

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Merevale



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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 Wigton 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](mailto:StephH@cofebirmingham.com)

## 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.  
2 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.  
3 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;  
4 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.  
5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
6 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.  
7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
9 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.  
10 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, <sup>2</sup>Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. <sup>3</sup>This 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." ' <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But 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? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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. <sup>11</sup> 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing-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<sup>\*</sup> 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

<sup>4</sup>For 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. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For 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, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess<sup>\*</sup> you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; <sup>11</sup>and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' <sup>13</sup>May 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](mailto:admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk).

Matters regarding church buildings/grounds should be passed to the church wardens. *Many Thanks.*

### Joining Details for most Online Zoom Services & Meetings

Meeting ID: **999 516 9418**

Passcode: **Twigster3**

You can also join by telephone on number: **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

### 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**!