

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

**Candlemas –**

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

**All Saints'**  
Martock

**9.30am Holy Communion**  
with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Carol Ansell  
READERS: Sara Cranfield & Carol Ansell  
INTERCESSOR: Ann Hall  
**HYMNS: 721, 396, 373, 702**

**Holy Trinity**  
Ash

**11am Morning Prayer**  
with Grace Dunton

READERS: Trish Robertson & Jenni  
Ivimey-Cook  
**HYMNS: 428, 157, 67, 379**

**St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney**  
**SERVICE CANCELLED due to local flooding**

## **The Collect :**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.  
**Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer :**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and  
Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts  
beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus  
when he comes to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**We remember those who are sick** including Richard Scrivener, Vivienne  
Brissett, Mavis Hook, Tracey Fillery, Nova Witcombe, Keith Snelgrove

**We remember those who have died** including Rachel Ewbank, Betty Elphick,  
Jean Snelgrove

**In Memoriam:** Barry Pullen, Hilda Hardy, Michael Pyle, Frank Turner,  
Susan Perry

**Diocesan Prayer:** Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the  
mystery of your love: help us to live out our days that we may be signs of your  
wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Old Testament – Malachi 3 verses 1 to 5 :**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup> Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

**Gospel – Luke 2 verses 22 to 4 :**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about

him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## NOTICES

**Family Fun Time** next takes place on Sunday 15 February at 4pm in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi – full of activities, games, a story, refreshments and FUN! All welcome!!

**Ash Wednesday** – a Service of Holy Communion with the imposition of ash will be held on Wednesday 19 February 2026 at 7pm in All Saints', Martock.

**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).

**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

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.30pm	The Guardians' meeting in All Saints', Martock
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	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 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
	7.30pm	"Be Still" Lent Course starts in Muchelney
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Guide dogs meet in All Saints', Martock

## NEXT SUNDAY – 08 February 2026 : Second Sunday before Lent

9.30am	Morning Prayer in All Saints', Martock
10am	Holy Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

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+ St Martin's, KE <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11270/>

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**Tiddlers** – for toddlers with their mums, dads or carers in Martock in TERM TIME

All enquiries to [tiddlers.martock@gmail.com](mailto:tiddlers.martock@gmail.com)

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