

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 28th September 2025

Trinity 15

All Saints'
Martock

8am BCP Holy Communion
with Revd Ben Rundell-Evans

Holy Trinity
Ash

11am Holy Communion
with Revd Ben Rundell-Evans

READERS: Sue Stevens & Wendy Scrivener
HYMNS: 573, 310, 314, 631

All Saints' Martock



6.30pm Still Waters;
a time of quiet and reflection

St Martin's
Kingsbury Episcopi



11am HARVEST THANKSGIVING
with Revd Richard Caddell & Grace Dunton

FOLLOWED BY Bring 'n Share
Harvest Lunch in the Church Rooms

The Collect :

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth, that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your
perpetual mercy; and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things
hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable
to our salvation; through 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 Eddie Ansell

In Memoriam: Peggy Downton, Helena Knight, Lawrence Marks, Thomas Pullen,
Norman Batty, Rik Chapple

Diocesan Prayer : Lord, teach us to be generous. Teach us to serve you as you deserve; to
give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek
for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.

(St Ignatius of Loyola)

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 28 September 2025 in Martock & Ash

New Testament – 1 Timothy 6 verses 6 to 19 :

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel – Luke 16 verses 19 to end :

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ²⁵ But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ²⁷ He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ²⁹ Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰ He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹ He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

NOTICES

“What a Wonderful World”; a photographic exhibition in All Saints’ church, Martock from Friday 26 September to Sunday 28 September – open 10am to 6pm, light refreshments available 10.30 to 4pm Friday and Saturday and Sunday 2pm - 4pm if help is available. Please tell your friends and pop in and have a look. Many thanks from Sally Howells (824238)

The Beach’d Buoys Shanty Band will be performing a concert on Friday 3 October in St Martin’s church, Kingsbury Episcopi starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 on the door or £10 in advance from Kingsbury Community Shop.

Rural Forum – the Diocese of Bath & Wells invite anyone involved in church life to the annual Rural Forum on Monday 3 November 2025, 10am to 3.30pm in Bagley Baptist Church; a chance to listen to God and be encouraged to use our gifts in new ways in our communities! To book a place, email sophie.moore@bathwells.anglican.org

Volunteers for All Saints’ church – all our churches rely on many wonderful volunteers! All Saints’ church is looking for new people to help at the Sunday morning services as sidesmen, as someone to welcome people and to operate the sound system (it’s not difficult & there are instructions!). Please speak to Sally (01935 824 238) or Bridget (01935 508 688) if you are interested....

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES:

Sunday 28 September at 11am in St Martin’s, KE followed by lunch

Sunday 5 October at 11am in Holy Trinity, Ash

Sunday 5 October at 11am in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

Sunday 12 October at 11am in All Saints’, Martock followed by lunch



A letter from Alfie :

Hello to you all and a very warm welcome from Wells Cathedral! This is now the end of my 4th week, and I have been a very busy indeed! By the time you’re reading this, I would have already led services of Morning Liturgy and Choral Evensong as well as becoming well established in the day-to-day worship pattern of the cathedral. I have met and worked with all members of the cathedral Chapter which has been most helpful when considering the possibility of ordination in the future. Alongside the ‘practical’ side of my work, I have also been studying at Trinity college in Bristol on Tuesday evenings, which will be such a blessing as it allows me to receive a formal theological education. It’s lovely to be able to share with you all that God has been doing in my life over this past month. I have been praying for you all and would appreciate you to keep praying for me. From your friend Alfie

NEXT SUNDAY – 5th October 2025: Trinity 16

9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints', Martock
 11am **Harvest Thanksgiving** + Holy Communion
 in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
 11am **Harvest Thanksgiving** in Holy Trinity, Ash



Next Week

Sat 27th 10am-6pm "What a Wonderful World" exhibition in All Saints'
 Sun 28th 10am-6pm "What a Wonderful World" exhibition in All Saints'

Tue 30th 7.30pm Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
 Wed 1st 10.00am Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
 7.30pm Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
 Thu 2nd 10.00am Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
 7.30pm Contemplation in the Church Rooms, KE
 Fri 3rd 7.30pm Concert by The Beach'd Buoys Shanty Band
 in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
 – tickets £12 on the door

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