Church Matters









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

All Saints' Martock registered charity no: 1160333
Holy Trinity Ash & St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi have charitable status

Sunday 31st August 2025

Trinity 11

Holy Trinity

Ash

10.30am Dedication for the new Bell Tower Steps
11.00am Benefice Service of Healing and Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

READERS: Trish Robertson & Jenni Ivimey-Cook **HYMNS: 565, 67, 615, 695, 438**

Light refreshments will be served in the Village Hall immediately after the services. All welcome!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

We remember those who have died including Graham Bradford

In Memoriam: Jock Tofts, Charles Fowler, Viola Taylor, Susanna Pinder, Denis Pearce, Nigel Leybourn

Diocesan Prayer: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Coming soon.... Benefice Home Group - Practicing the Way:

an 8 week course to start w/c 13 October to explore how to follow Jesus in our busy, distracted, and increasingly secular culture. Each 30-minute session will comprise of teachings, guided discussion, tutorials, and voices from experts. If you are interested, please add your name + preferred day & time to the sign-up sheets at the back of the church or email benefice.martock@gmail.com. More info on www.practicingtheway.com.

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 31 August 2025

Old Testament - Isaiah 53 verses 1 to 6:

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases: yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Gospel – Matthew 8 verses 14 to 17:

When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; ¹⁵ he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. ¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were possessed by demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.'

NOTICES

Diamond Wedding Anniversary! Many congratulations to Ken & Nova Witcombe as they celebrate 60 years of marriage on Friday 29 August!

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 or on KE webpage - https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11270/page/95554/view/

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.

Supper with Friends – a chance to invite your friends to a church supper on Wednesday 10 September at 7pm in All Saints' church to enjoy each other's company and hear Roger Morgan speak. Please take an invitation to give to a friend, then add your names to the sign-up form at the back of All Saints' or contact the benefice office.

All Saints' Community Choir — after a very successful Taster Event, a new choir will begin on Thursday 11 September in All Saints' church, 7pm to 8.30pm and once a fortnight thereafter. All enthusiastic singers are invited to share the joy of singing together!

Christian Response to Eastern Europe – a buffet tea will be held in All Saints' church on Saturday 13 September, 2.30pm to 4.30pm with a presentation on the charity by Hugh Scudder, trustee. Entry by donation to CR2EE.

Trial by Jury performed by The Bath Gilbert & Sullivan Society on Saturday 20 September at 7.30pm in All Saints' church. Tickets £12 on the door of £10 in advance from Martock Gallery, Martock Newsagent or 07547 213 992.

Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 26 September, 10am to 12noon in the Methodist Church in Kingsbury Episcopi. Any cakes will be gratefully received. All welcome!

Photographic Exhibition in All Saints' church, Martock from Friday 26 September to Sunday 28 September – pop in and be amazed!

A monthly Memory Café is to be launched in All Saints' church on Tuesday 14 October, 10am to 11.30am. Please let Carol Ansell know if you would like to

help, or if you could donate cakes or even give an old-fashioned simple game like snakes & ladders – annieansell52@gmail.com or 01935 507 762.

Next Week								
Tue 2 nd		9.30am	Church cleaning in All Saints', Martock					
		2.00pm	The Mothers' Union meet in All Saints', Martock					
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock					
Wed 3 rd		10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash					
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi					
Thu	4 th	10.00am	Tiddlers returns; the toddler group in All Saints', Martock					
		7.30pm	Meditation Group in Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi					
Fri	5 th	6.00pm	Music rehearsal in All Saints', Martock					
Sat	6 th	3.30pm	Bell ringing & Ilchester Bell Ringers AGM in All Saints'					

NEXT SUNDAY – 7 th September 2025: Trinity 12						
9.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints', Martock					
11.00am	Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity, Ash					
11.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney					

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CHURCH WEBSITES: For the latest information, pew sheet, links to all benefice churches and more go to our benefice webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/01-254BR Email Sarah if you would like to join the mailing list to receive weekly information!

- + All Saints', Martock https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11008/
 - + Holy Trinity, Ash https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11007/
 - + St Martin's, KE https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11270/
- + St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11004/

Tiddlers – for toddlers with their mums, dads or carers in Martock in TERM TIME

All enquiries to tiddlers.martock@gmail.com

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