

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 16th August 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

AUGUST 2026 – A MONTH OF BENEFICE SERVICES

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Hilary Bull & Rebecca Lacey

READERS: Ann Hall & Jane Hodgson

INTERCESSOR: Martin Bradbrooke

HYMNS: HON 690, 631, 712, 477

The Church Rooms
Kingsbury Episcopi



4pm Family Fun Time!

The Collect :

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents
us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have to gain
the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have
celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace: by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the
gospel and preserve us from all sin;
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, Mary Parker

We remember those who have died including Pat Brock, Ken Thompson, Ruby Bottomley

In Memoriam: Kenneth Knight, Dennis Kiernan, Carole Draper, Ivy Dickinson, John Young, Doris Swain, Ada Pullen, Mary Ledger, Audrey Third

Diocesan Prayer: God of compassion and love, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to dedicate ourselves to bring your Good News to those we meet through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Old Testament – 2 Kings 2 verses 1 to 14 :

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

⁴ Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰ He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Gospel – Luke 11 verses 5 to 13 :

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷ And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for

an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

NOTICES

Pastoral Letter – Revd Paul has published an important update. A copy can be found on our church webpages, under the tab News & Notices. Please read it prayerfully.

Still Waters – please note that there will be NO Still Waters in August. All back to normal on Sunday 27 September 2026 at 6.30pm in All Saints', Martock.

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.

Evening Compline – every Wednesday at 7pm in All Saints' Church, Martock, we will be holding a Service of Compline – all welcome!

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!

Quiz & Supper Night - A big thank you to everyone who came to the Quiz and Supper Night in All Saints last Friday (and grateful thanks to all those who provided food and helped out in any way). Nine teams battled it out with the Wild Bunch the overall winners and £578 being raised for church funds.

Explore the Book - we were delighted to welcome a total of 8 families and 20 children to the Explore the Book Holiday sessions held on 30 July & 13 August, in All Saints'. They explored two bible stories; The Good Samaritan and The Feeding of the Five Thousand and their efforts are on display in the church! The centre piece is the mountain which featured in both stories. It was a great opportunity to tell the stories to the adults as well as the children. Grateful thanks to all the helpers and to the 'Open the Book Team' for making each session a success!

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!! And don't forget to keep **I Am Mark** in your prayers!

Next Week

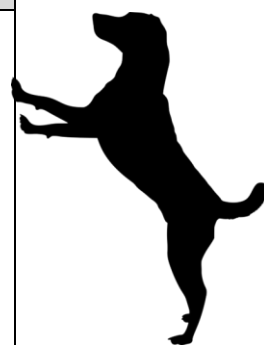
Tue	18 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	19 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		1.20pm	Funeral Service for Pat Brock at Yeovil Crematorium
		7.00pm	Compline in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Sat	22 nd	2.30pm	KE Flower, Produce & Craft Show in Church Rooms, KE

NEXT SUNDAY – 23rd August 2026 : Trinity 12

8am BCP Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
11am Benefice Holy Communion in Holy Trinity, Ash

5pm Pet Blessing Service in All Saints', Martock

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.



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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

SUN 9 Aug

SUN 16 Aug

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

SUN 30 Aug 6.30pm

Celtic Communion Service in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

