

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 18th January 2026

Second Sunday of Epiphany

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Richard Caddell

SIDESMEN: Diana Healey
READERS: Iris Chapple & Andy Handcock
INTERCESSOR: Ann Swain

HYMNS: 41, 621, 810, 227

St Martin's
Kingsbury Episcopi



4pm Family Fun Time!

The Collect :

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through
past ages and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word who
is the bread of life: fill us with your
Holy Spirit that through us the light of
your glory may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of 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: Florence Gaywood, Molly Witcombe, Ronald Knights, Margaret Mobbs, Mary Ridley, John Rodford, Molly Cuff, Tim Barwood, Don Elphick, Ada Knights

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 18 January 2026

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 1 verses 1 to 9 :

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel – John 1 verses 29 to 42 :

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ ³²And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

NOTICES

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.

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

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.

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 Load village hall. No flowers, ladies are requested to wear colour not black to remember a delightful lady!

Message from Alfie Rendell:

Happy Christmas to you all and a very happy New Year!

I am now in my 5th month at Wells, and I am loving every second of it. I am now regularly taking services such as Morning liturgy, Evening prayer and Choral Evensong, as well as helping to lead the 10.30 Eucharist on Sundays. In terms of discernment, things are going very well, I have just passed my stage 1 with good scores all round and am now hoping to book my stage 2 (Or BAP) in the coming months. My time at Wells has been such a blessing and I am blown away by the amount of support Martock still offers me, rest assured you are all always in my prayers. Thank you all so much for your continued support for me and I hope to see you at some point in the not-so-distant future.

With my love and prayers, Alfie

Next Week

Sat	17 th	3.45pm	Visiting bell ringers from the Guild of Clerical Ringers perform in All Saints' for one hour
Tue	20 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	21 st	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		12noon	Funeral for Arthur Hughes in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	22 nd	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
		2.00pm	Funeral for David Cousins in All Saints', Martock
Fri	23 rd	2.30pm	Burial of ashes for John Terrell in Martock Cemetery

NEXT SUNDAY – 25 January 2026 : Conversion of St Paul

8am	BCP Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
10am	Morning Prayer in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
11am	Holy Communion in Holy Trinity, Ash
6.30pm	Still Waters in All Saints', Martock

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CHURCH WEBSITES: For the latest information, pew sheet, links to all benefice churches and more go to our benefice webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/01-254BR

Email Sarah if you would like to join the mailing list to receive weekly information!

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+ Holy Trinity, Ash [https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11007/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11007/)

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