

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 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Richard Caddell

SIDESMEN: Carol Ansell & Hilary Bull
READERS: Rebecca Lacey & Andy Palmer
INTERCESSOR: Bridget Jones
HYMNS: 589, 137, 537, 394

The Church Rooms
Kingsbury Episcopi



4pm Family Fun Time!

The Collect :

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Loving God, as a mother feeds her
children at the breast you feed us in
this sacrament with the food and
drink of eternal life: help us who have
tasted your goodness to grow in grace
within the household of faith;
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, Ken Witcombe, Keith Snelgrove, David Marshall

We remember those who have died including Gerald Mounstephen, Lucia Drake

In Memoriam: Sarah Hatch, Phyllis Jowett

Diocesan Prayer: Gracious God, we give thanks and ask you to bless all those who offer motherly love. We ask for you to surround with your unbounded love all those who will particularly miss their mothers today, or who find today a challenge for whatever reason.

Old Testament – Exodus 2 verses 1 to 10 :

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Gospel – John 19 verses 25b to 27 :

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

NOTICES

Martock Foodbank : it would lovely to bless our local families and vulnerable older people with Easter treats! If you would like to donate Easter treats, such as Easter eggs, Easter biscuits or Easter cakes, please put them in the box on the Welcome table in All Saints' this Sunday 15 March or put them in the donation boxes at The George cafe or at Martock Co-op. Thank you very much! The Easter Food Bank will be on Wednesday 25 March in Martock.

Spring Clean in St Martin's, KE : please come and help make St Martin's church sparkle again on Saturday 21 March from 10am to 12.30pm – many hands make light work..... Refreshments will be provided! Thank you in hopeful anticipation!

Lent Lunch in All Saints' - the next lunch will take place on Monday 23 March. All welcome!

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.

A Spring Concert is to be held in All Saints' church on Sunday 29 March at 3pm to include favourites by Handel, Mozart and Faure performed by Nigel and Tina Guthrie on flute, voice, piano and organ (friends of our lovely vicar!). Donations for All Saints' church.

Easter Lilies – Both All Saints' & St Martin's invite you to give an Easter lily in memory of a loved one @ £10 each. The flowers will be incorporated into the Easter flower arrangements in the church of your choice and the name of your loved one will be displayed close to the main arrangement. Please send name of your loved one + payment as follows: for MARTOCK – cheques payable to Martock PCC, or cash to: Ann Hall, 19 Ashfield Park, Martock, by Sunday 29 March. For KE – cheques payable to St Martin's PCC or cash to: Michele Bradley, Rogerstone Farmhouse, Thorney by Friday 20 March.

Tiddlers in All Saints' church - this Spring term, the children have enjoyed lots of fun activities together including celebrating World Book Day, making a splash with water play, hand painting and decorating biscuits. As we approach Easter, we will be exploring the Easter story, sharing it in a way that we hope will be engaging and accessible for young children and the adults who come along. If you can spare the occasional Thursday morning, Tiddlers is looking for some friendly volunteers to help out. To find out more, please contact Hannah at Tiddlers.martock@gmail.com.

May Day Festival on Bank Holiday Monday 4 May 2026 in Kingsbury Episcopi – St Martin's church is appealing for volunteers to help serve teas in the church on the day. Please contact Graham on 01935 823 678 if you are available for an hour. Thank you!!

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. Resources for March are now on our church webpages.

EASTER 2026

Palm Sunday 30 March (*NB: British summertime has begun...*) :

10am Benefice Service of Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock

Maundy Thursday 2 April :

7pm Holy Communion + foot washing in All Saints', Martock

Good Friday 3 April :

9.30am Walk of Witness from Stapleton Cross, Martock

10am United Service in All Saints', Martock

2pm Meditation around the Cross in Holy Trinity, Ash

EASTER SUNDAY 5 April :

9.30am Easter Communion in All Saints', Martock

10.00am Easter Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

11.00am Easter Communion in Holy Trinity, Ash

11.00am Easter Communion in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

Next Week

Tue	17 th	7.00pm	Lent Group 4 : Be Still at 13 Matfurlong Close, Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	18 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		2.30pm	Lent Group 4 : Be Still at 11 Beech Rd, Martock
		7.00pm	Lent Group 4: Be Still at 5 Beech Rd, Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	19 th	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock
Fri	20 th	7.30pm	Lent Group 4 : Be Still at 5 Coat Hay Drive, Martock
Sat	21 st	10.00am	Spring Clean in St Martin's church, Kingsbury Episcopi

NEXT SUNDAY – 22nd March 2026 : Lent 5

8am	BCP Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
10.00am	Morning Prayer in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
11.00am	Holy Communion in Holy Trinity, Ash
6.30pm	Still Waters; a quiet space in All Saints', Martock

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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

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