

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)

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

- Lightning 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

Tuesday 27th January

- 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

**You'll find any important
updates on our FaceBook
Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563036555109>
or on our Website
<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

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.

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.'



Psalms 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!

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 num-
ber: 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!**