

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 11th January 2026

Baptism of Christ

**All Saints',
Martock**

9.30am Morning Worship
with Bridget Jones

SIDESMEN: Carol Ansell & Rebecca Lacey
READERS: Martin Bradbrooke & Jane Hodgson
INTERCESSOR: Rebecca Lacey

HYMNS: MP 1003, 1183, 1259, 488

**St Martin's,
Kingsbury Episcopi**

10am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

The Collect :

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed
Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your
beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father in the baptism of
Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work
of our rebirth through the waters of
the new creation;
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 Arthur Hughes, David Cousins

In Memoriam: Edward & Martha Barron, June Coot, Albert Young, Arthur
Scholes, Dorothy Cousins, Richard Pullen, Mary Barwood, Michael Bradford,
Sylvia Hurley, Ivan Farmiloe, Pat Banks, Vyvienne Wright

New Testament – Acts 10 verses 34 to 43 :

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel – Matthew 3 verses 13 to end :

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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!

Chancel steps in All Saints' – for your information, work has begun on repairing the chancel steps in All Saints' and all is going well!

Family Fun Time – will be held next 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.



Martock School - as of the beginning of this term the Headteacher and Governors are proud to announce that Martock School is now the 46th member of the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust (BWMAT) and will be known as Martock Church School! Much will remain the same but at the heart of the BWMAT Education Strategy is the vision *“to provide an excellent education for every child, enhanced by a distinctive Christian ethos within our Trust family.”* We wish the school well in this transition period.

Next Week

Tue	13 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	14 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	15 th	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
		7.00pm	Community Choir in All Saints', Martock
Fri	16 th		
Sat	17 th	3.45pm	Visiting bell ringers from the Guild of Clerical Ringers perform in All Saints' for one hour

NEXT SUNDAY – 18 January 2026 : 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am	Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
4pm	Family Fun Time in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi



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

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Renewal of Baptismal Vows in St Martin's

In baptism,
God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:
Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

Psalm 29 :

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!