

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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10/12/2023 —  
Advent 2

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 10th Dec**  
**Advent 2**

### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion  
(1.30pm *Burial of Ashes at Hurley - Edith Lander*)  
(Readings: Isaiah 40. 1-11;  
Psalm 85. 1-2, 8-end;  
2 Peter 3. 8-15a;  
Mark 1. 1-8)

**Next Sunday—17th Dec**  
**Advent 3**

### BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Baptism Service

### MEREVALE

11.00am Carol Service

(Readings: Isaiah 61. 1-4,  
8-end; Psalm 126;  
1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24;  
John 1. 6-8, 19-28)

**Sunday 24th December**  
**Advent 4**

### HURLEY

9.30am Said Holy Communion

### KINGSBURY

11.00am Said Holy Communion  
(See 'Forthcoming Events' for our Christmas Eve Services)

(Readings: 2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16; Psalm 89. 1-8;  
Romans 16. 25-end;  
Luke 1. 26-38)

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## Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 12th December

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 11.00-1.00 Jigsaw Puzzle Library Open in the Old Stables
- 7.00pm Oversight Area 'Get Together'
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 13th December

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 14th November

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.30pm Advent Reflections (3) at the Vicarage

Friday 15th December

- 7.00pm Baxterley Carol Service

Saturday 16th December

- 4.30pm Kingsbury Carol Service

Monday 18th December

- 12.00noon Mothers' Union meet at Jubilee Court

Tuesday 19th December

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 12.45pm Funeral of Hedley Bardon at Merevale followed by Cremation at Nuneaton

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

Wednesday 20th December

- 9.30am Wood End Carol Service

Thursday 21st December

- 12noon Burial of Ashes at Hurley - Margaret Pearman
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.30pm Advent Reflections (4) at the Vicarage

**Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve Services**

- 4.00pm Crib Service at Kingsbury
  - 7.30pm Christmas Communion at Baxterley
  - 11.30pm Christmas Communion at Merevale
  - 11.30pm Christmas Communion at Kingsbury
- Monday 25th December - Christmas Day**
- 10.30am Christmas Day Communion at Kingsbury

### Advent Reflections 2023 - 'The Tree of Life'

This year our Advent Reflections are taking place on Thursday evenings, 7.30pm, the last two sessions on 14th & 21st December. All meetings are at The Vicarage. All are welcome - it doesn't matter if you've missed one.

### 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:

Rachel : Carol Makepeace  
Lauren : Samuel : Hope  
Kieran : Bethen : Sean  
Kay : Rose Stubbs : Monica Paton  
Glenys : Ruth Rogers  
Carole Haines : Sandra Priddey  
Diane : Fred : Joan : Sandra : Bill  
Millie : Abi Coulson : Martha  
Trevor : Margaret Pallett  
Baby Hugo : Hannah & Olivia  
Carole Round : Chris Martin  
Louise : Brian Moss  
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan  
Helen de Renzy : Jane Pratt  
John Parkes : John Skeldon

### Preparing for Marriage

Peter & Sonia

### Those who have died

Roger Ivor Minchin  
Edith Lander : Margaret Pearman  
Philip Nelson : Hedley Bardon

### Please also pray for....

Bishop Michael Volland,  
Bishop of Birmingham Elect;  
..... and any concerns you may have on your hearts this week.....



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**SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES**

### Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Sycamore Road & Tame Bank in Kingsbury; Club Drive in Hurley; Pinewood Avenue in Wood End; and Smithy Lane 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. John or in emergency the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser, Steph Haynes on 07342 993844**  
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## Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

### Isaiah 40. 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.  
<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:  
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
<sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'  
<sup>6</sup> A voice says, 'Cry out!'  
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'  
<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

### Psalm 85. 1-2, 8-end

<sup>1</sup> LORD, you were favourable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.  
<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their  
hearts.  
<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.  
<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
<sup>12</sup> The LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.

### 2 Peter 3. 8-15a

<sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

### Mark 1. 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',  
<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

### Merevale Hall Christmas Cheer

last Wednesday raised a massive **£1,061.30** for Merevale Church Funds. With grateful thanks to the Dugdale family for allowing use of the Hall, and to all who helped put on this event, and of course to all those who attended.



### Kingsbury Guides - Fundraising

We are selling **Christmas Puddings, Sticky Toffee Puddings and Lemon Puddings** to help with camp funds for next years International (we have 13 girls and 2 leaders as part of the Warwickshire international selection trip), they are **£6 each**. Revd. Carole has supplies and she will happily sell to you! Do buy a 'Pud' if you are able :-)  
*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:

**Fri. 15th Dec.** - 7.00pm Baxterley

Carol Service

**Sat. 16th Dec.** - 4.30pm Kingsbury

Carol Service

**Sun. 17th Dec.** - 11.00am Merevale

Carol Service

### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 12th December at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church**—between **11am-1.00pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**

