

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 22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

All Saints'
Martock

8am BCP Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

St Martin's
Kingsbury Episcopi

10am Morning Prayer
with Andrew & Ellen Howard

All Saints'
Martock



6.30pm Still Waters;
a time of quiet and reflection

Holy Trinity
Ash

11am Holy Communion
with Revd Richard Caddell

READERS: Sue Stevens & Wendy Scrivener
HYMNS: 190, 527, 343, 221

The Collect :

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of
darkness, and grew closer to you in the
desert: help us to use these days to grow in
wisdom and prayer that we may witness to
your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Lord God, you have renewed us with the
living bread from heaven; by it you nourish
our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is
the true and living bread, and enable us to
live by every word that proceeds from out
of your mouth; 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 Jean Snelgrove

In Memoriam: Charles Halsted, John Spry, Annie Gibson, James Leybourn, Alma Leybourn, Jeremy French, Frederick Coot, Gemma Clarke, David Chant, Marina Best, Tony Wood

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 22 February 2026

New Testament – Romans 5 verses 12 to 19 :

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel – Matthew 4 verses 1 to 11:

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.””

⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.””

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

NOTICES

Lent Course 2026 – Be Still : 4 groups begin this week in Martock as follows – 7pm on Tuesday 24 Feb at 13 Matfurlong Close + 2.30pm on Wednesday 25 Feb at 11 Beech Rd + 7pm on Wednesday 25 Feb at 5 Beech Rd + 7.30pm on Friday 27 Feb at 7 Ashfield Rd. There are some spaces on Tuesday but other groups are overbooked – please check that you have a place on the list at the back of All Saints’ church before attending. Thank you!

Ploughman Lunches in the Church Rooms – please make sure that Graham & Liz Beckinsale know you are attending the lunch this month on Wednesday 25 February – please phone 01935 823 678. Thank you!

The Memory Cafe will be opening its door at the back of All Saints’ in Martock on Tuesday 3 March at 10am to 11.30am. All will be made welcome. Come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. The cafe will be held every first Tuesday of each month.

A Life in Bloom; stories from a florist’s journey will be held on Friday 27 March at 7pm in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi with Warren Bushaway speaking about flowers, events and life! Tickets £5 each from Kingsbury Community Shop or Graham 01935 823 678 or Pat 07866 505 038.

All Saints’ Charities - in 2025 £786.45 was raised from the Lent Lunches and the Carol Service & was equally divided between Martock Charity Shop, Restored UK (supporting survivors of domestic abuse) and Christian Response to Eastern Europe. The charities for 2026 are to be St Margaret’s Hospice, Dementia UK and ShelterBox (working with disaster-affected communities to provide emergency shelter and essential items).

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!

Next Week

Tue	24 th	7.00pm	Deanery Synod meets in Church Rooms, KE
		7.00pm	Lent Group 1 : Be Still at 13 Matfurlong Close, Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	25 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		2.30pm	Lent Group 1 : Be Still at 11 Beech Rd, Martock
		7.00pm	Lent Group 1 : Be Still at 5 Beech Rd, Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	26 th	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
		7.00pm	Community Choir practice in All Saints', Martock
Fri	27 th	7.30pm	Lent Group 1 : Be Still at 7 Ashfield Park, Martock

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

NEXT SUNDAY – 1st March 2026 : Lent 2

9.30am	Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
11.15am	Baptism Service for Stella Rose in All Saints', Martock
11.00am	Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity, Ash
11.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

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PSALM for St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

Psalm 32 :

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

⁷ You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.