

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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28/12/2025 —
Christmas 1

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 28th Dec
Christmas 1

GROUP SERVICE At HURLEY

10.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

12noon Burial of Ashes

FARM CHURCH

2.30pm at Wood End Church
(Readings: Isaiah 63. 7-9;
Psalm 148. 7-end; Hebrews 2.
10-end; Matthew 2. 13-end)

Next Sunday - 4th Jan '26
Epiphany

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 60. 1-6;
Psalm 72. 10-15; Ephesians 3.
1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12)

Sunday 11th January
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)

**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>

Forthcoming Events

Monday 29th December

- **11.00am** Funeral of Liam Bannigan at Baxterley

Tuesday 30th December

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

Wednesday 31st December

- **9.30am** Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 1st January 2026

- **NO** Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 2nd January

- **12.30pm** Funeral of Danny Ward at Wood End

Tuesday 6th January

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

Wednesday 7th January

- **9.30am** Morning Worship at Wood End

Thursday 8th January

- **4.30pm** Evening Prayer at Baxterley

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

Margaret Pallett :: 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



We wish you all a
peaceful New Year!
Rev. Carole & Ruth

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
2nd & 4th Sundays: **9.30am** Baxterley (Winter)
11.00am Kingsbury
4.30pm Baxterley (Summer)

Our Mid-week services are unaffected.

Please remember to update your diaries now!

Collect for Christmas 1

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**



SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

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

Laburnum Close & Lichfield
Cottages in Kingsbury;
Coronation Road in Hurley;
Tamworth Road in Wood End;
and Bentley Common 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
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Readings for the First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63. 7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Matthew 2. 13-end

¹³Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." ¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Psalms 148. 7-end

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹²Young men and women alike, old and young together!
¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

Hebrews 2. 10-end

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.



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.

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

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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!**