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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Holy Trinity Ash & St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi have charitable status

Sunday 19th October 2025 — Trinity 18

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Val Ford & Sally Howells
READERS: Sue Hewitt & Ivan Childs
INTERCESSOR: Ann Swain
HYMNS: 766, 743, 394, 715

11.15am Baptism Service
for Connie Faith Hooper &
Althea Hope Hooper

The Church Rooms
Kingsbury Episcopi

4pm Family Fun Time!

The Collect :
God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is
given through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :
We praise and thank you,
O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.
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, Ann Ody

We remember those who have died including Revd Susie Parsons

In Memoriam: John Stevens, Ellen Bell, Brian Higgins, Joyce James, Peter Banks, John Barwood, Harold Braddick, Alexander Handcock, Jim Robinson, Jean Smith

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 19 October 2025

New Testament – 2 Timothy chapter 3 verse 14 to chapter 4 verse 5 :

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:
2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.
5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel – Luke 18 verses 1 to 8 :

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.
2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.
3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent.'
4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "
6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.
7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?
8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Easy Fundraising! Christmas is coming and many of us will be using the internet for our online shopping. Revd Paul would like to recommend the website https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ . Over 8000 retailers work with Easyfundraising to generate donations for many charities whilst we shop!
Go to the website, sign up, choose your own charity (*FYI All Saints' charity # is 1160333)* then go shopping… Thank you!

NOTICES

Baptism – today we welcome Connie and Althea into the church family. Please hold them in your prayers as they begin their wonderful journey with Christ!

Tiddlers is looking for some new volunteers to join the team. In particular, those who can lift some of the bulky play equipment to help us set up and pack down on a Thursday morning - even a couple of mornings per month would be really welcome! If you are interested or have any friends who you think would enjoy being part of our team please contact Hannah at Tiddlers.martock@gmail.com.

Stompers – the outdoor activity for children in the school holidays will next take place on Thursday 30 October starting at 10.30am in the church porch of All Saints'. No charge, no pre-booking needed but do wear weather appropriate clothing!!

Festival for All Souls' ; the annual service when we remember loved ones will take place this year on Sunday 2 November at 4pm in All Saints', Martock. Invitations will be sent to the NOK for those who have had a funeral service in the past year but all are welcome to the All Souls' Service to remember those who have died.

Christmas Shoeboxes – it is time to start the annual shoebox appeal for CR2EE! Posters are in our churches with more information. Filled shoeboxes should be delivered to Andrew and Ellen at Westholme by 12th November. Many thanks!

The Funeral Service for Revd Susie Parsons will be held on Wednesday 29 October 2025 at 1pm at the Sedgemoor Crematorium, Taunton TA6 4SR.

MESSAGE from Carol Ansell :

My dear friends your love and support for me and my family at Eddie's funeral yesterday was so amazing and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. So many people helped to make Eddie's send off a glorious one from helping with the slideshow, the music and the outstanding buffet, although the words seem inadequate, I thank you. Paul and Bridget, your tender loving care of me and my family will be forever etched on my heart, thank you both. Now as I learn to live a life without Eddie's physical presence, I know you are holding me in your prayers which brings me great comfort and will give me the strength to carry on. With my love Carol

Next Week

Tue	21st	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	22nd	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		7.00pm	Martock PCC meeting in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	23rd	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
		7.00pm	Community Choir Practice in All Saints', Martock

NEXT SUNDAY – 26th October 2025: Last Sunday after Trinity

8am	BCP Holy Communion at All Saints', Martock
10am	Morning Prayer at St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
11am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Ash
12noon	Baptism Service at Holy Trinity, Ash
6.30pm	Still Waters at All Saints', Martock

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+ 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
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