

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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07/12/2025 —
Advent 2

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 7th Dec
Advent 2

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Advent Carols

(Readings: Isaiah 11. 1-10;
Psalm 72. 1-7; Romans 15. 4-13;
Matthew 3. 1-12)

Next Sunday - 14th Dec
Advent 3

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10;
Psalm 146. 4-10; James 5. 7-10;
Matthew 11. 2-11)

Sunday 21st December
Advent 4

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Carol Service

(Readings: Isaiah 7. 10-16;
Psalm 80. 1-8, 18-20; Romans 1. 1-7;
Matthew 1. 18-end)

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or on our Website
<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 9th December

- 10.30am Funeral of Margaret Pallett at Kingsbury Church followed by 11.30am cremation at Sutton Crem.
- 1.30-3.30 Puzzle Library open
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 10th December

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 10.30am Advent Reflections (3)
- 7.00pm PCC meet at Baxterley School Room

Thursday 11th December

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 5.15pm Advent Reflections in Baxterley School Room (3)

Saturday 13th December

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean
- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Hurley

Monday 15th December

- 12.30pm Church Fellowship meet at Jubilee Court

Tuesday 16th December

- 9.30am Hurley School Carols in Church
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 17th December

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 10.30am Advent Reflections (4)
- 2.15pm Funeral of June Beasley at Kingsbury
- 7.00pm Choir Singing at Hurley

Thursday 18th December

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 5.15pm Advent Reflections in Baxterley School Room (4)

Friday 19th December

- 3.00pm Ace Nursery Carols at Kingsbury Church

- 7.30pm Baxterley Carol Service

Saturday 20th December

- 5.00pm Kingsbury Carol Service

Advent Candle Liturgy (2)

We light this candle

to recall the shepherds on the hills and all throughout the ages who in their place of work have been ready to hear good news and delighted to pass it on to others.

May the light overcome the darkness.

Collect for Advent 2

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**



Please Pray for:

Those who are ill:

Rachel : Lauren : Samuel
Hope : Sean : Kay
Rose Stubbs : Glenys
Carole Haines : Diane : Fred
Sandra : Bill : Millie
Martha : Sheila : Trevor
Hannah & Olivia
Chris Martin : Brian Moss
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan
Helen de Renzy : Lionel
Jane Pratt : Felicity Cawthra
Danielle Hughes : Margaret Evans

Those who have died

Fred Nichols : Margaret Pallett
: Geoff Tovey : June Beasley
Liam Bernard Bannigan
Danny Ward
and All families grieving the loss of loved ones

Please also pray for

The Archbishop of
Canterbury Elect,
Dame Sarah Mullally,
current Bishop of London

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**SEE OVERLEAF FOR
READINGS &
FURTHER NOTICES**

**This week we pray for all
who live or work in these
Roads in our communities:**

Oak Tree Close & Old
Kingsbury Road in Kingsbury;
Marlow Road in Hurley; The
Woodlands in Wood End; and
Wigston Hill in Baxterley

Safeguarding Support: If you have a safeguarding matter you need to discuss, speak to our **Parish Safeguarding Officer - Dr. Pru Allington-Smith** on **01827 825701** or **Rev. Carole** or in emergency **the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser, Steph Haynes** on **07342 993844**
StephH@cofebirmingham.com

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Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11. 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal
to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his
dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3. 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of
Judea, proclaiming, ²Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near. ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah
spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the
wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight." ' ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a
leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and
wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea
were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,
⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confess-
ing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and
Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood
of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to
yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell
you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to
Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is lying at the root of the
trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is
cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹I baptize you with
water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I am
is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He
will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnow-
ing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor
and will gather his wheat into the
granary; but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire.'

Psalm 72. 1-7

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Romans 15. 4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written
for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by
the encouragement of the scriptures we might have
hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encourage-
ment grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you
may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore,
just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of
God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant
of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in
order that he might confirm the promises given to the
patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glori-
fy God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will
confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to
your name'; ¹⁰and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles,
with his people'; ¹¹and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you
Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹²and
again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the
one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles
shall hope.' ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, so that you may abound in
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Advent Reflections 2025

This year our Advent Reflections will be 'A Walk
through Advent in Hymns and Worship'. Starting
this week, Advent Reflections at Baxterley will
move from Tuesday evenings to after the 4.30pm
service on Thursdays. Wood End on Wednesdays is
unchanged. The last two weeks of reflections are
now on 10th/11th & 17th/18th December.
All Sessions are stand-alone so not to worry if you
miss one. All Welcome!

Interregnum Arrangements

Our parish is now in interregnum and the Vicarage
and its telephone will be 'off limits'. From now on
all pastoral matters should be passed to **Revd.**
Carole via the new 'office' telephone number of
07426 068938 or via email on
admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk.
Matters regarding church buildings/grounds
should be passed to the church wardens. *Many
Thanks.*

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on
**Tuesday 9th & 23rd Dec. at The
Old Stables, Kingsbury Church—
between 1.30-3.30pm.** Open every
2nd & 4th Tuesday!

Joining Details for most Online Zoom Services & Meetings

Meeting ID: **999 516 9418**

Passcode: **Twigster3**

**You can also join by telephone on num-
ber: 0203 481 5237 and entering the
ID: 999 516 9418 and Code: 570910568**

Dates for your Diary

Tue 9th Dec - 10.30am Funeral of
Margaret Pallett at Kingsbury Church

Wed 10th Dec - 7.00pm PCC meet
at Baxterley School Room

Wed 17th Dec - 2.15pm Funeral of
June Beasley at Kingsbury Church

Mon 29th Dec - 11.00am Funeral
of Liam Bannigan at Hurley Church

Fri 2nd Jan - 12.30pm Funeral of
Danny Ward at Wood End Church