

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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26/12/2021—
Christmas 1

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next Sunday—2nd Jan 22 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)

Sunday 9th January Baptism of Christ

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 43. 1-7;
Psalm 29; Acts 8. 14-17;
Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22)

You'll find any important up- dates on our FaceBook page

<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 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

Tuesday 4th January 2022

- 10.30am Funeral & burial of Muriel Turner at Kingsbury

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

Wednesday 5th January

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 6th January

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

We wish you all a blessed and
joyful Christmas &
a peaceful and safe
New Year!



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.

Collect for Christmas 1

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. **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

Wilma Berry
Cheryl Lyndon : Les Smith
Muriel Turner

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:

A4097 & Marston Caravan &
Camping Park in Kingsbury;
Knowle Hill in Hurley; St. Michael's
Close in Wood End; and Hipsley
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
StephH@cofebirmingham.com**

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Readings for the First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.



Colossians 3. 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2. 41-end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.
He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike,
old and young together!
Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

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