

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 4th January 2026

Epiphany Sunday



All Saints', Martock

9.30am Holy Communion

with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Ivan Childs & Sue Hewitt

READERS: Sue Hewitt & Ivan Childs

INTERCESSOR: Martin Bradbrooke

HYMNS: 94, 103, 74, 639, 96

Holy Trinity, Ash

11am Morning Prayer

with Bridget Jones

READERS: Sue Stevens & Bridget Jones

HYMNS: 49, 552, 326, 85

St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

11am Holy Communion with Revd Paul Fillery

The Collect :

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Lord God, the bright splendour whom
the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have
been drawn by your light discern the
glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh,
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, Arthur Hughes

In Memoriam: Geoffrey Becky, Alice Curle, Mary Thorne, Richard White, Clifford Pitman, Leonard Furber

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 04 January 2026

New Testament – Ephesians 3 verses 1 to 12 :

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel – Matthew 2 verses 1 to 12 :

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

NOTICES

THANK YOU to everybody who served and helped in the Christmas services across the benefice. All the help was very much appreciated. It was wonderful to see so many in the community joining us in our Christmas worship times. Also a very big thank you to David Mountstephen and all at Yandles for the beautiful Christmas tree at All Saints' – if you happen to see David on a visit to Yandles, please do thank him yourself!

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 .



Family Fun Time – will be held on Sunday 18 January 2026 at 4pm in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi with activities, games, stories, refreshments & fun! All children should be accompanied by an adult. Admission free – all welcome!!

Volunteer Lunch – Muchelney church is providing a simple lunch of soup on Sunday 18 January at 12.30pm for the new wonderful volunteers who responded to our recent appeal for help, to say thank you and to look at the various tasks and together to plan ahead. RSVP to Sarah on Muchelney.church@gmail.com - thank you!!

Still Waters – will be held as usual on the 4th Sunday of the month, Sunday 25 January at 6.30pm in All Saints' church, Martock. A special time of quiet and reflection in our busy world. All welcome.

Next Week

Mon 5 th	Repair work to chancel steps in All Saints' Martock begins...
	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	6.00pm music rehearsal in All Saints', Martock
Sat 10 th	9.30am Bells at All Saints' ring to celebrate 3 rd anniversary!

NEXT SUNDAY – 11 January 2026 : Baptism of Christ

9.30am Morning Prayer in All Saints', Martock

10.00am Holy Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

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PSALM for Holy Trinity, Ash

Psalm 132 :

O Lord, remember in David's favour
all the hardships he endured;

² how he swore to the Lord
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

³ 'I will not enter my house
or get into my bed;

⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,

⁵ until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

⁶ We heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.

⁷ 'Let us go to his dwelling-place;
let us worship at his footstool.'

⁸ Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting-place,
you and the ark of your might.

⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.

¹⁰ For your servant David's sake
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

¹¹ The Lord swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:

‘One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.

¹² If your sons keep my covenant
and my decrees that I shall teach them,
their sons also, for evermore,
shall sit on your throne.’

¹³ For the Lord has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his habitation:

¹⁴ ‘This is my resting-place for ever;
here I will reside, for I have desired it.

¹⁵ I will abundantly bless its provisions;
I will satisfy its poor with bread.

¹⁶ Its priests I will clothe with salvation,
and its faithful will shout for joy.

¹⁷ There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David;
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.

¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with disgrace,
but on him, his crown will gleam.’