

Church Matters



The growing Benefice of All Saints' Martock, Holy Trinity Ash,
St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi and St Peter & St Paul Muchelney

All Saints' Martock registered charity no: 1160333
Holy Trinity Ash & St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi have charitable status

Sunday 4th October 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

All Saints'
Martock

9.30am Holy Communion
with Revd Richard Caddell

SIDESMAN: Carol Ansell

READERS: Hilary & Dave Bull

INTERCESSOR: Martin Bradbrooke

HYMNS: 291, 595, 585, (427), 490

Holy Trinity
Ash

11am Harvest Thanksgiving
with Bridget Jones



Readers:

Trish Robertson & Jenni Ivimey-Cook

St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

11am Holy Communion with Revd Paul Fillery

The Collect :

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day with
confidence in the salvation which is
given through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for
this sacred feast: for here we receive
you, here the memory of your passion
is renewed, here our minds are filled
with grace, and here a pledge of
future glory is given, when we shall
feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We remember those who are sick including Richard Scrivener, Vivienne Brissett, Mavis Hook, Tracey Fillery, Ken Witcombe, Yolanda Hansford, Kathy Lewis, Mary Parker, Diana Healey

We remember those who have died including Jean Heron, Janet Purser

In Memoriam: May Swain, Margaret Moodie, Gerald Chant, Gwendoline Brooks, Alan Flynn, Roy Maber, Bernard Ledger, William Dobbs, Jackie Vincent, John Harris

Diocesan Prayer: Loving God, we thank you for grandparents, and honorary grandparents, around the world. Bless them for their love, wisdom, stories, and guidance. May we cherish their gifts, celebrate their lives, and give thanks for the special place they hold in our families.

HARVEST READINGS for Ash

1st Reading - Philippians 4 verses 4 to 9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading – Luke 12 verses 31 to 21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke :

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES

Love Martock! A Past and Present Photographic Exhibition is on in All Saints' Church from Friday 2 October to Wednesday 7 October. Pop in & enjoy!

Concert by Wessex Women; acapella choir singing songs from around the world will be performing in All Saints' Church, Martock on Sunday 18 October at 2.30pm. Admission Free – donations to church funds welcome!

Stompers – the outdoor nature activity with a bible theme for children (with an accompanying adult) will next be held on Thursday 29 October starting at 10.30am in All Saints' church porch. Wear suitable clothing/footwear!

The Annual Festival for All Souls' will be held on Sunday 1 November at 4pm in All Saints' Church, Martock when we will remember all those who have died in our benefice and others that we have loved in the past.



Harvest in All Saints' :

Our Harvest Celebration with Martock Christian Fellowship this year will not include a lunch but will be followed by Harvest Cakes, tea & coffee. Please let Sally (824238) know if you can provide a suitable seasonal cake to share.

Martock Food Bank – harvest is a time to be thankful and a time to give. We invite you this year to support our local food bank and bring to the Sunday Service any of the following: tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned custard, cooking oil, tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, washing powder & toilet rolls –

all offerings will be blessed in the Harvest Service!

Flowers and foliage - 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 with MCF, followed by Harvest Cakes, tea & coffee!
<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	12.30pm	Thanksgiving & LUNCH at Almonry Barn, Muchelney
<i>Prebook tickets @ £12 each from hello@almonrybarnsomerset.com</i>		

Next Week

Mon 5 th	10.00am	Love Martock photographic display in All Saints'
Tue 6 th	10.00am	Love Martock photographic display in All Saints'
	10.00am	Memory Café in All Saints', Martock
	2.00pm	The Mothers' Union meet in All Saints', Martock
	7.00pm	Martock PCC meet in All Saints', Martock
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed 7 th	10.00am	Love Martock photographic display in All Saints' finishes
	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 8 th	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group in All Saints', Martock
Fri 9 th	6.00pm	Music rehearsal in All Saints', Martock

NEXT SUNDAY – 11 October 2026 : Trinity 19



11.00am Harvest Celebration at All Saints', Martock with MCF

11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving with Holy Communion at St Martin's, KE

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+ St Martin's, KE <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11270/>

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New Testament – Philippians 3 verses 4b to 14 :

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel – Matthew 21 verses 33 to end :

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

⁴² Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes”?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.