# 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 31ST OCTOBER – 7TH NOVEMBER 2021

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.*

**Morning Prayer & Night Prayer are offered each weekday at 9 am & 9 pm respectively & 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.

## Sunday 31st October 2021
**All Saints' Day**

**10.00 a.m. Eucharist St. John's, Mortimer**
Also at Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940

## Monday 1st November

**7.30 p.m. Requiem for All Souls St. John's Mortimer**
Also at Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940

**Readings for All Saints' Day**
First Reading: Wisdom 3.1-9 or Isaiah 25.6-9
Psalm: 24.1-6
Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6*a*
Gospel: John 11.32-44

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED**
Christa, Chris, Richard, Heather, Niamh, the Bowyer Family, Jenny, Gwen, Alan, Julia, Terry, Rita, Christopher, Catherine, James, Jay, Joanne, Lucas, Kay, Tom, David, James, Fiona, Pat, Julie, Fr. Alan, Grace, Alissia-Rose, Rosey, Sally, Brian, Gary, Charles, Susan, Mya, Rob, Sarah, Frances, Eddie, Shirley, Steve, Fr. Jonathan SSM, Clive, Andy and Sue, Margaret, Thomas, Dorothy, Nicola, Carol, Roger, Michelle, Mollie, Graham, Delphine
**WE COMMEND TO GOD WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**
**R.I.P**. Margaret Mayes, Melvin Stone

**The Stratfield Mortimer Benefice Sunday Eucharist**

Coronavirus guidance will be followed e.g. masks must be worn, hands sanitised & distancing maintained. Directions will be given to enable people to move safely through the church.

The 10.00 a.m. service will also be zoomed at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940

Welcome to Join in Stratfield Mortimer, Mortimer West End & Padworth
**DAILY PRAYER & WORSHIP RESOURCES**
**The Benefice is live-streaming services via Zoom.**
**Parish Morning Prayer at 9 am & Night Prayer at 9 pm - Monday to Friday.**
**Parish Sunday Eucharist at 10 am each Sunday**
The Zoom link for all services
is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940
The invitation to join with the Parish church here in Morning & Night prayer is an invitation to make a 'sacred' space & time in our day to pause to reflect & pray together with the help & guidance of scripture & to pray together with one heart & mind. *Fr. Paul Chaplin*

## NOTICES

**CONFIRMATION** If you would like to explore the next step in the journey & find out more about Confirmation please contact Fr. Paul

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL GIVING.** Please continue to support the parishes - see www.mortimerbenefice.org.uk for details.

**THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS' REQUIEM** Monday 1st November, 7.30 pm at St. John's, Mortimer & by Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940. All are invited to this annual service when we remember with thanksgiving & prayer all our loved ones, family & friends, who have died & gone before us into God's nearer presence. If you would like departed loved ones to be remembered at the Altar at this service of thanksgiving & prayer please give the names to the office by email admin@mortimerbenefice.co.uk or 01189 333 704.

**ADVENT EXTRAS** - £2.00. To reserve a copy please see Roger Jones or telephone 01189 333 136.

**FOOD BANK**
**Urgently needed**: instant coffee, instant mash, long life fruit juice long life milk, sponge puddings, chocolate/treats/confectionery, sanitary towels, baby wipes.
**In short supply**: chilli/spag bol packet mix, tinned meals, stew/curry/hotpot/ravioli/pies, tinned fish, granulated sugar, toilet roll, shampoo or shower gel.
There is a collection point in Tesco, Burghfield, or to arrange collection from your doorstep – ring 07955 626621.

**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.

**PATHWAYS** For the latest edition of the magazine for the Diocese of Oxford go to: https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/

**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.**

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