

Church Matters



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St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi and St Peter & St Paul Muchelney

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Sunday 13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Morning Worship
with Bridget Jones & Alfie Rendell

SIDESMEN: Janet Plummer

READERS: Diana Healey & Janet Plummer

INTERCESSOR: Ann Hall

HYMNS : MP 560, 111, 1259, 41

St Martin's

Kingsbury Episcopi

10am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

HYMNS :

Red 192, Brown 173, Red 224, Brown 115

The Collect :

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth, that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your
perpetual mercy; and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things
hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable
to our salvation; 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, Diana Healey

We remember those who have died including Ruby Bottomley, Anne Ellis

In Memoriam: Donald Green, Stanley Brownhill, Thelma Wilkins

Diocesan Prayer: God of wisdom, on this Education Sunday, bless all who learn and all who teach. Nurture curiosity and compassion in our schools, colleges, and universities. May every child, young person and adult learner know their worth, discover their gifts, and have the opportunity to flourish.

HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS 2026 :

Sunday 4 October	11am	Holy Trinity, Ash
Sunday 11 October	11am	All Saints', Martock
Sunday 11 October	11am	St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi (with communion)
Sunday 25 October	1pm	Almonry Barn, Muchelney



New Testament – Romans 14 verses 1 to 12 :

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel – Matthew 18 verses 21 to 35 :

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ ²² Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay

what you owe.” ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

NOTICES

All Saints’ Rota for Sunday Services – URGENT! It is good to work to see many people working together to make our Sunday services possible but we urgently need more people to operate the SOUND SYSTEM. It is technical but not complicated. Please speak to Paul or Sally if you can help. Training will be provided!

Visiting bell ringers will be ringing loudly in Holy Trinity Church, Ash on Monday 14 September, 11am to 11.45am – enjoy!

Family Fun Time takes place next Sunday 20 September at 4pm in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi. All adults should be accompanied by a child/children. Admission free! Everyone welcome!!

Kingsbury Band ‘Les Male Memorial’ Concert will be held on Thursday 24 September at 7pm in the Kingsbury Community Centre – donations to St Martin’s church & Kingsbury Methodist Church will be gratefully received on the day.

St Martin’s Autumnal Clean – please help make St Martin’s church sparkle again on Saturday 26 September anytime from 10am to 12.30pm. Refreshments will be provided!

Church Teas will be available at Muchelney Abbey on Saturday 19 September, 11am to 2pm. Full access to The Abbey will be free with a medieval stonemason and other craftsmen!

Martock Food Bank – as the children return to school and the colder days approach, please do not forget the needs of others and support the local food bank. Please leave non-perishable items either in the dedicated boxes in the Martock Co-Op or direct to The George; part of Martock Christian Fellowship.

The Lord’s Larder food bank in Yeovil also serves a wide community in need.

Christian Response to Eastern Europe – as the summer ends, the annual shoebox appeal approaches to support the people of Moldova and Ukraine. All shoeboxes must be wrapped and labelled and ready by 31 October. Any queries, please call Ellen or Andrew on 823287. Thank you so much!

Next Week

Mon 14 th	11.00am	Visiting bellringers at Holy Trinity, Ash
Tue 15 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed 16 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
	10.00am	Benefice Ministry Team meet in All Saints', Martock
	7.00pm	Compline in All Saints', Martock
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu 17 th	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group in All Saints', Martock
Fri 18 th	2.00pm	Funeral Service for Ruby Bottomley in All Saints', Martock

NEXT SUNDAY – 20th September 2026 : Trinity 16

9.30am Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock

4.00pm FAMILY FUN TIME in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi



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PSALM

Psalm 103 verses 1 to 13 :

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.