

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026**

**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

## ***AUGUST 2026 – A MONTH OF BENEFICE SERVICES***

### **St Peter & St Paul**

Muchelney

### **11am Benefice Service of Holy Communion**

with Revd Paul Fillery and Alfie Rendell

**HYMNS: 252, 631, 67, 511**

*To avoid congestion on the narrow local roads,  
we ask you please to park in the car park for Muchelney Abbey*

#### **The Collect :**

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and  
faithful, for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion Prayer :**

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the  
table of your Son to share this meal  
with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal  
the fullness of your peace, gather  
people of every race and language to  
share in the eternal banquet of 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, Ken Thompson, Mary Parker

**We remember those who have died** including Pat Brock

**In Memoriam:** June French, Rebecca Brittain, Audrey Wells, Frederick Bailey

**Diocesan Prayer:** Blessed are you, creator of all. As your dawn renews the face of the earth bringing light and life to all creation, may we rejoice in this day you have made.

**Old Testament – Genesis 32 verses 22 to 31 :**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**Gospel – Matthew 14 verses 13 to 21 :**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' <sup>17</sup> They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## NOTICES

**Roof Works in All Saints'** – please be aware that repairs roof of the chancel, bell tower and nave will begin w/c 3 August and last 2 weeks.

**National Open Gardens Scheme** – on Saturday 8 August from 12noon to 5pm, the Priests House and Almonry Barn in Muchelney will be open to the public! Charges apply. Teas & cake also available to buy with proceeds going to Muchelney Church.

**A Jazz Café** will be held in All Saints' church on Sunday 9 August at 3.30pm with The Jazz Standards Trio. Refreshments with foot tapping music available for all. Free admission with donations to All Saints' church.

**Evening Compline** – from Wednesday 12 August at 7pm, we will be holding a Service of Compline in All Saints' every week for the next 5 months – all welcome!

**Explore the Book** – the next holiday activity morning for children under 11yrs (accompanied by an adult) will be held on Thursday 13 August, 10am to 12noon in All Saints' Church, Martock. Online booking essential – use the link or QR code on the posters!

**Pet Blessing Service** – will be held on Sunday 23 August at 5pm in All Saints', Martock. Come and take part in a service in which every member of the family is included!!

**Celtic Holy Communion** – as we progress through a month of Benefice services, we end with a Celtic inspired Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 30 August at 6.30pm in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney. Please note there will be no other services in our benefice on that day. All welcome!

**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. Online bookings open now – please use QR code on poster/adverts!!

**Prayer Triplets** – some of you have already joined one & some may have seen paperwork and are curious? The church needs to pray and sometimes it is useful to join a small group (a triplet?) to help us pray together regularly. Copies of a new Prayer Triplet leaflet are in our churches now! Join a group & let the church office know.

**Your 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer Mission: I Am Mark** performance on Friday 4 Sept - please pray for people to attend and to hear God's wonderful words!!

**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  | <b>11am</b>    | <b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney   |
| SUN 9 Aug  | 9.30am         | Morning Worship in All Saints', Martock                           |
|            | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi |
| SUN 16 Aug | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> 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                        |
|            | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> in Holy Trinity, Ash               |
|            | <b>5.00pm</b>  | <b>Pet Service</b> in All Saints', Martock – CONFIRMED!           |
| SUN 30 Aug | <b>6.30pm</b>  | <b>Celtic Communion Service</b> in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney  |

## Next Week

|     |                 |         |                                                                                            |
|-----|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 2.15pm  | Visiting bell ringing in All Saints', Martock                                              |
| Tue | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Memory Café in All Saints', Martock                                                        |
|     |                 | 7.30pm  | Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock                                              |
| Wed | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash                                                       |
|     |                 | 5.30pm  | Yoga in All Saints', Martock – all places must be prebooked with Caroline on 07794 882 471 |
|     |                 | 7.15pm  | Martock PCC meet in All Saints', Martock                                                   |
|     |                 | 7.30pm  | Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi                                   |
| Thu | 6 <sup>th</sup> |         |                                                                                            |
| Fri | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Guide dogs meet in All Saints', Martock                                                    |
|     |                 | 5.00pm  | Wedding rehearsal in All Saints', Martock                                                  |
| Sat | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 1.00pm  | Wedding for Louis Terrell & Jessica Palmer in All Saints', Martock                         |

## NEXT SUNDAY – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 : Trinity 10

9.30am Morning Worship in All Saints', Martock

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

*Please note that during the month of August, fewer services on a Sunday in our Benefice will be held to allow some of the ministry team to have a rest. Please also note that the Sunday Bible readings will be chosen by whoever leads the service, allowing extra freedom and spontaneity to those who lead!*

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