

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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11/01/26 —
Baptism of Christ

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 11th Jan

Baptism of Christ

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: *Isaiah 42. 1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10. 34-43; Matthew 3. 13-end*)



Next Sunday - 18th Jan

Epiphany 2

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: *Isaiah 49. 1-7; Psalm 40. 1-12; 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9; John 1. 29-42*)



Sunday 25th January

Epiphany 3

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

12.15pm Burial of Ashes

FARM CHURCH

2.30pm Wood End Church

(Readings: *Isaiah 9. 1-4; Psalm 27. 1, 4-12; 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18; Matthew 4. 12-23*)

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

or on our Website

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

Forthcoming Events

Monday 12th January

- 11.00am Hurley Quinquennial Inspection
- 2.00pm Wood End Quinquennial Inspection

Tuesday 13th January

- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library Open
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 14th January

- Lightening Conductor tests at Kingsbury & Merevale, and asbestos removal from Kingsbury Boiler Room.
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 15th January

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 17th January

- 11.00-1.00 Jacket Potatoes at Baxterley School Room

Monday 19th January

- 12.30pm Church Fellowship meet at Jubilee Court Community Lounge, Kingsbury. All Welcome.

Tuesday 20th January

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

Wednesday 21st January

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 10.30am Baxterley Quinquennial Inspection
- 7.00pm Worship Committee meet at Jenny B's

Thursday 22nd January

- 11.00am Funeral & Burial of Ann Butler at Baxterley
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 23rd January

- 10.30am Merevale Quinquennial Inspection
- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library Open
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 28th January

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 10.30am Kingsbury Quinquennial Inspection

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

Liam Bernard Bannigan
Danny Ward : Ann Butler
Lily Mann
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:

Aldersgate & Ash Grove in Kingsbury; Dexter Court in Hurley; Smith Street in Wood End; and Twenty One Oaks 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



Collect for Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

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Readings for The Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42. 1-9

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,^{*}
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,^{*}
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.
³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,^{*}
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Matthew 3. 13-end

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved,^{*} with whom I am well pleased.'



Acts 10. 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

New Pattern of Services from January 2026

With the deteriorating condition of Hurley Church and in an effort to raise congregation numbers, the PCC has approved a change to our pattern of **Sunday services from 1st January 2026** as follows:

1st Sundays: 9.30am Hurley
11.00am Merevale
3rd Sundays: 11.00am Merevale only
2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.30am Baxterley (Winter)
11.00am Kingsbury
4.30pm Baxterley (Summer)

All Group Services will now be at 11.00am.
Our Mid-week services are unaffected.
Please remember to update your diaries now!

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

Sat 17th Jan - 11.00-1.00 Jacket Potatoes at Baxterley School Room
Sun 18th Jan - 11.15 Plough Service at Grendon with +Michael
Thur 22nd Jan - 11.00am Funeral & burial of Ann Butler at Baxterley

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 13th & 27th Jan at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church**—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday**!