

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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Holy Trinity Ash & St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi have charitable status

Sunday 26th April 2026



Easter 4

All Saints'
Martock

St Martin's
Kingsbury Episcopi

8am BCP Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

10am Morning Prayer
with Andrew & Ellen Howard

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

Holy Trinity
Ash

SIDESMEN: Hilary & Dave Bull
READERS: Jane Hodgson & Martin
Bradbrooke
INTERCESSOR: Ann Swain
HYMNS: 593, 664, 794, 650

11am Holy Communion
with Revd Richard Caddell

READERS: Trish Robertson & Pat Brock

HYMNS: 54, 297, 649, 249

11am
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING



6.30pm Still Waters;
a time of quiet and reflection

The Collect :

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow
your command, that all your people may be
gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the
good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay
down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
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 John Beckey, Norma Pond, Jean Hall

In Memoriam: Sidney Wheadon, Charles Swain, Graham Phillips, Phyllis Griffin, Keith Slade, Kathleen Lane, Alan Sturch, Len Neller, Douglas Cannell, David Read, Phyllis Flynn, Charles Quinton-Tulloch

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 26 April 2026

New Testament – Acts 2 verses 42 to end :

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel – John 10 verses 1 to 10 :

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

NOTICES

Kingsbury May Festival will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 4 May 2026 from 11am to 5pm with church teas being served in the Church Rooms all day! Everyone welcome. Please note some roads will be closed, parking @ £10 on south side of village & bring cash to help the stallholders!

'Explore the Book' Holiday Club - Exciting News! We are hoping to host two sessions of the Bible Society 'Explore the Book' Holiday Club on Thursday 30 July and Thursday 13 August in All Saints' Church. Each session will last from 10am to 12noon. The Open the Book Team will present a Bible story at each session. All children must bring a grown up!

Help is needed with setting up, refreshments, activities, craft, ensuring that the adults accompanying their children are welcomed and clearing away. Please let Sally Howells (01935 824238) or Bridget Jones (01935 508688) know if you are interested in helping.

Ascension Day – Thursday 14 May 2026 : we will be celebrating Ascension Day with a quiet, reflective service in the church of St Peter & St Paul in Muchelney at 2pm. All welcome!

Still Waters – please note that there will be no Still Waters in MAY. Next time of quiet will be Sunday 28 June 2026 at 6.30pm in All Saints', Martock.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS 2026

MARTOCK - 11am Sunday 26 April in All Saints', Martock

ASH - to be arranged...

KE - 7pm Thursday 30 April in St Martin's, KE

MUCHELNEY - 12.30pm Sunday 3 May in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

As our Church Annual Meetings approach, please consider joining your PCC to help guide the life of our churches. Nomination forms will be available at the back of the churches. Each church also needs new reps for the Deanery Synod; a good way to understand and see how our churches work together beyond our little benefice.

Electoral Rolls –If you would like to join your church electoral roll, please contact the relevant ER officer – Annie Swain on 01935 701576, Sue Stevens on 07719 678570, Dave Wakely on 01935 509 733, Mary Mullineux on 01458 251057.

Next Week

Sat	25 th	11.00am	Wedding for Sam Lockey & Lizzie Barlow in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Tue	28 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	29 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	30 th	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group in All Saints', Martock
		7.00pm	KE APCM in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Fri	1 st	10.00am	Guide dogs meet in All Saints', Martock

NEXT SUNDAY – 3rd May 2026 : Easter 5

9.30am	Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
11.00am	Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity, Ash
11.00am	Holy Communion in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
12.30pm	Muchelney APCM in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

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CHURCH WEBSITES: For the latest information, pew sheet, links to all benefice churches and more go to our benefice webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/01-254BR

Email Sarah if you would like to join the mailing list to receive weekly information!

+ All Saints', Martock <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11008/>

+ 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/>



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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Psalm 23 :

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.