

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 30th August 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Peter & St Paul

Muchelney

6.30pm Holy Communion from the Iona Community

with Revd Paul Fillery

HYMNS : 573, 54, 88, 565



OFF-ROAD PARKING AVAILABLE IN DRIVEWAY OF THE ALMONRY BARN, MUCHELNEY

The Collect :

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna, the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through
our earthly pilgrimage until we come
to that place where hunger and thirst
are no more; 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 Ken Thompson, Ruby Bottomley, Anne Ellis

In Memoriam: Tudor Bonnell, Mary Rodford, Jock Tofts, Charles Fowler, Viola Taylor, Clare Scrivener

Diocesan Prayer: Creator God, we humbly ask that you continue to inspire the spiritual writers of our modern world; may they bring new insights to our current era as we seek to serve you in changing and challenging times.

New Testament – Romans 12 verses 9 to 21 :

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel – Matthew 16 verses 13 to 28 :

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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.

Garden Teas – TOMORROW Bank Holiday Monday 31 August from 2pm to 5pm, another opportunity to explore the beautiful grounds of The Almonry Barn in Muchelney for Cream Teas and delicious Homemade Cakes. The barrel organ in Muchelney Church will also be playing!!

I Am Mark – NEXT WEEK – the daring staging of the Gospel of Mark on Friday 4 September at 7pm in All Saints' Church. Book your places now by using the QR code or go to the link below, then pray, find some friends and book some more!! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/i-am-mark-tickets-1992807391553?aff=oddtcreator>

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

Flower Show in Kingsbury Episcopi – a BIG thank you to the Kingsbury team who put on the Flower Show last Saturday. It was a great community event and raised £280 for church funds! Fantastic!!

Next Week

Bank Holiday Monday

	31 st	2.00pm	Garden Teas in Almonry Barn, Muchelney
Tue	1 st	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	2 nd	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	3 rd	10.00am	Drop-in Play Session (0-5yrs) in All Saints', Martock
Fri	4 th	10.00am	Guide Dogs meet on The Rec, Martock
		7.00pm	I Am Mark performance in All Saints', Martock
Sat	5 th	3.00pm	Bells ringing in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
		4.30pm	AGM for the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

NEXT SUNDAY – 6 September 2026 : Trinity 14

9.30am	Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
11.00am	Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity, Ash
11.00am	Holy Communion in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

I AM MARK



A Daring Staging of the Gospel of Mark

Join Stefan Smart as he draws a uniquely intimate and provocative portrait of the Son of God and breathes new life into the Greatest Story Ever Told.

FRINGE sell out show 2019!



**One Man
One Chair
One Incredible
True Story**

Directed by Lisa Gilmour

Friday 4 September 2026

7pm

All Saints' Church, Martock TA12 6JL

FREE EVENT - Places limited - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Use QR code or follow link to book your place now!

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