

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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04/01/26 —
Epiphany

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next 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)

Sunday 18th January
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)

Forthcoming Events

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

Saturday 10th January

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean

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

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

and All families grieving the loss
of loved ones

Please also pray for

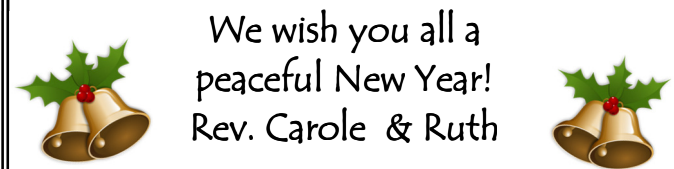
The Archbishop of

Canterbury Elect,

Dame Sarah Mullally,

current Bishop of London

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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!

Collect for Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

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

Mill Crescent & Marston
Caravan and Camping Park in
Kingsbury; Knowle Hill in
Hurley; Glenville Avenue in
Wood End; and The Orchard
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

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Readings for The Epiphany

Isaiah 60. 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2. 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Psalms 72. 10-15

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.
¹²For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
¹³He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.
¹⁵Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.

Ephesians 3. 1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.



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 **Rev. 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

Sat 17th Jan - 11.00-1.00 Jacket

Potatoes at Baxterley School Room

Sun 18th Jan - 11.15 Plough

Service at Grendon with +Michael

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!**