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 14th September 2025

All Saints'

Martock

9.30am Morning Worship

with Grace Dunton

SIDESMEN: Carol Ansell & Maggie Ormsby

READERS: Carol Ansell & Ann Swain

INTERCESSOR: Ann Hall

HYMNS: MP 41, 465, 988, 1078, 428

(may not be in correct order!)

Holy Cross Day / Trinity 13

St Martin's

Kingsbury Episcopi

10am Holy Communion

with Revd Ben Rundell-Evans

The Collect for All Saints':

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; 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 Graham Bradford, Colin Dyer In Memoriam: Donald Green, Stanley Brownhill, Thelma Wilkins, Colin Wilson Diocesan Prayer: Heavenly Father, on this Education Sunday, bless all in education. Guide students, teachers, and staff with wisdom and strength. May our schools and colleges be places of safety, hope and opportunity.

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 14 September 2025 at St Martin's only

Psalm 51 verses 1 to 11:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

New Testament – 1 Timothy 1 verses 12 to 17

Gospel – Luke 15 verses 1 to 10

NOTICES

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.

Family Fun Time next meet on Sunday 21 September at 4pm in the Church Rooms with activities, games, stories, refreshments and fun!!

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 – open 10am to 6pm, pop in and be amazed! Sally Howells would like to serve refreshments for some of the time. Please contact her on 824238 if you could spare an hour or two from 10:30am to 4pm on the Friday and Saturday or 2 to 4 pm on Sunday or even provide a cake? Many thanks from Sally!

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

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.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES:

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



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

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



Practicing the Way

POSTPONED - Benefice Home Group - Practicing the Way:

Thank you to everyone who has signed up — over 28 people wishing to explore their faith in our benefice — hallelujah!! Unfortunately due to the absence of key people and venue locations, we have had to postpone the course to begin instead in January 2026. As a short-term alternative, we have begun to plan a benefice Quiet Day early in the season of Advent.... More info to come soon!

	Next Week				
Sat	13 th	2.30pm	Buffet Tea for CR2EE in All Saints', Martock		
Tue	16 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock		
Wed	17 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash		
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi		
Thu	18 th	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock		
Fri	19 th				
Sat	20^{th}	7.30pm	Trial by Jury performed by the Bath G&S Society in		
			All Saints', Martock – tickets £12 on the door		

NEXT SUNDAY – 21 st September 2025: St Matthew				
9.30am 4pm	Holy Communion at All Saints', Martock Family Fun Time in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi	ARAKARA MARANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANA		

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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/

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Collect:

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer:

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

Amen.

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 14 September 2025 at St Martin's only

New Testament – Philippians 2 verses 6 to 11:

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

- he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.
- ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
- ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel – John 3 verses 13 to 17:

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.