

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 20th September 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

SIDESMEN: Rebecca Lacey

READERS: Sue Hewitt & Ivan Childs

INTERCESSOR: Ann Swain

HYMNS : 394, 475, 676, 715

Church Rooms
Kingsbury Episcopi

4pm Family Fun Time



The Collect :

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with
reverence and know your peace at
our lives' end, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer :

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our
whole heart and our neighbours as
ourselves; 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, Jean Heron

In Memoriam: Doris Swain, Ada Pullen, Mary Ledger, Audrey Third, Bill Williams, Jeremy Redman

Diocesan Prayer: Jesus, peacemaker, we pray for our war-torn world. Speak peace into the hearts of leaders of nations so that swords become ploughshares and harmony is restored. Help us to be people of peace.

New Testament – New Testament – Philippians 1 verses 21 to end:

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel – Matthew 20 verses 1 to 16 :

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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!

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!

Love Martock! A Past and Present Photographic Exhibition – Friday 2 to Wednesday 7 October in All Saints'. We would like to serve light refreshments when possible (especially over the weekend); please let Sally (824238) know if you are able to help at any time or provide cakes.

The Brue Boys concert will be held on Saturday 10 October at 7.30pm in St Martin's Church. Tickets (£12) available from Kingsbury Community Shop or Pat Trunkfield on 07866 505 038.

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!

I Am Mark – thank you to everyone who came and supported the stunning event and gave a total of £1051 on the night! We have received some wonderful feedback, have covered the event costs of £546 and allowed us to split the remaining funds to donate half to Good News for All (formerly The Gideons, who regularly supply the New Testaments to many churches) and half to Stefan Smart to further his missionary work.

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



Next Week

Tue	22 nd	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	23 rd	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	24 th	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group in All Saints', Martock
		7.00pm	Kingsbury Band Memorial Concert in KE Community Centre
Fri	25 th		
Sat	26 th	10.00am	Church clean at St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

NEXT SUNDAY – 27th September 2026 : Trinity 17

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion at All Saints', Martock
10.00am	Morning Prayer at St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
11.00am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Ash
6.30pm	Still Waters at All Saints', Martock

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