

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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03/12/2023 —
Advent Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 3rd Dec
Advent Sunday
(Year B begins)

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 64. 1-9;
Psalm 80. 1-8;
1 Corinthians 1. 3-9;
Mark 13. 24-end)

Next Sunday—10th Dec
Advent 2

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 40. 1-11;
Psalm 85. 1-2, 8-end;
2 Peter 3. 8-15a;
Mark 1. 1-8)

Sunday 17th December
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)

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Forthcoming Events

Monday 4th December

- 9.30-11.30am Choir Singing Morning at Merevale Church
- 2.30pm WE Primary School Christmas Assembly (JCW)

Tuesday 5th December

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 1.00pm Chapter Christmas meal (JCW & CJY)
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 6th December

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 10.00-12.00noon Christmas Cheer at Merevale Hall

Thursday 7th December

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.30pm Advent Reflections (2) at the Vicarage

Friday 8th December

- 9.30am Year 2 WE School to visit Wood End Church

Saturday 9th December

- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Hurley
- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean
- 10.00-12.00 Baxterley Church Clean Up
- **2.00-4.00pm Afternoon Tea & Stalls at Wood End**

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

Advent Reflections 2023 - 'The Tree of Life'

This year our Advent Reflections will take place on Thursday evenings, 7.30pm on 7th, 14th & 21st December. All meetings will be at The Vicarage, and all are welcome.

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and 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

Mary Walker : Carol Ayasamy
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:

Chestnut Close & Church Lane in Kingsbury; Marlow Road in Hurley; Birchfield Close in Wood End; and Crow 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
StephH@cofebirmingham.com

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Readings for Advent Sunday

Isaiah 64. 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalms 80. 1-8

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
³ Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
⁴ O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's
prayers?
⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

Mark 13. 24-end

²⁴ 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds"
with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels,
and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Merevale Hall Christmas Cheer

Wednesday 6th December
10.00am - 12.00noon.
Raffle, stalls and carols.
Tickets £6.00 from
Hilarie Samson:
Landline 01827 713705
Mobile 07803301153



Sounds Historical Concert

was well attended with 55 guests and raised **£255.30**. Well done to all who helped organise and thanks to all the Players and all who supported this event.
Thank you.

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!**

