# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER





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# **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)

# **Forthcoming Events**

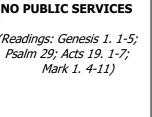
#### Tuesday 5th January

- 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.



We wish you all a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year!





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

Next Sunday—10th Jan

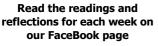
**Baptism of Christ** 



# 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)



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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.

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:**

03/01/2021 -

**Epiphany** 

### 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 Priddey: 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 StephH@cofebirmingham.com



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