

# 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

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Christmas Day**



**All Saints' Martock**

**10am Benefice Christmas Family Communion**

with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMAN: Diana Healey

READERS:

Martin Bradbrooke & Jane Hodgson

INTERCESSOR: Ann Hall

**CAROL SHEET Nos: 10, 1, 6, 12**



## 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 Gary Hillard

**In Memoriam:** Rachael Male, Michael Gaylard, Stanley Clark, Gilbert Taylor, Brian Braddick, Mogs Peschardt, Mary Childs, Daphne Halsted, Katie Sidwell, Doreen Morris, Yvonne Stubbs, Rosanna Cozens-Lewis, William Mountjoy

**Diocesan Prayer** : Emmanuel, God with us. As we sing your praises through familiar carols and retell the amazing story of Jesus coming into our world, we pray that your kingdom may come and your will be done in our communities this Christmas.

## NOTICES

**STOMPERS!** The outdoor fun event for children and their carers will next take place on MONDAY 5 January starting at 10.30am in the porch of All Saints' church. Please wear weather appropriate clothing! No charge, all welcome. More info on facebook Stompers Martock or email [stompers.martock@gmail.com](mailto:stompers.martock@gmail.com).

## NEXT SUNDAY – 28 December 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

11am Benefice Service of Holy Communion in Holy Trinity, Ash

The BENEFICE OFFICE will be closed from 20 December to 1 January.

The OFFICE will re-open on Friday 2 January 10am to 2pm.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

## BIBLE READINGS for Christmas Day 2025

### Old Testament – Isaiah 9 verses 2, 6 and 7 :

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.  
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his  
shoulders;  
and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince  
of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the  
throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice  
and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do  
this.

### Gospel – John 1 verses 1 to 14 :

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was  
God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through  
him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into  
being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines  
in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness  
to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not  
the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens  
everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the  
world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people  
did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he  
gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the  
will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**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](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/01-254BR)

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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/>

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