

# Church Matters



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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**All Saints'**

Martock

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

with Grace Dunton

SIDESMEN: Pete & Jen Symonds

READERS: Hilary & Dave Bull

INTERCESSOR: Martin Bradbrooke

**HYMNS: MP 605, 1123, 465, 366, 1259**

**St Martin's**

Kingsbury Episcopi

**10am Holy Communion**

with Revd Paul Fillery

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## **The Collect :**

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are  
promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer :**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand  
the temptations of the world, the  
flesh and the devil, and with pure  
hearts and minds to follow you, the  
only God;  
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

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

**In Memoriam:** David Merchant, Ewart Hebditch, John Gibson, John Trott, Edward Seymour, Raynor Bee, Anne Chater, Rosemary Walton, Mary Barron, Nicky Leggetter

**Diocesan Prayer:** Gracious God, on this International Women's Day, we give thanks for women everywhere, especially those strengthening the bonds between Zambia and Bath and Wells. Bless their leadership, courage, and compassion. May their work bear fruit in justice, partnership, and peace.

**Old Testament – Exodus 17 verses 1 to 7 :**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

**Gospel – John 4 verses 5 to 42 :**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, 'I know that

Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

## NOTICES

**Carpet at All Saints'** – a big thankyou to Brian Hardy of Somerton Flooring who did a super job of repairing the carpet in the aisle!!

**Lent Lunches in All Saints'** - thank you to everyone who supported the lunch last Monday. We raised £186.50 for our charities. The next Lent 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!). Admission will be by donations for All Saints' church.

**Easter Lilies** - All Saints' is offering the opportunity to give an Easter lily in memory of a loved one. The flower will be incorporated into the Easter flower arrangements and the name of your loved one will be displayed close to the main arrangement. Please send payment of £10, ether by cheque made payable to Martock PCC, or cash to: Ann Hall, 19 Ashfield Park, Martock, by Sunday 29 March, with the name of your loved one, if desired. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity, without which we would be unable to put on such a wonderful display.

**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.

**Christian Response to Eastern Europe** – Ellen & Andrew Howard thank the knitters! Their latest woollen delivery included 62 beautiful neck warmers and 2 knitted teddies started by dear Barb Moore and finished by the KE Craft Group. Regretfully the need and challenging situation in Moldova and Ukraine continues so please keep on knitting!

### Next Week

Tue	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Church cleaning in All Saints’, Martock
		7.00pm	Lent Group 3 : <b>Be Still</b> at 13 Matfurlong Close, Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints’, Martock
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee ‘n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		2.30pm	Lent Group 3 : <b>Be Still</b> at 11 Beech Rd, Martock
		7.00pm	Lent Group 3 : <b>Be Still</b> at 5 Beech Rd, Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin’s, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints’, Martock
		7.00pm	Community Choir practice in All Saints’, Martock
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Interment of ashes for Betty Elphick in Martock cemetery
		7.30pm	Lent Group 3 : <b>Be Still</b> at 5 Coat Hay Drive, Martock

### NEXT SUNDAY – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 : Mothering Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion in All Saints’, Martock

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



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## PSALM for All Saints', Martock

### Psalm 93 :

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

<sup>2</sup> your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.

<sup>3</sup> The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.

<sup>4</sup> More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea,  
majestic on high is the Lord!

<sup>5</sup> Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, for evermore.