

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 8th February 2026

Second Sunday before Lent

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Morning Worship
with Sally Howells

SIDESMEN: Carol Ansell

READERS: Jane Caddell & Martin Bradbrooke

INTERCESSOR: Jane Caddell

HYMNS: MP 1259, 50, 170, 1227, 51

St Martin's

Kingsbury Episcopi

10am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

The Collect :

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the
earthly paradise, and the bread of life at
the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth be transformed by the glory
of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights
of eternity; 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, Nova Witcombe, Keith Snelgrove

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

In Memoriam: Dennis Rodford, Norman Clements, Nicholas Hebditch, Alice Farmiloe, Sybil Day, Barbara Woodhouse

Diocesan Prayer: Gracious Lord, we give thanks for Bishop Fiona as she begins her ministry in our diocese. Bless her with your Spirit's grace and wisdom and surround her with your peace and love.

New Testament – Romans 8 verses 18 to 25 :

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel – Matthew 6 verses 25 to end :

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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!!

Pancake Day Lunch on Shrove Tuesday 17 February from 12noon to 2pm in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi. £5 for 2 delicious pancakes + endless tea, coffee or squash (5-15yrs @ £3 each, under 5yrs free). All welcome – fundraising for St Martin's church.

Ash Wednesday – a Service of Holy Communion with the imposition of ash will be held on Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 7pm in All Saints', Martock.

Stompers – the outdoor activity morning for children will next be held in half-term on Thursday 19 February starting at 10.30am in the church porch at All Saints', Martock. Free event, all children to bring an adult, wear appropriate clothing for the weather!

Lent Course 2026 – Be Still : developing a regular rhythm and deeper daily relationship with God through encounter, scripture, wonder, hiddenness & mission (5 weeks). Limited spaces left - only now on Tuesday evenings or some Thursdays in Muchelney (avoid flooded roads!). All Martock groups starting w/c 23 February. 1st group in Muchelney will be held on Thursday 12 Feb. To book your place now, please email benefice.church@gmail.com.

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

Diocesan Year of Prayer 2026 – if you would like to increase further your prayer life, our Deanery will be publishing a series of studies and reflections based on The Lord's Prayer each month. To find the February study, please go to the church webpages and follow the link!



*Our vicar says good bye to NANCY
before she heads off to the
Guide Dog training centre in Cardiff
to learn to be a life changer!
Well done, Iris!*

Next Week

Tue	10 th	7.00pm	Martock PCC meet in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	11 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	12 th	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
		7.00pm	Community Choir practice in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	"Be Still" Lent Course starts in Muchelney
Fri	13 th	11.00am	KE PCC meet in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi
		1.20pm	Funeral Service for Betty Elphick at Yeovil Crematorium

Please note the Benefice Office will be closed from Sunday 15 February to Wednesday 4 March 2026 for annual leave.

NEXT SUNDAY – 15 February 2026 : Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock

4pm **Family Fun Time** in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi



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+ Holy Trinity, Ash <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11007/>

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

+ St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11004/>



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All enquiries to tiddlers.martock@gmail.com

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PSALM for All Saints', Martock

Psalm 136 verses 1 to 9 + 23 to end :

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

² O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

⁴ who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

⁵ who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

⁶ who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

⁷ who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

⁸ the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

+ Verses 23 to 26 overleaf....

²³ It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

²⁴ and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

²⁵ who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

²⁶ O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.