

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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14/12/2025 —
Advent 3

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next Sunday - 21st Dec

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)

Sunday 28th December

Christmas 1

GROUP SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion

HURLEY

(Readings: Isaiah 63. 7-9;
Psalm 148. 7-end; Hebrews 2.
10-end; Matthew 2. 13-end)

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Page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563036555109>

or on our Website

<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

Forthcoming Events

Monday 15th December

- 12.30pm Church Fellowship meet at Jubilee Court

Tuesday 16th December

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

Wednesday 17th December

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 10.30am Advent Reflections (4)
- 11.15am** Funeral of June Beasley at Kingsbury - note change of time!
- 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
- Tuesday 23rd December

- 10.30am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury

- 1.30-3.30 Puzzle Library open

- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 4.00pm Crib Service at Kingsbury
- 7.30pm Christmas Communion at Baxterley
- 11.30pm Christmas Communion at Kingsbury
- 11.30pm Christmas Communion at Merevale (please welcome AD Phelim O'Hare presiding)

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

- 10.30am Family Christmas Communion at Kingsbury

Advent Candle Liturgy (3)

We light this candle
to recall Simeon and Anna
and all those who are the quiet in the land
who have awaited every generation
for the glory of the Lord to be revealed
and have patiently accepted your will and timing.
May the light overcome the darkness.

Collect for Advent 3

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of
your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to
hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of
right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **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
Tracy from The Anchor
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:

Kingsbury Road & Kingsway in
Kingsbury; Club Drive in
Hurley; Edge Hill in Wood End;
and Hurley Lane in Merevale
w. Bentley

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

Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35. 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5. 7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 146. 4-10

⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. ⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Matthew 11. 2-11

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Advent Reflections 2025

This year our Advent Reflections will be 'A Walk through Advent in Hymns and Worship'. The last week of reflections are on 17th/18th December. All Sessions are stand-alone so not to worry if you miss one. All Welcome!

Wood End Coffee Afternoon & Carols
raised £360 for church funds. Many thanks to all who helped put on this event.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 15th Dec - 12.30pm Church Fellowship at Jubilee Court
Wed 17th Dec - **11.15am** Funeral of June Beasley at Kingsbury Church
Wed 17th Dec - **7.00pm** Choir Singing at Hurley
Sun 28th Dec - 12noon Burial of Ashes of Derek Harrod @ Kingsbury
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

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**

Carol Services in the Parish:

Baxterley - Friday 19th December, 7.30pm

Kingsbury - Saturday 20th December, 5.00pm

Merevale - Sunday 21st December, 11.00am

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**!