

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 28th December 2025

1st Sunday of Christmas

Holy Trinity, Ash



11am Benefice Service of Holy Communion

with Revd Richard Caddell

READERS: Trish Robertson and Jenni Ivimey-Cook

HYMNS: 36, 588, 729, 370

The Collect :

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience, and
bring us all at last to our home in
heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

We remember those who have died including Geoff Lucas

In Memoriam: Janet Worner, Ivy Cornford, Edna Hook, Fr John Main, Elizabeth Curle, Tina Wells, Ernest Dickinson, Gifford Rodford, Sheila Barton, Barbara Curle, Kathleen Clark

NEXT SUNDAY – 4 January 2026 : Epiphany

9.30am Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock

11.00am Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity, Ash

11.00am Holy Communion in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 28 December 2025

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 1 verses 26 to 29 :

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

Gospel – Matthew 2 verses 13 to 18 :

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

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 .

Next Week

Mon	5 th	10.30am	STOMPERS starting at All Saints', Martock
Tue	6 th	9.30am	Church cleaning in All Saints', Martock
		1.30pm	The Mothers' Union meet in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	7 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	8 th	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
Fri	9 th		
Sat	10 th	9.30am	Bells at All Saints' ring to celebrate 3 rd anniversary!

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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

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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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