

Church Matters



Benefice of All Saints' Martock, Holy Trinity Ash and St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi

All Saints' Martock registered charity no: 116033
Holy Trinity Ash & St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi have charitable status

10th March 2019 :

First Sunday of Lent

All Saints'	Holy Trinity Ash	St Martin's
8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Baptism Service <i>Preacher: Bridget</i> <i>Sidesmen: Peggy & Jeremy Redman</i> <i>Readers: Susan Thompson & Rebecca Lacey</i> <i>Intercessor: Grace Dunton</i> HYMNS: HON...tba 6.30pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Holy Communion <i>Preacher: Robin Ewbank</i> <i>Sidesman: Barbara Woodhouse</i> <i>Readers: Betty Peschardt & Sue Stevens</i> HYMNS: HON 190, 236, 343, 19	9.30am Holy Communion <i>Preacher: Shirley Smith</i>

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

A hearing loop is installed in all our churches

Church Websites: www.martockparishchurch.org.uk or use www.achurchnearyou.com

Follow us on Facebook : "Churches of Martock, Kingsbury Episcopi and Ash, Somerset"

Have you looked at our Benefice Facebook page incorporating news & events from all three churches? Facebook friend -, like, share and check-in to the page when you are at a church event! Or if you have news or photos to share, email Chrissy - chrissyallen15@outlook.com

Vicar: *in vacancy*

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OPEN Wednesdays 10am-4pm, Thursdays 2.30pm-6.30pm, Fridays 10am-2pm

Church Mobile : 07513 104 777 (manned by a member of Ministry Team 7-days-a-week)



Collect for Sun 10th March:

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of
darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days
to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us
with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lectionary Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

New Testament : Romans 10 verses 8 to 13

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel : Luke 4 verses 1 to 13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.'⁴ Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.⁶ And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'⁸ Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",¹¹ and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ¹² Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Our Vacancy Prayer:** Loving God, during this time of Vacancy, we pray for all who worship across our Benefice in our churches at Martock, Kingsbury Episcopi and Ash, and for all in our communities. We pray for our leadership team, our lay workers and for our churchwardens who have extra responsibilities during this time. We give thanks for the team that prepared the benefice profile and vision for the future. We pray for those who will respond to an advertisement for our new vicar and those who have the responsibility of selecting that person. Above all, Lord, we pray that we will listen to you and be guided by your Holy Spirit. **Amen.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS 2019

Ash	Thursday 4 April at 6pm in Holy Trinity church
Martock	Monday 8 April at 7.30pm in All Saints' church
Kingsbury Episcopi	Wednesday 10 April at 2.30pm in St Martin's church



MOTHERING SUNDAY 31st March 2019 (British Summertime begins)

9.30am **Family Service for Mothering Sunday** in All Saints'

11.00am **Family Service by The Mothers' Union** in St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi

11.00am Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Ash



NOTICES

The congregation of All Saints' welcomes today Arabella and her family and friends as she is baptised into the family of God. May she be surrounded by our prayers.

Lent – we are now in the season of Lent and our benefice Lent courses, “Life Attitudes” start this week on Tuesdays at 7.30pm, Wednesdays at 2.30pm, Thursdays at 2.30pm and Fridays at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. It's not too late to join in but out of courtesy, please phone the course host or leader to warn them.

Lenten Lunches EVERY Friday throughout Lent, serving homemade soup, cakes, tea & coffee 12noon to 1.30pm at 14 Church Street, Martock and raising money for Housing Justice & The Mothers' Union Worldwide. All welcome.

Electoral Roll – everyone MUST complete a new electoral roll form! Collect your form from your Electoral Roll officer and return asap. Thank you.

Meditation & Contemplation Group meet on 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi. All welcome.

All Saints' Reading Group - the next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th March at The Old Bakery (NB: books for the May meeting are now available at Martock Library.)

Silence & Morning Prayer – 7.40am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, St Martin's church is opened for communal silent prayer with a simple service of Morning Prayer said at 8am. Please feel free to join in at any time.

Coffee 'n Chat EVERY Wednesday, 10am to 11.30am in the Pavilion, Ash. All welcome!

Rev Mac & Time to Run 50 event : our Rev Mac has committed to running 50 miles in 50 days to mark 50 years of great work by Parkinson's UK starting on 26 February. If you'd like to sponsor him or find out more, go to <https://time-to-run-50.everydayhero.com/uk/michael> or give some cash direct to Mac or in an envelope to a churchwarden or the Benefice Office. Thanks!

Pilgrim Books – if you have any unmarked Pilgrim books series 6, 7 or 8 that you no longer need, please contact Ann Hall on 822870 (19 Ashfield Park) who would like to sell them to another church and raise money for All Saints'.

Altar Frontal Changes in All Saints' – if you would like to help change the altar dressings in All Saints', please sign the list at the back of the church. Many thanks!

Martock Parish Dementia Action Alliance is looking for a treasurer. Is there anyone who could spare some time to take on this task? It involves the setting up of a bank account, signatories etc. The amount of money to be managed is small and following the initial set up it will not require a lot of time. Please let Bridget know if you are interested.

LENT IS HERE & EASTER is coming....

Holy Week: Monday 15 April – 7pm Reflection in All Saints' Martock

Holy Week: Tuesday 16 April – 7pm Reflection in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

Holy Week: Wednesday 17 April – 7pm Reflection in Holy Trinity, Ash

Maundy Thursday 18 April – 7pm Holy Communion + stripping of altar at All Saints'

Good Friday 19 April – 9.30am Procession from Stapleton Cross

10am United Benefice Service with MCF in All Saints' Martock

12pm An Hour Around The Cross in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

2pm An Hour Around The Cross in Holy Trinity, Ash

Holy Week: Saturday 20 April – 8pm Service of Light in All Saints' Martock



THIS WEEK

Monday	11 th	7.40am	A Time of Silence & Morning Prayer in St Martin's, KE
		11.00am	Vacancy Prayer Group at 14 Church St, Martock
Tuesday	12 th	7.30pm	Bell Practice in All Saints'
		7.30pm	'Life Attitudes' Lent Course at 1 East St Drove, Martock
Wednesday	13 th	7.40am	A Time of Silence & Morning Prayer in St Martin's, KE
		10-11.30am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavilion, Ash
		10.15am	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday in All Saints'
		2.30pm	'Life Attitudes' Lent Course at 4 Bearley Bridge Rd, Martock
		3.00pm	Meditation Group at 27 Ashfield Park, Martock
Thursday	14 th	7.30pm	Bell Practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
		10.00am	Tiddlers in All Saints'
		2.30pm	'Life Attitudes' Lent Course at 5 North Street, Martock
Friday	15 th	7.00pm	Holy Communion or Compline at All Saints'
		7.40am	A Time of Silence & Morning Prayer in St Martin's, KE
		10.30am	Stories & Rhymes in Martock Library
		12noon	Lenten Lunches at 14 Church St, Martock
		2.30pm	'Life Attitudes' Lent Course at the Wearne's in Ash
Saturday	16 th	7.30pm	'Life Attitudes' Lent Course at Tithe Barn, Church St, KE
		12.30pm	Baptism Preparations in All Saints' Martock

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 17th March 2019 : Second Sunday of Lent

All Saints', Martock :	8.00am	Holy Communion
All Saints', Martock :	9.30am	Holy Communion
St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi :	11.00am	Family Service
Holy Trinity, Ash :	11.00am	Holy Communion
All Saints', Martock :	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We remember those who are sick : baby Ava, Sara Bontein, Chris Durrant, Irene Field, Simon Hill, Brian Hook, Mavis Hook, Brian and Sue Lord, Monty (3yrs), Mark Richards, John Sharman, Martin Turner, Barbara Woodhouse

We remember those who have died including Edna Brown

In Memoriam: Mary Barron, Raynor Bee, John Gibson, Ewart Hebditch, Nicky Leggetter, Edward Seymour, John Trott, Rosemary Walton

Deanery Prayers : Somerton, Kingsdon, The Charltons, Long Sutton, Long Load, Curry Rivel, Fivehead, Swell.

Diocesan Prayers in March focus on Lent.

Zambia Link : St Anne's Mazabuka; St Francis' Hospital, Ketete