

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 March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

All Saints'
Martock

8am 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 Paul Fillery

READERS: Jolyon & Tilda Woodard
HYMNS: 104, 310, 374, 379

The Collect :

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his
passion, that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's
blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that
what we do for the least of our brothers
and sisters we do also for you: give us the
will to be the servant of others as you were
the servant of all, and gave up your life and
died for us, but are alive and reign, now
and for ever. **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: John Porter, Kath Bailey, Robert Angel, Sarah Williamson

Diocesan Prayer: Creator God, we thank You for the gift of fresh water, source of life and health. Help us to protect and use it wisely across our world, in Bath and Wells and in Zambia. Guide sustainable care for all water sources, now and always.

NEXT SUNDAY – 29th March 2026 : Palm Sunday

10.00am Benefice Service of Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
3pm Spring Concert in All Saints', Martock

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 22nd March 2026

New Testament – Romans 8 verses 6 to 11 :

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel – John 11 verses 1 to 45 :

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.'⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?'⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world.¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.'¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.'¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.'¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead.¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where

Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

NOTICES

Spring Clean in St Martin's, KE : Saturday 21 March from 10am to 12.30pm.

Refreshments will be provided! Thank you in hopeful anticipation!

Martock Foodbank : Easter is fast approaching & the Easter Food Bank will be on Wed 25 March in Martock. Please help bless our local families and vulnerable older people with Easter treats! Donations of Easter eggs, Easter biscuits or Easter cakes should be left in the donation boxes at The George cafe or at Martock Co-op. Thank you very much!

Lent Lunch in All Saints' - the next lunch will take place on Monday 23 March starting at 12.15pm. All welcome!

A Life in Bloom; a talk by Warren Bushaway on life as a florist will be held on Friday 27 March at 7pm in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi. Tickets £5 each from Kingsbury Community Shop or Graham 01935 823 678 or Pat 07866 505 038.

A Spring Concert - 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. Refreshments will be served in the interval, if you're able to provide a cake, please let Sally know (824238).

Tiddlers in All Saints' church - the children have enjoyed lots of fun activities including World Book Day, water play, hand painting and decorating biscuits. At Easter, they will explore the Easter story, sharing it in a way that 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. 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!!

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 in the Easter flower arrangements in the church of your choice and the name of your loved one will be displayed. 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 Sunday 22 March.

Flowers in All Saints’ for Easter – donations of spring flowers & foliage would be gratefully received from Thurs 2 April. Please leave in the buckets under the tower or call Jane on 07980 977 084 for help or collection. Thank you in advance!!

EASTER 2026

Palm Sunday 29 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

Sat	21 st	10.00am	Spring Clean in St Martin’s church, Kingsbury Episcopi
Mon	23 rd	12.15pm	Lent Lunch in All Saints’, Martock
Tue	24 th	7.00pm	Lent Group 5 : 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 5 : Be Still at 11 Beech Rd, Martock
		7.00pm	Lent Group 5: 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
		3.00pm	Funeral Service for Lucia Drake in All Saints’, Martock
		7.00pm	Community Choir in All Saints’, Martock
Fri	27 th	7.30pm	Lent Group 5 : Be Still at 5 Coat Hay Drive, Martock
		7.00pm	“A Life in Bloom” talk in Church rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi

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All enquiries to tiddlers.martock@gmail.com

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Psalm 130 :

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

² Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.