, please contact Fr. Paul or telephone the office 01189 333704.

BENEFACTORY PLANNER Please make sure you send to the office admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk all your proposed dates for meetings, activities, events etc., in order that we can avoid unnecessary clashes.

SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 2 PM 24 hour Prayer Meeting in the Upper Room at St Marys Church Burghfield. More details to follow.

SATURDAY 5TH 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 BENEFACTORY

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT ST. JOHN'S, PADWORTH

5.45 pm Tea and Cake 6.30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise

SUNDAY 13TH 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 the back of the church, telephone 9333704 or email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk if you would like to attend.

SUNDAY 8TH 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 23RD 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

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: 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 the Parish

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