

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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28/01/2024 —
Candlemas

SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday —28th Jan
Candlemas**

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion
(1.00pm Baptism at Baxterley)

(Readings: Malachi 3. 1-5;
Psalm 24. 7-end; Hebrews 2.
14-end; Luke 2. 22-40)

**Next Sunday - 4th February
2 bfe Lent**

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31;
Psalm 104. 26-end;
Colossians 1. 15-20;
John 1. 1-14)

**Sunday 11th February
Next bfe Lent**

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion
(1pm Baptism at Wood End)

(Readings: 2 Kings 2. 1-12;
Psalm 50. 1-6;
2 Corinthians 4. 3-6;
Mark 9. 2-9)

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

Tuesday 30th January

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 7.00pm Deanery Readers Group meet in the Old Stables
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 31st January

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End

Thursday 1st February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm 'Being With' course via zoom (2)

Friday 2nd February

- **7.00pm Sung Compline for Candlemas at Baxterley** with refreshments afterwards. All Welcome.

Saturday 3rd February

- 11.00am Celebration of Reader Ministry at Birmingham Cathedral - please pray for Ruth as she renews her Permission to Officiate.

Tuesday 6th February

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 7th February

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 7.00pm Deanery Synod via Zoom (joining details sent on email to members)

Thursday 8th February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm 'Being With' course via zoom (3)

Friday 9th February

- 2.30pm Funeral and burial of Michael Hiam at Kingsbury

"Rites of Way"

Our Lent Reflections Course this year will be an opportunity to explore some of the sacred services that are given to support us in our journey through life. There will be five weekly sessions, looking at Baptism, Holy Communion, Marriage, Funerals, and Confirmation. Each session will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at the Vicarage, Wednesday mornings at Wood End at 10.15am, and Thursday afternoons at 5pm at Baxterley, starting on Tuesday 20th February. All welcome—come to whichever session suits you best.

Collect for Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God. **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
Felicity Cawthra

To be baptised today

Tobias Morris

Those who have died

Maureen Myatt : Mary Roberts
Olga Franks : Michael Hiam

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:

Fircroft & Hadley's Croft in
Kingsbury; Hurley Common in
Hurley; Delves Crescent in
Wood End; and
Bentley Common 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 Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Malachi 3. 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 24. 7-end

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

Hebrews 2. 14-end

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2. 22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'
³² And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.
³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

AN 'APPEAL FOR A PEAL' -

We're raising £4,000 for an 'Appeal for a Peal' - to refurbish the Bells at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Kingsbury. You can donate directly by scanning the QR code:



AN APPEAL FOR HURLEY CHURCHYARD

We're raising £5,000 for repairs to Hurley Churchyard Steps and Wall. There is a 'GoFundMe' page here <https://gofund.me/5503e96d> for you to donate online or give direct to either of the Church Wardens.

AN APPEAL FOR BAXTERLEY 'COMFORT' FUND

We're raising a huge amount to get a toilet installed by the school room at Baxterley. All donations gratefully received. You can give online by scanning the QR code here, or give direct to the Church Wardens.



Please keep giving to/sharing these Appeals!

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 23rd March

10.00am to 12noon starting at the Methodist Church in Kingsbury, in aid of Kingsbury Guides Jamboree 2024 fund. Entrance fee £3 per child - please book with Sallyann Blackett on sallyann@theblacketts.co.uk or phone 07540 266069. Refreshments available at the Methodist Church along with stalls including Easter gifts, raffles and soft archery.

Dates for your Diary:

Fri. 2nd February - 7.00pm Sung Compline for Candlemas at Baxterley
Wed. 7th February - 7.00pm Deanery Synod via zoom
Sat. 10th February - 10am to 12noon Kingsbury Green Clean
Wed. 14th February - Ash Weds HC Services with Ashing: 9.30am Wood End Church 7.00pm Hurley Church

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**

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 13th February at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church—between 1.30-3.30pm - note the new times.** Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**

