

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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24/12/2023 —
Advent 4

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next Sunday—31st Dec
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)

Sunday 7th Jan 2024
Epiphany

BAXTERLEY

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)

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>

Forthcoming Events

TODAY - 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 nor Puzzle Library**

- **8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook**

Wednesday 27th December

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

Thursday 28th November

- **4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley**

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

- **NO Morning Prayer at Kingsbury**

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

Wednesday 3rd January

- **9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End**

- **7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal at Kingsbury**

Thursday 4th January

- **4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley**

Advent Candle Liturgy—Advent 4

We light this candle to recall Mary and Joseph who saw their visions and dreamed their dreams, who heard angelic Announcements and were obedient to your word and their calling, giving a home and care to the child.

May the light overcome the darkness.

Advent Candle Liturgy—Christmas Eve/Day

We light this candle for the baby of Bethlehem, for the child born to be king, for the boy in the cradle who became the man on the cross, the Redeemer and Saviour of the world.

The darkness is overcome; the light is around us.

Collect for Advent 4

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Collect for Christmas Night

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **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

Edith Lander : Margaret Pearman
Philip Nelson : Hedley Barden
Maureen Myatt : Mary Roberts

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:

Sorrel Drive & South View in Kingsbury; Coronation Road in Hurley; Woodside Close in Wood End; and Atherstone 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵'Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?' ⁶'I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Romans 16. 25-end

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Psalm 89. 1-8



¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
² I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
³ You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:
⁴ "I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations."
⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God feared in the council of the holy ones, great and awesome above all that are around him?
⁸ O LORD God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O LORD? Your faithfulness surrounds you.

Luke 1. 26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.



We wish you all a joyous Christmas,
and a peaceful New Year!

 Rev. John, Rev. Carole
& Ruth 



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:

Mon. 25th December - Christmas Day Service:

10.30am Christmas Day Communion at Kingsbury

Sat. 6th January - 2.00pm Wedding of Peter & Sonia at Kingsbury

Mon. 8th January 2024 - 1.45pm Funeral of Mary Roberts at Sutton Crem.

Fri. 19th January - 2.30pm Funeral of Maureen Myatt at Kingsbury followed by burial in the churchyard.

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!

