

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 27th September 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

All Saints'
Martock

8am BCP Holy Communion
with Revd Ben Rundell-Evans



6.30pm Still Waters;
a time of quiet and reflection

St Martin's

Kingsbury Episcopi

10am Morning Prayer
with Andrew and Ellen Howard

Holy Trinity
Ash

11am Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery & Alfie Rendell
Readers: Sue Stevens & Wendy Scrivener

The Collect :

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our
anxieties with the liberating love of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer :

Lord, we pray that your grace may always
precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all
good works; 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 Jean Heron, Janet Purser

In Memoriam Shelagh Pullen, Chris Darlington, Peggy Downton, Helena Knight, Lawrence Marks, Thomas Pullen, Norman Batty, Rik Chapple

Diocesan Prayer: Loving God, we lift our farming community to you, asking you to hold them in your loving arms as they grapple with the struggle of providing food in a changing climate. Help us to treasure and support them in their work.

New Testament – Philippians 2 verses 1 to 13 :

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel – Matthew 21 verses 23 to 32 :

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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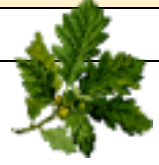
Love Martock! A Past and Present Photographic Exhibition – Friday 2 to Wednesday 7 October in All Saints'. We would like to serve light refreshments when possible (especially over the weekend); please let Sally (824238) know if you are able to help at any time or provide cakes.

The Brue Boys concert which was to be held on Saturday 10 October in St Martin's Church has unfortunately been CANCELLED.

Christian Response to Eastern Europe – Thank you to all those who have been knitting so far; the need is ongoing - snoods, jumpers and woollen socks are still desperately needed for the bitterly cold winter. And a gentle reminder that any shoe boxes should be ready by 30th October. With many thanks again, Andrew and Ellen (01935 823287)

Flowers and foliage for All Saints' harvest - if you are cutting back plants with autumnal colours in your garden, please consider donating flowers or foliage to the flower arranging team. Buckets for your items will be under the tower from Thursday 8 October but please no berries! Thanks, Jane and the team.

HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS 2026 :

Sunday 4 October	11am	Holy Trinity, Ash	
Sunday 11 October	11am	All Saints', Martock	
<i>Please bring donations for Martock Food Bank!</i>			
Sunday 11 October	11am	St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi (with communion)	
<i>Followed by shared Harvest lunch in the Church Rooms</i>			
Sunday 25 October	1pm	Thanksgiving & LUNCH at Almonry Barn, Muchelney	
<i>Charges apply – all profits will go to local food bank. Please prebook your place</i>			

Next Week

Tue	29 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	30 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	1 st	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group in All Saints', Martock
		2.00pm	Set up for Love Martock photographic display in All Saints'
Fri	2 nd	10.00am	Love Martock photographic display in All Saints'
Sat	3 rd	10.00am	Love Martock photographic display in All Saints'

NEXT SUNDAY – 4 October 2026 : Trinity 18

9.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints', Martock
11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity, Ash
11.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul, Muchelney



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Psalm 25 verses 1 to 8 :

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.