

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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03/01/2021 - Epiphany

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday—3rd Jan 21
Epiphany

NO PUBLIC SERVICES

*(Readings: Isaiah 60. 1-6;
 Psalm 72. 10-15;
 Ephesians 3. 1-12;
 Matthew 2. 1-12)*

Next Sunday—10th Jan
Baptism of Christ

NO PUBLIC SERVICES

*(Readings: Genesis 1. 1-5;
 Psalm 29; Acts 19. 1-7;
 Mark 1. 4-11)*

Sunday—17th January
Epiphany 2

NO PUBLIC SERVICES

*(Readings: 1 Samuel 3. 1-10;
 Psalm 139. 1-5, 12-18;
 Revelation 5. 1-10;
 John 1. 43-end)*

Read the readings and reflections for each week on our Facebook page

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 5th January

- 8.00pm Zoom Compline—Meeting ID: 999 516 9418 and Password: Twigster3 (& online on FaceBook)

Wednesday 6th January

- 7.15pm Ministry Team meeting via zoom

Tuesday 12th January

- 8.00pm Zoom Compline—Meeting ID: 999 516 9418 and Password: Twigster3 (& online on FaceBook)

Friday 15th January

- 11.30am Funeral of Alan Arkell at Sutton Crem.



It is fair to say that 2021 is not starting in the way that any of us would have hoped, with the alarming upward curve of covid infections, and all the implications that that has for everyone in our communities. In consultation with the church wardens and others, we have taken the decision not to open the church buildings in the Kingsbury and Baxterley group for worship for the next few weeks. This is with immediate effect, so there will be no services at Merevale and Baxterley today, as originally planned. Instead, we worship at home, for Epiphany. The decision to close is not one that has been made lightly. We know how much gathering for worship, even in small numbers, means to people. There has been a high level of compliance with the measures that have been put in place to ensure that the buildings are as covid-secure as possible, and I am grateful for that. But with the alarmingly high rates of infection and hospitalisation that have been occurring, we have agreed that the responsible and Christian course of action is to support the "Stay at home" message that applies in Tier 4 areas. The suspension of services in church will apply up to and including Wednesday 27 January. It is my hope that we will then be able to hold a service in Kingsbury Church on Sunday 31 January to celebrate Candlemas, but we will be keeping the situation under review. I am sorry for any disappointment that this decision may cause, but I hope that you will understand the reasons why we feel it to be necessary. Online services will of course continue to be posted here, and a weekly reflection can be listened to by dialing 01827 211 125. I look forward to us being able to resume normal services as the wider situation in the country and region improves. In the meantime, keep safe, keep praying, and know that the Lord is with you.

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 & Doreen Makepeace
 Lauren : June Arnold
 Marie Bridgewater : Samuel Hope : Kieran : Bethen : Olive : Sean : Doris : Kay : Vera
 Rose Stubbs : Monica Paton
 Patrick : Debbie : Gwen : Keith : Glenys : Ruth Rogers
 Carole Haines : Sandra Priddy : Muriel Wright : Pearl : Jackie : Betty Jones : Pam Bayliss
 Diane : Fred : Joan : Sandra Margaret Hewetson : Edna : Bill Priscilla : Ann : Abi Coulson
 Martha : Alison Southcombe
 Margaret Pallett : Baby Hugo Hannah & Olivia

Those who have died

Opal Bambridge
 Alan Thomas Arkell
 Jean Elizabeth Cornthwaite
 Gwen Franklin

Please also pray for....

The setting up of North Warwickshire Time Bank....



Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Brook Close & Cedar Crescent in Kingsbury; Wakefield Close in Hurley; Birchfield Close in Wood End; and Bentley Common in Merevale w. Bentley.



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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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