

# 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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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



**Second Sunday of Advent**

**All Saints' Martock**

**9.30am Holy Communion**

with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Diana Healey

READERS: Diana Healey & Peggy Redman

INTERCESSOR: Ann Hall

**HYMNS: 38, 46, 719, 75**

**Holy Trinity Ash**

**11am Morning Prayer**

with Grace Dunton

READERS : Sue Stevens & Wendy Scrivener

**HYMNS : 263, 527, 655, 406**

**St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney**

**11am Holy Communion** with Revd Paul Fillery

## **The Collect :**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes  
again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer :**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**We remember those who are sick** including Richard Scrivener, Geoff Lucas, Vivienne Brissett, Mavis Hook, Tracey Fillery, Jane Caddell, Nova Witcombe

**We remember those who have died** including Janet & David Wilkinson, Julia Jackson, Barbara Moore, Daphne Pope, Anthony Vivian, Linda Makin

**In Memoriam:** Irene Osborne, Frank Pullen, Ewen Hewitt, Geoffrey Preston, Edith Wilson, Cyril Witcombe, Ian Bagnall, William Homer, Fiona Wright, Evelyn Hansford

## BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 7 December 2025

### New Testament – Romans 15 verses 4 to 13 :

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’;

<sup>10</sup> and again he says, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

<sup>11</sup> and again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’;

<sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Gospel – Matthew 3 verses 1 to 12 :

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

## NOTICES

**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 Sunday 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!

**Ash Christmas Fayre** – Saturday 13 December from 10.30am in the function room of The Bell Inn, Ash with Christmas gifts & treats for sale + mince pies to nibble & a Grand Draw to win! All welcome!

**Toy Service** – we invite you to remember those who have less at Christmastime by bringing an unwrapped present for a child and singing some carols together on Saturday 13 December at 3pm in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi. All gifts will be taken by the Salvation Army.

**All Saints' Carol Service** will be held on Sunday 14 December at 6.30pm. Please let Sally know if you can bring some mince pies to share afterwards!

**Christmas Concert by Kingsbury Episcopi Band** on Sat 20 December at 7pm in St Martin's Church, KE. Tickets £12 on the door or £10 in advance from community shop or from Graham 01935 823 678; raising funds for St Martin's!

**Carol Singing & Mince Pies** on Saturday 20 December from 8pm in The Bell Inn, Ash – all welcome!

**Merry Martock** – A free community lunch is to be held on Tuesday 30 December 2025 from 12noon in Martock Parish Hall. To book your place contact Caroline Bennett on 07946 121 612 or [caroline.bennett@martock-pc.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.bennett@martock-pc.gov.uk). Numbers limited. Transport available.

**Tiddlers** – have been very busy recently with record numbers attending! They have enjoyed making firework art, exploring autumn, and making flatbreads together. As Christmas approaches, they are excited to be able to share the good news of the Christmas story with the families who join each week—no doubt with plenty of glitter and sparkle! A huge thank-you to all the volunteers who serve so faithfully every Thursday. Please do not leave toy donations without prior agreement – thank you.



## NEXT SUNDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Advent 3

9.30am	Morning Worship in All Saints', Martock
10.00am	Holy Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
11am-4pm	Christmas Tree Festival in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

Sat 13 Dec	10am to 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival in St Martin's, KE
	3pm	Toy Service for Salvation Army Appeal in St Martin's, KE
Sun 14 Dec	11am to 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival in St Martin's, KE
Sun 14 Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service in All Saints', Martock
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE:</b>		
Wed 24 Dec	11.00am	Carol Service in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
	4.00pm	Crib Service in All Saints', Martock
	4.00pm	Christingle Service in St Martin's, KE
	10.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion of Christmas in Holy Trinity, Ash
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass in All Saints', Martock
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY:</b>		
Thu 25 Dec	10.00am	Benefice Christmas Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock



## Next Week

Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Christmas Market in All Saints', Martock
Tue	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Church cleaning in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		11.30am	Funeral Service for Daphne Pope in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group at All Saints', Martock
		7.00pm	Community Choir in All Saints', Martock
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Benefice Ministry Team meet in All Saints', Martock
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	10am-4pm	Christmas Tree Festival in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
		10.30am	Ash Christmas Fayre & Raffle in The Bell PH, Ash
		3.00pm	TOY SERVICE in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

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+ 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/>



**Tiddlers** – for toddlers with their mums, dads or carers in Martock in TERM TIME

All enquiries to [tiddlers.martock@gmail.com](mailto:tiddlers.martock@gmail.com)

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**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!

### PSALM for Holy Trinity, Ash

#### Psalm 80 :

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

<sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

- <sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- <sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn of our neighbours;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.
- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- <sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.
- <sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land.
- <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches;
- <sup>11</sup> it sent out its branches to the sea,  
and its shoots to the River.
- <sup>12</sup> Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- <sup>13</sup> The boar from the forest ravages it,  
and all that move in the field feed on it.
- <sup>14</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts;  
look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,
- <sup>15</sup> the stock that your right hand planted.
- <sup>16</sup> They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;  
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
- <sup>17</sup> But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
- <sup>18</sup> Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.
- <sup>19</sup> Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.