

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**The Conversion of St Paul**

**All Saints'**  
Martock

**8am BCP Holy Communion**  
with Revd Richard Caddell

**St Martin's**  
Kingsbury Episcopi

**10am Morning Prayer**  
with Andrew & Ellen Howard

**All Saints'**  
Martock



**6.30pm Still Waters;**  
a time of quiet and reflection

**Holy Trinity**  
Ash

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

READERS: Pat Brock & Wendy Scrivener  
**HYMNS: 286, 541, 625, 32**

**The Collect :**

Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world through the  
preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant  
that we who celebrate his wonderful  
conversion may follow him in bearing  
witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ  
your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns  
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer :**

Lord God,  
the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching  
and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in 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, Nova Witcombe, Martin Bradbrooke

**We remember those who have died** including Arthur Hughes, David Cousins, Rachel Ewbank, Betty Elphick

**In Memoriam:** Jill Parker, Gladys Wilmott, Freda Scholes, Marjorie Third, Irene Ginger, Tony Wood, Ivy Male, Anne Camwell, Grace Draper, Kathryn Rowswell

## BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 25 January 2026

### New Testament – Acts 9 verses 1 to 22 :

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' <sup>7</sup> The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' <sup>21</sup> All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' <sup>22</sup> Saul became

increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

### **Gospel – Matthew 19 verses 27 to end :**

Then Peter said in reply, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ <sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

### **NOTICES**

**Lent Course 2026 – Be Still : a simple guide to Quiet Times** – we invite you to join a group starting w/c 23 February to learn how to develop a regular rhythm and deeper daily relationship with God through encounter, scripture, wonder, hiddenness & mission (5 weeks). 3 evening groups will run in Martock on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Sign-up sheets will be in church – places are limited – or contact [benefice.church@gmail.com](mailto:benefice.church@gmail.com) It isn’t essential but ‘Be Still – a simple guide to quiet times’ by Brian Heasley is available as a book and e-book, if you need to read more!

**All Saints’ Charities for 2026** - Martock PCC will be considering the charities we would like to support this year at our next PCC meeting in February. Please give some thought to any local, national and international charities you think would be worthy recipients and let Sally know (824238).

**The Funeral Service** for Rachel Ewbank, wife of Revd Canon Robin Ewbank, will be held on Wednesday 28 January at 2.30pm in Holy Trinity church, Long Sutton followed by refreshments in Long Sutton village hall. No flowers, ladies are requested to wear colour not black to remember a delightful lady!

**Christian Response to Eastern Europe** - thank you to everyone who has knitted snoods for CR2EE. Ellen & Andrew are making their first delivery of the year to the depot on 4 February and the snoods will be delivered then. However the need is constant throughout the year, so please keep them coming! As a reminder, the pattern is, cast on between 30 and 40 stitches, rib or garter stitch is ideal, knit to a length of 16 to 18 inches long, double over and sew together, so you have made a knitted circle . They can collect or drop off at Westholme, North Street, Martock. All hand knitted goods are

much appreciated, should snoods not be your preference! Thank you to all who support the charity throughout the year. Ellen Howard 01935 823287

## Next Week

Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		2.30pm	Funeral for Rachel Ewbank in Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>	2.40pm	Funeral for Brenda Dibley at Yeovil Crematorium

## NEXT SUNDAY – 1 February 2026 : Candlemas

9.30am	Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
11am	Holy Communion in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
11am	Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity, Ash

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## PSALM for St Martin's

### Psalm 67 :

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

<sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

<sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.