

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 25th October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

Don't forget, British Summertime will come to an end & the clocks fall back one hour!

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 & Ellen Howard

Holy Trinity
Ash

11am Holy Communion
with Revd Richard Caddell

READERS: Sally Langdon & Daryll Aldred
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Almonry Barn
Muchelney



**12.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving
& Lunch**

Prebook tickets @ £12 each from
hello@almonrybarnsomerset.com

The Collect :

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and
uncertainty, that trusting in your word
and obeying your will we may enter the
unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer :

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with
the bread of his life and the word of his
kingdom: renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

We remember those who have died including Janet Purser, Jamie Russell-Fisher, Philip
Jackson, Richard Scrivener, Linda Wakely

In Memoriam: Victor Rose, Barbara Gulliford, Dennis Long, Annie Brock, David Millbank,
Aloysius Mroz

Diocesan Prayer: Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Testament – 1 Thessalonians 2 verses 1 to 8 :

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel – Matthew 22 verses 34 to end :

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ ³⁷ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: “‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’” ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ ⁴³ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ “The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’”?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

NOTICES

Still Waters – the next quiet service will take place on Sunday 25 October at 6.30pm in All Saints' Church, Martock. Please note there will be no Still Waters in November nor December; back to normal in January 2027!

8am BCP Holy Communion – will be held as usual also on Sunday 25 October and then again on Remembrance Sunday 8 November. There will be no 8am service on Sunday 22 November.

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.

Goodbye to Revd Paul & Tracey – a Farewell Tea Party will be held on Saturday 14 November in All Saints' church from 2.30pm to 5pm. Revd Paul's last service with us will be a Benefice Communion Service on Sunday 22 November at 10am in All Saints' Church, Martock. All welcome!

The Rivertones Chorus will be performing in All Saints' Church on Saturday 21 November at 7.30pm; Somerset's only all-male acapella harmony chorus! Tickets £10 in advance from Martock News or email tickets.martockchurch@gmail.com.

Christmas Shoeboxes Appeal 2026 – please fill a shoebox with exciting goodies and send some Christmas love to a child or adult living in difficult times in Moldova or Ukraine. More info on advert in church or go to www.cr2ee.org.uk Please deliver boxes to Ellen & Andrew at 4 North St by 31 October but do not leave on doorstep!

Rural Forum – the Diocese of Bath & Wells will be holding their annual FREE event for everyone who works in the church and who wishes to be inspired on Monday 9 November, 10am to 3pm in Bagley Baptist Church, includes lunch. Register online via QR code on poster or bathandwells.org.uk/calendar/1505.

Tiddlers - have had a great start to the new term, celebrating the season of harvest and autumn with lots of fun activities including farm play, water art, leaf art and some very popular "murky" water play! A big thank you to all the volunteers who help out each week—your hard work is really appreciated. Please continue to pray for Tiddlers as they plan how to share the good news of Christmas. If you would like to join the Tiddlers team, helping out occasionally on a Thursday morning, please get in touch via tiddlers.martock@gmail.com

Wessex Women - thanks to everyone who supported the concert in All Saints' Church last Sunday. An afternoon of harmonious singing and fellowship was enjoyed by 60 people with £266 being raised for church funds!



Tiddlers – for toddlers with their mums, dads or carers in Martock in TERM TIME

All enquiries to tiddlers.martock@gmail.com

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 November 2026



8am	BCP Holy Communion in All Saints' Church, Martock
10.30am	Remembrance Service in St Martin's Church, Kingsbury Episcopi
10.45am	Remembrance Service in Holy Trinity Church, Ash
3pm	Remembrance Service in All Saints' Church, Martock

Armistice Day : Wednesday 11 November 2026

10.45am	Dedication Ceremony of the Martock Memorial Copse & Plaque on the Martock Recreational Ground – all welcome.
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Next Week

Please be aware that Revd Paul will be taking the Archdeacon's recommended leave from 19th to 31st October to prepare for his house move and retirement.

Tue 27 th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed 28 th	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		No Compline this week
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu 29 th	10.30am	Stompers meet in church porch of All Saints', Martock
Fri 30 th	11.00am	Funeral Service for Philip Jackson in All Saints', Martock

NEXT SUNDAY – 01 November 2026 : All Saints' Sunday

9.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints', Martock
11.00am	Holy Communion in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
11.00am	Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity, Ash
4pm	Festival for All Souls' in All Saints', Martock

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CHURCH WEBSITES: For the latest information, pew sheet, links to all benefice churches and more go to our benefice webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/01-254BR

Email Sarah if you would like to join the mailing list to receive weekly information!

+ All Saints', Martock <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11008/>

+ Holy Trinity, Ash <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11007/>

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

+ St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11004/>

Psalm 1 :

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

² but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.