

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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28/04/2024 —
Easter 5

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 28th April
Easter 5

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

*(Readings: Acts 8. 26-end;
Psalm 22. 25-end; 1 John 4. 7-
end; John 15. 1-8)*

Next Sunday - 5th May
Easter 6
Bells Weekend

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Holy Communion

*(Readings: Acts 10. 44-end;
Psalm 98; 1 John 5. 1-6;
John 15. 9-17)*

Sunday 12th May
Sunday After Ascension

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion
inc. Baptism

*(Readings: Acts 1. 15-17, 21-
end; Psalm 1; 1 John 5. 9-13;
John 17. 6-19)*

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 April

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 1st May

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 2nd May

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 3rd May

- 4.00pm Wedding Interview at Merevale

Saturday 4th May

- 10.00-12.00 Merevale Bluebell Walk starting at Merevale Church. All donations welcome. Tea/Coffee & Cake available. Dogs on leads welcome.

Tuesday 7th May

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 7.00pm PCC meet at Hurley Church
- 8.00pm Compline online via Facebook **ONLY**

Wednesday 8th May

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End

Thursday 9th May - Ascension Day

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm Ascension Day service at Merevale

Saturday/Sunday 11th/12th May - Bells Weekend

- 10.00am-12noon Kingsbury Green Clean (Saturday)
- 11.00am - 4.00pm on both Saturday & Sunday. Demonstration of Tower Bells and Handbells. Refreshments available.

Kingsbury Quiz & Jackets made £440 for church funds.

With grateful thanks to all who helped organise the event, the quiz master, and all who attended.

Electoral Roll

Now that the Kingsbury and Baxterley group of churches are a single parish, we now have a single electoral roll (ER). The ER is the list of all those entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). All those whose names were on any of the separate ERs will automatically be included on the new combined one. The ER is revised each year in advance of the APCM, which this year will be held on Sunday 26 May at 10am in Kingsbury Church, in advance of a united Parish Communion service at 11am. Anyone who is not yet on the ER and is eligible and would like to be should fill in an application form, available in each of the five churches, and return it to Revd John by 7 May.

Collect for Easter 5

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **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

Preparing for Marriage

Jamie & Abigail : Charles & Laura

Those who have died

Douglas Graham Styles
Paul Smith : Dave Stone

Please also pray for.....

..... any concerns you may have on your hearts this week



SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Willow Close & Wright Close in Kingsbury; Woodbridge Park in Hurley; Boulters Lane in Wood End; and Windmill 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8. 26-end

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)
²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

John 15. 1-8

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.
² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Merevale Bluebell Walk

Sat. 4th May - 10am to 12 noon
starting at Merevale Church.
All donations welcome.
Tea/Coffee & Cake available.
Dogs on leads welcome.

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:

Tues 7th May - 7.00pm PCC meet at Hurley

Thur 9th May - 7.00pm Ascension Day Service at Merevale

Sat 11th & Sun 12th May - Bells Weekend at Kingsbury Church.

More details next week.

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesdays 14th & 28th May at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church—between 1.30-3.30pm - note the new times.** Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**

Psalms 22. 25-end

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live for ever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

1 John 4. 7-end

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

