

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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05/12/2021—
Advent 2

SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 5th Dec
Advent 2**

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Holy Communion

(Readings: Baruch 5 or Malachi 3. 1-4; Philippians 1. 3-11; Luke 3. 1-6)

**Next Sunday—12th Dec
Advent 3**

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20; Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6*; Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18)

**Sunday 19th December
Advent 4**

MEREVALE

11.00am Carol Service

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Carol Service

(Readings: TBA)

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 7th December

- 7.00pm Bible Reflections via zoom
- 8.00pm Zoom Compline (and online via FaceBook)

Wednesday 8th December

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 7.00pm Ministry Team meeting at The Vicarage

Thursday 9th December

- 12noon Funeral of Marie Simpson at Woodlands Crem.
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 10th December

- 3.15pm Funeral of Sheila Lamb at Sutton Crem.

Saturday 11th December

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean

Monday 13th December

- 3.15pm Funeral of Cheryl Lyndon at Sutton Crem.

Tuesday 14th December

- 7.00pm Bible Reflections via zoom
- 8.00pm Zoom Compline (and online via FaceBook)

Wednesday 15th December

- 9.30am Morning Service at Wood End

Thursday 16th December

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.30pm Carol Service at Kingsbury

Advent 2

We light this candle

to recall the shepherds on the hills and all throughout the ages who in their place of work have been ready to hear good news and delighted to pass it on to others.

May the light overcome the darkness.



SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

Collect for Advent 2

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**



Please Pray for:

Those who are ill:

Bill Thompson : Rachel
Carol Makepeace : Lauren
June Arnold : Samuel : Hope
Kieran : Bethen : Sean : Doris
Kay : Vera : Rose Stubbs
Monica Paton : Patrick : Glenys
Ruth Rogers : Carole Haines
:Sandra Priddey Muriel Wright
Pearl : Jackie : Betty Jones
Pam Bayliss : Diane : Fred : Joan
Sandra : Bill : Margaret Hewetson
Priscilla : Ann : Abi Coulson
Martha : Margaret Pallett
Baby Hugo : Hannah & Olivia
Trevor : Lilian : Tony Carter
Chris & Mick Martin
Carole Round : Andrew McKenzie
James Vernon

Those preparing for Marriage

Holly & Salvatore

Those who have died

Olive Harris : Allan Morris
Marie Simpson : Sheila Lamb
Barry Waters : Wilma Berry
Cheryl Lyndon

Please also pray for.....

Any concerns you may have on your hearts this week.....



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Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Kingsway & Laburnum Close in Kingsbury; Club Drive in Hurley; Edge Hill in Wood End; and Coleshill Road 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. John** or in emergency **the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser, Steph Haynes on 07342 993844** StephH@cofebirmingham.com

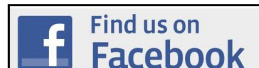
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Readings for the Second Sunday in Advent

Malachi 3. 1-4

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1. 3-11

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Baruch 5

5 Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

² Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

³ for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

⁴ For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

⁵ Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

⁶ For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

⁷ For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

⁸ The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.

⁹ For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Luke 3. 1-6

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."



Bible Reflections

Our Bible Reflections series via zoom, is on Tuesday evenings, 7pm. This time we are looking at some of your favourite Psalms.

Lifting of Coronavirus restrictions

Social distancing and the wearing of face coverings is no longer a legal requirement in places of worship. However, we do ask all those attending church to continue to exercise care and responsibility towards one another. Wearing face coverings inside the church buildings is recommended for those who are able to do so. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser available and to avoid close contact with those outside your household.

Joining Details for all Online Zoom Services & Meetings

Meeting ID: **999 516 9418** Passcode: **Twigster 3**

You can also join by telephone on number: 0203 481 5237 and entering the ID: 999 516 9418 and Code: 570910568