

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 5th July 2026

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Michael & Janet Plummer
READERS: Diana Healey & Peggy Redman
INTERCESSOR: Ann Swain

HYMNS: 532, 451, 592, 639, 506

Holy Trinity
Ash

11am Morning Prayer
with Sally Howells

READERS: Trish Robertson & Sue Stevens
HYMNS: 6, 297, 303, 636

St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
11am Holy Communion with Revd Paul Fillery

The Collect :

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the
gospel your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be
so peaceably ordered by your
governance, that your Church may
joyfully serve you in all godly
quietness; 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, Kathy Lewis, Lawson Bennett

We remember those who have died including Susan Curtis (nee Marks), Alma Perry

In Memoriam: John Donovan, Lilly Widd, Jack Barham, Eric Braddick, Leanne Gibbons, Ruth Hennessey, Karen Terrell, Malcolm Butcher, Jean Price

Diocesan Prayers: Loving God, we thank you for our Zambia/Bath and Wells Sunday celebrations and the friendships between us that connect our nations. Bless our shared learning, mutual encouragement, and growing understanding. May our partnership inspire us to live and share the story of Jesus with confidence and hope.

Old Testament – Song of Solomon 2 verses 8 to 13 :

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

¹¹ for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Gospel – Matthew 11 verses 16 to verses 19 + 25 to end :

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

NOTICES

Summer Concert by All Saints' Community Choir THIS Saturday 4 July 2026 at 3.30pm in All Saints' Church, Martock. Free admission with tea & cake afterwards – donations accepted for choir funds.

NEW! Time of Refreshing to be held NEXT Sunday 12 July at 6.30pm in St Martin's Church, Kingsbury Episcopi – a special time of contemporary worship, reflection and ministry to inspire everyone, led by Revd Paul Fillery, Revd Simon Taylor and Andy Handcock. All Welcome!

Explore the Book – Holiday activities especially for children under 11yrs (accompanied by an adult) on Thursdays 30 July & 13 August, 10am to 12noon in All Saints' Church, Martock. Online booking essential – use the link or QR on the posters to book your place NOW!!

I Am Mark – Stefan Smart will be performing a daring new staging of the Gospel of Mark at 7pm on Friday 4 September in All Saints' Church. Book the date in your diary now!

Christian Response to Eastern Europe – Andrew & Ellen say thank you once again to everyone who has been knitting for CR2EE. Another super-large bag of garments including socks and a total of 21 snoods have now been delivered. Everything is much appreciated so.... *Keep knitting!!*

Sunday Services in August 2026 – *please note that to allow members of the ministry team to have some rest, we are reducing the services in our benefice in August :*

SUN 2 Aug	11am	Benefice Holy Communion in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
SUN 9 Aug	9.30am	Morning Worship in All Saints', Martock
	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
SUN 16 Aug	9.30am	Benefice Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
	4.00pm	Family Fun Time in Church Rooms, KE
SUN 23 Aug	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
	11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion in Holy Trinity, Ash
	4.00pm	Pet Service in All Saints', Martock (TBC)
SUN 30 Aug	6.30pm	Celtic Communion Service in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

Next Week

Tue 7 th	10.00am	Memory Café in All Saints', Martock
	2.00pm	The Mothers' Union meet in All Saints', Martock
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed 8 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu 9 th	10.00am	Tiddlers; toddler group in All Saints', Martock

NEXT SUNDAY – 12th July 2026 : Trinity 6

9.30am	Morning Worship in All Saints', Martock
10.00am	Holy Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
6.30pm	<i>Time of Refreshing</i> in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

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+ Holy Trinity, Ash <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11007/>

+ St Martin's, KE <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11270/>

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Psalm 145 verses 8 to 15 :

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.