

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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19/12/2021—
Advent 4

SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 19th Dec
Advent 4**

MEREVALE

11.00am Carol Service

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Carol Service

(Readings: TBA)

**Next Sunday—26th Dec
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)

**Sunday 2nd January 2022
Epiphany**

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 60. 1-6;
Psalm 72. 10-15;
Ephesians 3. 1-12;
Matthew 2. 1-12)

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

or on our Website

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

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 28th December

- 8.00pm Compline online only via FaceBook

Wednesday 29th December

- 9.30am Morning Service at Wood End

Thursday 30th December

- 11.30am Funeral of Wilma Berry at Sutton Crematorium
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

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 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.



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**



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:

Lichfield Cottages & Maple Drive in Kingsbury; Coronation Road in Hurley; Everglade Road in Wood End; and Monks Park 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 Fourth Sunday in Advent

Micah 5. 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.
 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labour has brought forth;
 then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
 And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
 and he shall be the one of peace.
 If the Assyrians come into our land
 and tread upon our soil,
 we will raise against them seven shepherds
 and eight installed as rulers.

Psalm 80. 1-8

To the leader: on Lilies, a Covenant. Of Asaph. A Psalm.
 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
 you who lead Joseph like a flock!
 You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
 Stir up your might,
 and come to save us!
 Restore us, O God;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved.
 O LORD God of hosts,
 how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
 You have fed them with the bread of tears,
 and given them tears to drink in full measure.
 You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
 our enemies laugh among themselves.
 Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved.
 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
 you drove out the nations and planted it.



Hebrews 10. 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1. 39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Traditional Carol Services



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

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**

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen**

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.

Advent Liturgy—Christmas Night/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. Amen.**



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

Our studies in the Bible are now taking a break until the New Year. Watch this space for when they start again!

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