

Church Matters



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

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17th February 2019 :

Third Sunday Before Lent

All Saints'	Holy Trinity Ash	St Martin's
<p>8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion + Healing Prayers <i>Preacher: Peter</i> <i>Sidesmen: Martin & Brenda Bailey</i> <i>Readers: Martin Bradbrooke & Jane Hodgson</i> <i>Intercessor: Martin Bradbrooke</i> HYMNS: HON 15, 63, 154, 30</p> <p>6.30pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>11.00am Holy Communion <i>Preacher: Mac</i> <i>Sidesman: Mike Stubbs</i> <i>Readers: Graham & Jenny Wearne</i></p> <p>HYMNS: HON 19, 77, 202, 32</p>	<p>11.00am Family Service <i>Leader: Kathryn Marson</i></p>

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 -

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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 17th Feb:

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Lectionary Readings

New Testament : 1 Corinthians 15 verses 12 to 20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Gospel : Luke 6 verses 17 to 26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² ‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ ‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ ‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. ‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ ‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

PRAYER FOR HEALING (at All Saints’)

Heavenly Father,
we are all called by you to be a Healing Community,
through our prayers, forgiveness, reconciliation and love,
as members of the body of Christ.
Let us then open ourselves
to Your Son’s healing and forgiving spirit
and be led into the wholeness
offered through Jesus’ death on the cross.
As we offer prayers today for all who need your healing Lord,
we give thanks and praise to your Son,
Jesus Christ our Healer and redeemer.

Amen



NOTICES

Prayers Answered – a thank you from Carol Ansell: “I would like to thank everyone for all their kind thoughts and prayers over the last months; they have sustained me during the difficult times. I cannot believe that it is nearly a year since we moved to this beautiful village and from the very beginning you have all been so welcoming. Now that I am so much better, I look forward to many years being part of this lovely place and I thank God for all the blessings that he has and continues to give to me and my family.”

Electoral Roll – every 6 years, a NEW electoral roll must be created. If you would like to be on the new roll, please complete a new form and return to either the Benefice Office or churchwarden or Ann Swain (Electoral Roll Officer for All Saints'). New forms will be placed in Ash and Kingsbury Episcopi. Thank you!

Electoral Roll at All Saints' – the process of compiling a NEW electoral roll made a good start last Sunday. If you have not had a form yet, Ann Swain shall be giving them out after the service today in All Saints'. Many thanks for your cooperation!

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

Silence & Morning Prayer – don't forget that at 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!

Red Cash Bag lost from All Saints' vestry – please return it asap!!

The Lord's Larder at All Saints' – if you are willing & able to take bags of food to the Lord's Larder, please sign the list on the big Notice Board at the back of church. Thanks!

Lent 2019 begins on Wed 6 March. Will you take on the Bishops' Lent challenge? 'Living Well in God's World' will focus on what our Christian faith says about how we live and how we care for God's creation. Sign up for challenges, readings, prayer & reflection direct to your email inbox at www.bathandwells.org.uk/Lent-Living-Well-2019

'DEFYING THE ODDS' At 7.30pm Wed 3 April in the GateWay, there will be an evening of magic & storytelling. 'Defying the Odds' is an event for all Christians to invite a friend where the gospel will be shared by Rod Williams. Rod as a drug dealer saw his life spiral out of control in pursuit of a lifestyle that promised money, pleasure, power and popularity but which left him feeling broken, lost and desperate. Was there any hope for Rod? He found Jesus, 'the real deal,' who rescued him and brought him fulfilment and freedom. Think of someone to bring along who is searching on their faith journey? More details to follow from stevehart@capuk.org

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.



THIS WEEK

HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

Monday	18 th	7.40am	A Time of Silence & Morning Prayer in St Martin's, KE
		11.00am	Vacancy Prayer Group at 14 Church St, Martock
		11.15am	Funeral Service for Rosanna Cozens-Lewis in All Saints'
		7.30pm	Contemplation & Meditation Group in KE Church Rooms
Tuesday	19 th	7.15pm	Deanery Synod meet in Oddcombe
		7.30pm	Bell Practice in All Saints'
Wednesday	20 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	Morning Prayer in All Saints'
		12noon	Funeral Service for Laura Johnson in St Martin's, KE
		3.00pm	Meditation Group at 27 Ashfield Park, Martock
Thursday	21 st	7.30pm	Bell Practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
		No Tiddlers in All Saints'	
		4.00pm	Funeral Service for Myrtle Harris at Yeovil Crematorium
		7.00pm	Holy Communion or Compline at All Saints'
Friday	22 nd	7.30pm	Meditation Evening at 27 Ashfield Park, Martock
		7.40am	A Time of Silence & Morning Prayer in St Martin's, KE
		10.30am	Come for Coffee in Parish Hall, Martock
Saturday	23 rd	9.30am	Wedding Preparation Day in All Saints'

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 24th February 2019 : Second Sunday Before Lent

All Saints', Martock :	8.00am	Holy Communion
All Saints', Martock :	9.30am	Morning Praise
St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi :	9.30am	Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, Ash :	11.00am	Holy Communion
All Saints', Martock :	6.30pm	Holy Communion (tbc)

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, Monty (3yrs), Mark Richards, Martin Turner, Barbara Woodhouse, Vyvienne Wright

We remember those who have died including Phyllis Best, Rosie Cozens-Lewis, Myrtle Harris, Laura Johnson, Derek Wiffen

In Memoriam: Charles Halsted, Derek Tooby

Deanery Prayers : Chiselborough, West & Middle Chinnock, Norton & Stoke sub Hamdon. Please also pray for all ecumenical partnerships in mission and ministry and all Lay volunteers. We give thanks for the healing power of God.

Diocesan Prayers in February focus on the Deaneries of Glastonbury and Tone.

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