

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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02/01/2022 —
Epiphany

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next 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)

Sunday 16th January Epiphany 2

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Evening Prayer

(Readings: Isaiah 62. 1-5;
Psalm 36. 5-10; 1 Corinthians
12. 1-11; John 2. 1-11)

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/html/covid_19_coronavirus_updates.html

Forthcoming Events

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

Saturday 8th January

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean

Tuesday 11th January

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

Wednesday 12th January

- 9.30am Morning Service at Wood End

Thursday 13th January

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 14th January

- 10.00am Merevale Fundraising Group at Idle Hollow

We wish you all a blessed,
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 Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
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

Wilma Berry
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:

Aldersgate & Ash Grove in
Kingsbury; Dexter Court in Hurley;
Glenville Avenue 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 The Epiphany

Isaiah 60. 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.



Psalms 72. 10-15

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.
Long may he live!
May gold of Sheba be given to him.
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all day long.

Matthew 2. 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."'
Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Ephesians 3. 1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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