

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 26th July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

All Saints'
Martock

8am BCP Holy Communion
with Revd Richard Caddell



6.30pm Still Waters;
a time of quiet and reflection

St Martin's

Kingsbury Episcopi

10am Morning Prayer
with Andrew & Ellen Howard

Holy Trinity
Ash

11am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

READERS : Wendy Scrivener & Sue Stevens
HYMNS : 133, 625, 70, 19

The Collect :

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the
fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.
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 Alma Perry, Bridget Burt, Pat Brock

In Memoriam: Albert Howe, Anne Beard, Rosemary Marshall

New Testament – Romans 8 verses 26 to end :

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel – Matthew 13 verses 31 to 33 + verses 44 to 52 :

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

NOTICES

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 code on the posters – bookings close Sun 26 July 2026.

Quiz & Supper Night on Friday 31 July at 6.30pm in All Saints' church, Martock. There are now just a few places left, contact Sally on 01935 824238.

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.

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

Martock Foodbank is offering all children at Martock School who receive free school lunches, a fortnightly lunch box through the summer holidays! If you would like to help, they are asking for individually wrapped packs of treats eg penguin biscuits or any other treat or biscuit. A box for your donations will be on the Welcome table of All Saints' on 9th & 16th August, or at the Co-op or The George Cafe.

Martock Foodbank currently has opportunities to volunteer. If you are interested, please speak to Jane Cockerham 07980 977084.

Church Cleaning at All Saints' - thank you once again to the 6 dedicated members of the cleaning team who swept, dusted, polished and generally spruced up our church once again last week. All Saints' church gets many visitors and often receives comments on how well-cared for it is and that is in no small part due to the superb efforts of the cleaning team. You are welcome to join them on the second Tuesday of the month!

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
	5.00pm	Pet Service in All Saints', Martock – CONFIRMED!
SUN 30 Aug	6.30pm	Celtic Communion Service in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

Next Week

Tue 28 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed 29 th	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
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu 30 th	10.00am	Explore the Book holiday activities in All Saints', Martock
Fri 31 st	5.00pm	Wedding rehearsal in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
	6.30pm	Quiz & Supper in All Saints', Martock
Sat 1 st	12noon	Wedding for Daniel Spencer-Kempczynski & Jasmine Brain in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

NEXT SUNDAY – 2nd August 2026 : Trinity 9

11am Holy Communion in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

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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Psalm 128 :

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.

² You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

⁴ Thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord.

⁵ The Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

⁶ May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

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/>



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