

# Church Matters



The growing Benefice of All Saints' Martock, Holy Trinity Ash,  
St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi and St Peter & St Paul Muchelney

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**Trinity 9**

**All Saints'**  
Martock

**9.30am Holy Communion**  
with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Diana Healey & Sally Howells  
READERS: Hilary & Dave Bull  
INTERCESSOR: Jane Caddell  
**HYMNS: 766, 258, 502, 715**

**The Church Rooms**  
Kingsbury Episcopi



**4pm Family Fun Time**  
with Revd Paul Fillery & the team!

## **Collect :**

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and  
faithful, for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Post-Communion Prayer :**

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the  
table of your Son to share this meal  
with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal  
the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and  
language to share in the eternal  
banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**We remember those who are sick** including Julia Jackson, Richard Scrivener,  
Geoff Lucas, Vivienne Brissett, Mavis Hook, Barbara Moore

**We remember those who have died** including John Williams

**In Memoriam:** Kenneth Knight, Dennis Kiernan, Carole Draper, Ivy Dickinson,  
John Young, Doris Swain, Ada Pullen, Mary Ledger, Audrey Third

**New Testament – Hebrews chapter 11 verse 29 to chapter 12 verse 2 :**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Gospel – Luke 12 verses 49 to 56 :**

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

### NEXT SUNDAY – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025: St Bartholomew

8am	BCP Holy Communion at All Saints', Martock
11am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Ash
6.30pm	Still Waters at All Saints', Martock

*To allow some members of our Ministry Team to rest, there will be no services of Morning Prayer or Morning Worship in the month of August.*

### NOTICES

**Still Waters;** our monthly quiet service will be held next on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 6.30pm in All Saints' church, Martock.

**Bank Holiday Monday 25 August** – as usual Muchelney church will be offering Garden Teas in the delightful garden of The White House in Muchelney and will be playing the rare barrel organ in the church between 3pm and 5pm. All welcome – off road parking at The Abbey.

**STOMPERS** – the outdoor activity morning for children will be holding one more session in the summer holidays on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August beginning at 10.30am in the church porch of All Saints' church, Martock. More info on facebook: Stompers Martock.

**Flower, Produce & Craft Show** on Saturday 30 August in St Martin's church, Kingsbury Episcopi, entries to be submitted from 9am, judging at 11am, open to public from 2.30pm to 4pm. Entry £1, refreshments available. More info & Schedule of Classes from Michele Bradley on 01935 825 463.

**Martock Village Fete** – Saturday 30 August on the Rec & organised by the Martock community group. All Saints' church will be having a cake stall. Please let Sally know if you're able to provide a homemade cake or help on the day. Many thanks.

**New Steps for Holy Trinity church, Ash** – the elegant and safe new steps to the tower in Ash will be officially dedicated on **Sunday 31 August at 10.30am.**

**Sunday 31 August** – on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in August, we will be holding a Benefice Service of Healing and Holy Communion at 11am in Holy Trinity church, Ash. All welcome! Teas will be served afterwards in the Village Hall.

**Quiz and Supper Night** at All Saints' on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.30pm. To book your team of up to 6 people (£10 each), or to be part of a team, please get in touch with Sally (01935 824238). In aid of church funds.

### Next Week

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Funeral Service for John Williams in All Saints', Martock
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Coffee & Cake for Tiddler volunteers in All Saints'
	5.00pm	Wedding rehearsal in All Saints', Martock
	7.30pm	Meditation Group in Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Wedding for Alex Mercer & Tamara Hemsley in All Saints'
	5.30pm	Wedding rehearsal in All Saints', Martock
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1.00pm	Wedding for Gary Dutson & Cara Brindley in All Saints'

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