

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 21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



All Saints' Martock

9.30am Holy Communion

with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Pete & Jen Symonds
INTERCESSOR: Richard Caddell

READERS: Sue Hewitt & Ivan Childs
HYMNS: 45, 30, 85, 394

The Collect :

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age to see, with her,
our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace
your holy will and with her rejoice in your
salvation; 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 Julia Jackson, Linda Makin,
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

Old Testament – Isaiah 7 verses 10 to 16 :

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Gospel – Matthew 1 verses 18 to end :

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.'

²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

NOTICES

Bridget Jones, our licensed Lay Reader, says: *"Thank you to all of you from the Benefice who contributed to my amazing birthday presents and signed the lovely cards. I'm overwhelmed by your generosity."*

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. Numbers limited. Transport available.

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.

Christmas Market at All Saints' - many thanks to everyone who helped and supported in so many ways to make the Christmas market last Saturday such a success. Sally says that the provisional total is £1760!! Very impressive!

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!

NEXT SUNDAY – 28 December 2025: 1st Sunday of Christmas

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



Next Week

Sat 20th 7.00pm Concert by KE Band in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
(tickets £12 on the door)
8.00pm Carol Singing in The Bell Inn, Ash

Mon 22nd 1.00pm Funeral Service for Gary Hillard in All Saints', Martock

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE:

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 st Communion of Christmas in Holy Trinity, Ash
11.30pm	Midnight Mass in All Saints', Martock



CHRISTMAS DAY:

Thu 25 Dec 10.00am Benefice Christmas Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock

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