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

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Sunday 22nd November 2026 — Christ the King

All Saints' Martock

10am Benefice Service of Holy Communion
with Revd Paul Fillery

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The Collect :	**Post Communion Prayer :**
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.	Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, John Nicholas

We remember those who have died including Pat Brock, Linda Wakely

In Memoriam: Toby Cobden, Richard Pullen, Nora Lyons, Dorcas Wilson, Jim Jewell, Helen Gray, Hazel Robinson, Sally-Ann Grafton-Read, Paula Long, Barry Gibson, Nigel Mattock, Hugh White

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 22 November 2026

New Testament – Hebrews 11 verses 8 to 16 :

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. [9] By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. [10] For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. [11] By faith he received power of

procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’
13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel – Luke 15 verses 11 to 31 :
Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” 22 But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.
25 ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” 31 Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

NOTICES

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 still available £10 in advance from Martock News or email tickets.martockchurch@gmail.com or £12 on the door.

Sunday 29 November – a Benefice Communion Service will be held at 10am in St Martin's Church, Kingsbury Episcopi with Revd Richard Caddell. All welcome.

Christmas Market at All Saints' on Saturday 5 December - help needed! Please let Sally (824238) know if you're able to help to man a stall, provide cakes or serve refreshments. Donations of Christmas chocolates for the tombola or paperback books are welcome (these can be left in the side pews by the library area). This is one of our biggest fundraising events so please lend your support!

A message from Maggie Ormsby – "Dear friends at All Saints, as we have now returned to Cornwall, this is to thank-you for the kind, prayerful messages we've received. In the early days of being in Martock I recognised that All Saints is a place where Christ has chosen to stay. Through you I have been blessed in times of shared fellowship, worship & prayer. Treasured memories but now the journey moves on for us all, so may God bless & keep you. Maggie"

Easy Fundraising! Christmas is coming and many of us will be using the internet for our online shopping. Revd Paul would like to recommend the website https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ . Over 8000 retailers work with Easyfundraising to generate donations for many charities whilst we shop, and we have just received a payment or £79.13 for All Saints'.
Go to the website, sign up, choose your own charity (*FYI All Saints' charity # is 1160333)* then go shopping… Thank you!

Next Week

Sat	21st	7.30pm	Concert by The Rivertones Chorus in All Saints', Martock Tickets £12 on the door
Tue	24th	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	25th	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	26th	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group meet in All Saints', Martock
Fri	27th		

NEXT SUNDAY – 29th November 2026 : Advent 1
10am Benefice Service of Holy Communion in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi 

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