

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 16th November 2025

Safeguarding Sunday

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Diana Healey & Rebecca Lacey
READERS: Ann Hall & Ann Swain
INTERCESSOR: Rebecca Lacey
HYMNS: 360, 2, on separate sheet, 818

St Martin's
Kingsbury Episcopi



4pm Family Fun Time!

The Collect :

Dear God, help us to be a church that:
loves, welcomes, protects;
listens, learns, serves;
repents, restores, transforms;
values, cares, believes.
God of justice and compassion,
hear our prayer. Help us, heal us,
guide us, we pray. In Jesus name.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

God of peace, we thank you that by
sharing bread and wine, we are more
aware of your love for us and for all
humanity. Guide us when
encountering those in distress, loving
as you love, and being prompted to
action. May we share in keeping your
precious ones cared for and safe.
Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

We remember those who have died including Olivia Davies, Jenny Deubert,
Ann Ody, Janet & David Wilkinson, Julia Jackson, Barbara Moore, Daphne Pope,
Anthony Vivian

In Memoriam: Frederick Wells, Matthew Hicks, Jane Chudleigh, Betty Cobden,
Arthur Pope, George Barron, Peter Francis, Fred Nickolls, William Gillard,
Roy Curle, Hilda Brown, Toby Cobden, Richard Pullen, Nora Lyons

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 16 November 2025

New Testament – Romans 13 verses 8 to 14 :

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel – Luke 21 verses 5 to 19 :

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' ⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

⁹ 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

NOTICES

Harps at Christmas – the Bristol & West branch of The Clarsach Society will be performing a selection of favourite Christmas Carols on Sunday 23 November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm in All Saints' Church, Martock. Tea & coffee available with any donations to All Saints' – all welcome!

Still Waters – next takes place on Sunday 23 November 2025 at 6.30pm in All Saints' church, Martock. All are welcome to a special time of quiet and reflection.

Advent Quiet Day – we invite you to a special Quiet Day to help us all prepare for Christmas on SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2025 from 10am to 2.30pm in All Saints' church, Martock to include a simple soup lunch and communion. Sign up sheets will be in all 4 churches or email the office to book your place NOW!

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER – 1st Sunday of Advent :

9.30am Benefice Service of Holy Communion in All Saints' Church, Martock

Martock Foodbank will support about 40 households with Christmas parcels, in Martock and nearby plus provide bags for seniors in the village. If you can, donations will be received at the 9.30am service at All Saints' on Sundays 30th Nov and 7th Dec or direct to The George cafe during opening hours. Most needed are selection biscuit boxes, iced slabs of Christmas cake, Christmas puddings, tins of ham and salmon, cheese biscuits or any Christmas treats with a date beyond Christmas. These will go into festive boxes with fresh produce and basic provisions for Christmas! Thank you, in advance!

Christmas Market at All Saints' is on Saturday 6 December, 10am to 2.30pm! Please let Sally (824238) know if you are able to help on a stall, serve refreshments or provide soup or cakes or speak to Jane Cockerham about refreshments. Paperback books, good quality bric-a-brac and chocolate/ sweets for the tombola can be left in the side pews near the library area in the church. Thank you!

Christian Response to Eastern Europe - Thank you to everyone who supported the shoebox appeal this year! The appeal is now closed for the year. However neck warmers are still needed. I am being made aware that there is confusion over the pattern. CR2EE are looking for snood type, rather than a long sausage shape, although any will of course be used! Pattern is simple, rib or garter stitch, 30/40 stitches, length 16 to 18 inches, double over and sew together. Many thanks - Ellen Howard 01935 823287

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!

Next Week

Please note that the Benefice Office will be closed for annual leave from Monday 17 November to Tuesday 25 November. Back to normal on Wednesday 26 November!

Tue 18 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed 19 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu 20 th	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group at All Saints', Martock
	7.00pm	Community Church Choir in All Saints', Martock
Sun 23 rd	2.30pm	Harps at Christmas in All Saints', Martock

NEXT SUNDAY – 23rd November 2025: Christ the King

8am	BCP Holy Communion at All Saints', Martock
10am	Holy Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
11am	Holy Communion in Holy Trinity, Ash
6.30pm	Still Waters in All Saints', Martock

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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!

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+ Holy Trinity, Ash <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11007/>

+ St Martin's, KE <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11270/>

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SAFEGUARDING HYMN

May this place be one of nurture where all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom, full of truth and light and
grace,
living life in all its fullness held in one divine embrace.

From our negligence and failures, you have called us to repent,
drawing energy for action from the voices of lament.
As the secret hurts long hidden may at last be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom that is every person's right.

For you hold the broken hearted till they learn to live again,
and your justice stands like mountains, while your mercy falls like
rain; when the smallest child is valued, and the strong empower
the weak, when each human life is hallowed and the unheard
voices speak.

So with humble thanks we praise you and we lift to you in prayer,
all the people you are calling to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom, grace and courage, holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another, we will love and serve our Lord.