

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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07/01/2024 —  
Epiphany

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday — 7th Jan 2024**

### Epiphany

#### BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

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

**Next Sunday - 14th Jan**  
**Epiphany 2**

#### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

#### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: 1 Samuel 3. 1-10;  
Psalm 139. 1-9;  
Revelation 5. 1-10;  
John 1. 43-end)

**Sunday 21st January**  
**Epiphany 3**

#### BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Genesis 14. 17-20;  
Psalm 128;  
Revelation 19. 6-10;  
John 2. 1-11)

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## Forthcoming Events

Monday 8th January

- 1.45pm Funeral of Mary Roberts at Sutton Crem.

Tuesday 9th January

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- **1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library Open - please note new times!**
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 10th January

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 11th January

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm 'Being With' course via zoom (1)

Monday 15th January

- 12.00 noon Mothers' Union meet at Jubilee Court

Tuesday 16th January

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

Wednesday 17th January

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End

Thursday 18th January

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm 'Being With' course via zoom (2)

Friday 19th January

- 2.30pm Funeral and burial of Maureen Myatt at Kingsbury

## 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

### Married yesterday

Peter & Sonia

### Those who have died

Hedley Barden

Maureen Myatt : Mary Roberts  
Desmond Young

### Please also pray for.....

Bishop Michael Volland,  
Bishop of Birmingham Elect;  
..... and any concerns you may  
have on your hearts  
this week.....



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**SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES**

### Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Redwood Drive & Rowan Close in Kingsbury; Dexter Court in Hurley; Wood Street 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**  
[StephH@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:StephH@cofebirmingham.com)

**Being With**

A new course to explore the meaning of life together - Discovering Christian faith in a positive and inclusive group. No special knowledge or religious language needed, just what you have learned in life so far.

A 5-week course starting Thursday **11th January**, via zoom to begin with, at 7.00pm each week. Places are limited, but do speak to Revd. Carole if you are interested and want more information.

## Collect for The 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**



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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.

### Ephesians 3. 1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ  
Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have  
already heard of the commission of God's grace that was  
given to me for you,<sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made  
known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few  
words,<sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive  
my understanding of the mystery of Christ.<sup>5</sup> 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:<sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles  
have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body,  
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the  
gospel.<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> 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,<sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of  
the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all  
things;<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> This was  
in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has  
carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,<sup>12</sup> in whom we have  
access to God in boldness and confidence through faith  
in him.

### 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,<sup>2</sup> 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.'<sup>3</sup> When  
King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all  
Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief  
priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them  
where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In  
Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the  
prophet:  
<sup>6</sup> "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."'<sup>7</sup>  
Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and  
learned from them the exact time when the star had  
appeared.<sup>8</sup> 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.'<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> When they saw that  
the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with  
joy.<sup>11</sup> 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.  
<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to  
Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



### 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:

**Mon. 8th January 2024** - 1.45pm  
Funeral of Mary Roberts at Sutton  
Crem.

**Tues. 16th January** - 7.00pm Joint  
PCC meeting at Hurley

**Fri. 19th January** - 2.30pm Funeral  
of Maureen Myatt at Kingsbury  
followed by burial in the churchyard.

**Wed. 7th February** - 7.00pm  
Deanery Synod via zoom

### Kingsbury Guides - Fundraising

**Thank you for all the Puddings you  
have bought** to help raise camp funds for  
next years International (we have 13 girls  
and 2 leaders as part of the Warwickshire  
international selection trip). You have  
bought 57 puddings and raised a massive  
**£384!** (Revd. Carole still has just 5 Sticky  
Toffee and 2 Plum Puds left at £6 each, if  
anyone wants to buy a pud for New Year).  
*With grateful thanks for all your support.*

### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on

**Tuesday 9th January at The Old  
Stables, Kingsbury Church—  
between 1.30-3.30pm - note the  
new times. Open every 2nd &  
4th Tuesday!**

