

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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17/12/2023 —  
Advent 3

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This 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)

**Next Sunday—24th Dec**  
**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)

**Sunday 31st December**  
**Christmas 1**

**GROUP SERVICE**  
at  
**HURLEY**

10.30am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 61.10 -  
62. 3; Psalm 148. 7-end;  
Galatians 4. 4-7;  
Luke 2. 15-21)

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### Forthcoming Events

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**
- Tuesday 26th December - Boxing Day
- Revd. John out of parish this week. For any pastoral emergency, please speak to Revd. Carole
  - **NO Morning Prayer at Kingsbury**
  - 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 27th December

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

Thursday 28th December

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

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

The last of our Advent Reflections will be this Thursday, 21st Dec. at 7.30pm, at The Vicarage. All are welcome - it doesn't matter if you've missed one or the first three!

#### **Prayer at the lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle:**

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**



### 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

#### Baptised today

Joey Pethick

#### Those who have died

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:**

Coton Lane & Coton Road in  
Kingsbury; Lime Grove in  
Hurley; Boulters Lane in  
Wood End; and  
Merevale Lane 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  
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## Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

### Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-end

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
8 For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring  
up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

### 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in  
all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Je-  
sus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not  
despise the words of prophets, 21 but test everything;  
hold fast to what is good; 22 abstain from every form of  
evil. 23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you  
entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept  
sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do  
this.

### Psalm 126

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
'The LORD has done great things for them.'  
3 The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.  
4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.  
5 May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.  
6 Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

### John 1. 6-8, 19-28

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was  
John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so  
that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was  
not the light, but he came to testify to the light.  
19 This is the testimony given by John when the Jews  
sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,  
'Who are you?' 20 He confessed and did not deny it,  
but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' 21 And they  
asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am  
not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' 22 Then  
they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an  
answer for those who sent us. What do you say about  
yourself?' 23 He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out  
in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the  
Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. 24 Now they had  
been sent from the Pharisees. 25 They asked him, 'Why  
then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah,  
nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' 26 John answered them, 'I  
baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you  
do not know, 27 the one who is coming after me; I am  
not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' 28 This  
took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John  
was baptizing.



**Wood End Afternoon Tea** on  
Saturday 9th Dec. raised **£455** for  
Church Funds. With grateful  
thanks to all who helped put on  
this event, and of  
course to all those who  
attended.



### Joining Details for most Online Zoom Services & Meetings

Meeting ID: **999 516 9418**

Passcode: **Twigster3**

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

### Dates for your Diary:

**Tues. 19th Dec.** - 12.45pm Funeral  
of Hedley Bardon at Merevale

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

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**7.30pm** Christmas Communion at  
Baxterley

**11.30pm** Christmas Communion at  
Merevale

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Kingsbury

**Mon. 25th December - Christmas  
Day Service:**

**10.30am** Christmas Day Communion  
at Kingsbury

**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 NB. Only 22  
puddings left so get yours now!**

### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on

**Tuesday 9th January at The Old  
Stables, Kingsbury Church—  
between 1.30-3.30pm - note the  
new times. Open every 2nd &  
4th Tuesday!**

