

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 9th August 2026

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

AUGUST 2026 – A MONTH OF BENEFICE SERVICES

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Morning Worship
with Sally Howells & Jane Caddell

SIDESMEN: Pete & Jen Symonds
READERS: Sara Cranfield & Andy Palmer
INTERCESSOR: Ann Swain
HYMNS: MP 378, 170, 1072, 200

3.30pm JAZZ CAFÉ
in All Saints' Church

St Martin's
Kingsbury Episcopi

10am
Benefice Service of Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery and Alfie Rendell

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The Collect :

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent
in prayer, give us patience and courage
never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in
you: look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
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, Ken Thompson, Mary Parker

We remember those who have died including Pat Brock

In Memoriam: Selina Handcock, Marian Bagnall, Graham Ledger, Alice Ledger, Jacqui Dunton, Joan Sharman

Diocesan Prayer: Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as they seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer, worship, love and service.

NOTICES

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.

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 – 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!

Martock Beano Fete - Saturday 15th August - All Saints' have an opportunity of a stall at the upcoming fete but help will be required please! If you could help man the stall between 2 to 5 pm or could provide a cake that we could sell in slices, please get in touch with Sally (824238). Many thanks!

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.

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!!

Next Week

Sat	8 th	1.00pm	Wedding for Louis Terrell & Jessica Palmer in All Saints', Martock
Tue	11 th	9.30am	Church clean in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	12 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		7.00pm	Compline in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	13 th	10.00am	Explore the Book holiday activities in All Saints', Martock
Fri	14 th		
Sat	15 th	2-8pm	Martock Bean'O Fete on The Rec

NEXT SUNDAY – 16th August 2026 : Trinity 11

9.30am Benefice Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock

4.00pm FAMILY FUN TIME in the Church Rooms, 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.

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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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New Testament – Romans 10 verses 5 to 15 :

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

Gospel – Matthew 14 verses 22 to 33 :

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

²⁸ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ ²⁹ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

Psalm 105 verses 1 to 10 :

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

⁷ He is the Lord our God;
his judgements are in all the earth.

⁸ He is mindful of his covenant for ever,
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,

¹⁰ which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

Old Testament – Genesis 37 verses 1 to 28 :

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵ Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶ He said to them, 'Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷ There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.' ⁸ His brothers said to him, 'Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?' So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

⁹ He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, 'Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.' ¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, 'What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?' ¹¹ So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' ¹⁴ So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' ¹⁶ 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' ¹⁷ The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' ²² Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.'

And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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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	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