

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 7th September 2025

Trinity 12

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Val Ford & Rebecca Lacey
READERS: Rebecca Lacey & Andy Handcock
INTERCESSOR: Iris Chapple

HYMNS: 650, 690, 585, 604

Holy Trinity
Ash

11am Morning Prayer
with Sally Howells

READER: Ken Witcombe

HYMNS: 88, 626, 195, 58

St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

11am Holy Communion with Revd Ben Rundell-Evans

Collect :

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer :

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you
have set aside our sins and given us
your healing: grant that we who are
made whole in Christ may bring that
healing to this broken world,
in the name 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, Tracey Fillery

We remember those who have died including Graham Bradford

In Memoriam: Henry Third, Ivor Hughes, Spike Perkins

Diocesan Prayer : God, we pray for our sisters and brothers in the Zambia Anglican Church as they seek to serve your people. May your voice be heard as the country faces environmental and economic challenges, and families struggle to provide food and other practical needs.

New Testament – Philemon verses 1 to 21 (not at All Saints') :

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel – Luke 14 verses 25 to 33 :

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

NOTICES

Supper with Friends – a chance to invite your friends to a church supper next 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 – the 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.

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.

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Next Week			
Sat	6 th	3.00pm	Bell ringing & Ilchester Bell Ringers AGM in All Saints'
Tue	9 th	2.00pm	Muchelney PCC meeting
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	10 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		2.30pm	The Guardians' meeting in All Saints', Martock
		7.00pm	Supper with Friends in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	11 th	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
		7.00pm	NEW Community Choir meet in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Meditation Group in Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi
Fri	12 th	10.00am	Ministry Team meet in All Saints', Martock
		1.30pm	Funeral Service for Graham Bradford in St Martin's, KE
Sat	13 th	2.30pm	Buffet Tea for CR2EE in All Saints', Martock

NEXT SUNDAY – 14 th September 2025: Holy Cross Day	
9.30am	Morning Worship at All Saints', Martock
10.00am	Holy Communion at St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

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Old Testament – Jeremiah 18 verses 1 to 10 :

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

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Psalm 139 verses 1 to 5 + verses 12 to 18 :

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.