

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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12/12/2021—
Advent 3

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next Sunday—19th Dec Advent 4

MEREVALE

11.00am Carol Service

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Carol Service

(Readings: TBA)

Sunday 26th December Christmas 1

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3. 12-17; Luke 2. 41-end)

You'll find any important updates on our FaceBook page

<https://www.facebook.com/kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

or on our Website

http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk/html/covid_19_coronavirus_updates.html

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 21st December

- 8.00pm Compline online only via FaceBook

Wednesday 22nd December

- 9.30am Carol Service at Wood End
- 12.45pm Graveside Funeral for Les Smith at Hurley

Thursday 23rd December

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 24th December—Christmas Eve

- 4.00pm Crib Service **OUTSIDE** at Kingsbury Church—please come in warm clothes and bring a lantern or torch.
- 7.30pm Christmas Communion at Baxterley
- 10.00pm Christmas Communion at Kingsbury
- 11.30pm Christmas Communion at Merevale

Saturday 25th December—Christmas Day

- 10.30 Christmas Day Family Communion at Kingsbury

Covid Restrictions Under the government's Plan B rules to limit the spread of Covid infections, face coverings are again a mandatory requirement in places of worship, except where exemptions apply.

Advent 3

We light this candle to recall Simeon and Anna and all those who are the quiet in the land who have awaited every generation for the glory of the Lord to be revealed and have patiently accepted your will and timing.

May the light overcome the darkness.

Collect for Advent 3

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

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 : Les Smith

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:

Meadow Close & Mill Crescent in Kingsbury; Lime Grove in Hurley; Tamworth Road in Wood End; and Wigston Hill 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** StephH@cofebirmingham.com

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Readings for the Third Sunday in Advent

Zephaniah 3. 14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
 O daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
 he has turned away your enemies.
 The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
 you shall fear disaster no more.
¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
 Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
 a warrior who gives victory;
 he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you,
 so that you will not bear reproach for it.
¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
 And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
 and I will change their shame into praise
 and renown in all the earth.
²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;
 for I will make you renowned and praised
 among all the peoples of the earth,
 when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Isaiah 12. 2-6 (Canticle)

² Surely God is my salvation;
 I will trust, and will not be afraid,
 for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
 he has become my salvation.
³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of
 salvation. ⁴ And you will say on that day:
 Give thanks to the LORD,
 call on his name;
 make known his deeds among the nations;
 proclaim that his name is exalted.
⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
 let this be known in all the earth.
⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Philippians 4. 4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Re-
 joice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
 The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but
 in everything by prayer and supplication with
 thanksgiving let your requests be made known to
 God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all
 understanding, will guard your hearts and your
 minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3. 7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹ In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³ He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'
¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Traditional Carol Services

Thurs. 16th December
7.30pm at Kingsbury

Sun. 19th December
11.00am at Merevale
4.30pm at Baxterley

Weds 22nd December
9.30am at Wood End



Christmas Eve



4.00pm Crib Service **OUTSIDE** at Kingsbury
*Please come dressed in warm clothes
 and bring a lantern or torch*
 7.30pm Christmas Communion at Baxterley
 10.00pm Christmas Communion at Kingsbury
 11.30pm Midnight Communion at Merevale

Christmas Day

10.30am Family Communion at Kingsbury

Sun. 29th Dec. 9.30am Holy Communion at Hurley
(Christmas 1) 11.00am Holy Communion at Kingsbury

Advance Notice:

The funeral arrangements for Wilma Berry have now been finalised and her funeral will take place on Thursday 30th December, 11.30am at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium.



Lifting of Coronavirus restrictions

Social distancing and the wearing of face coverings is now a legal requirement again in places of worship. We do therefore ask all those attending church to continue to exercise care and responsibility towards one another and wear face coverings inside the church buildings unless you are exempt. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser available and to avoid close contact with those outside your household.

Bible Reflections

The final one of our Bible Reflections series via zoom looking at the Psalms, is on Tuesday 14th December, 7pm.
 Our studies in the Bible will then take a break until the New Year.

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