

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Sunday after Ascension**

**All Saints'**

Martock

**9.30am Holy Communion**

with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Ivan Childs & Sue Hewitt

READERS: Janet & Michael Plummer

INTERCESSOR: Martin Bradbrooke

**HYMNS: 228, 422, 690, 769**

**The Church Rooms**

Kingsbury Episcopi



**4pm Family Fun Time!**

## **The Collect :**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and  
compassion, that all who are estranged by  
sin may find forgiveness and know your  
peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer :**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the  
world to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission, and help us to  
live the good news we proclaim;  
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, Yolanda Hansford

**We remember those who have died** including John Whiting

**In Memoriam:** Edith Braddick, Edna Pullen, Ruby Hebditch, Bert Grainger, Hubert Cotton, Doreen Cotton, Diana Clarke, Nicholas Pond, Stella Roberts, Gordon Smith, Cdr Batt

## **BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 17 May 2026**

### **New Testament – Acts 1 verses 6 to 14 :**

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know

the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **Gospel – John 17 verses 1 to 11 :**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## NOTICES

**Pentecost** – we will be celebrating Pentecost on Sunday 24 May at **10.30am** with a special Service of Holy Communion and Healing in Holy Trinity church, Ash. Please note the earlier time to the usual pattern!

**Stompers!** The outdoor children's nature activity will next be held on Thursday 28 May starting & ending at All Saints' Church porch, Martock. Free event, all children must bring an adult, wear appropriate clothing! More info from [stompers.martock@gmail.com](mailto:stompers.martock@gmail.com)

**Trinity Sunday** – a Benefice Service of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 31 May at 10am in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi. All are welcome! There will be no other services in our benefice on that Sunday.

**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.

**Medieval Tiles at Muchelney** – on Saturday 30 May at 11am, the conservationist from Muchelney Abbey will be showing us how properly to clean the tiles in the church; a unique chance to study them closely and learn more! If you would like to help, please book your place on [Muchelney.church@gmail.com](mailto:Muchelney.church@gmail.com)

**Kingsbury Episcopi Open Gardens** – Sunday 31 May, 2-4.30pm. Tickets £5 + a map from The Lockup in the centre of the village. Cream Teas in the Church Rooms. All proceeds for the Garden & Countryside Club AND St Martin's Church! All welcome.

**Verity Standen's Singers** perform at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 23 May at 7.30pm. Tickets at 30% discount (code: Concession) via <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on?event=120749704>

**Christian Response to Eastern Europe** - Andrew and Ellen thank all who have been knitting this month. This month's delivery included 21 children's jumpers and 18 snoods, all beautifully knitted and much appreciated by the charity. For anyone getting bored with snoods and jumpers, the soldiers fighting in Ukraine need knitted socks, thick wool please and man sized! Thank you so much again and keep knitting!!!

## Next Week

Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
	11.00am	Renewal of Vows in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group in All Saints', Martock



## NEXT SUNDAY – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 : PENTECOST

8am	BCP Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
10am	Morning Prayer in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
10.30am	Holy Communion with Healing for PENTECOST in Holy Trinity, Ash
12noon	Baptism Service for Alasdair Mark Andrew in Holy Trinity, Ash

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