

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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14/01/2024 —  
Epiphany 2

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday —14th Jan**  
**Epiphany 2**

#### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

#### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

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

**Next Sunday - 21st Jan**  
**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)

**Sunday 28th January**  
**Epiphany 4 / Candlemas**

#### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

#### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion  
(1.00pm Baptism at Baxterley)  
(And Possibly **BAXTERLEY**  
4.30pm Candlemas HC)

(Readings: TBA)

**You'll find any important updates on our Facebook page**

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or on our Website  
<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

### Forthcoming Events

**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 (1)

**Friday 19th January**

- 2.30pm Funeral and burial of Maureen Myatt at Kingsbury

**Tuesday 23rd 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 24th January**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

**Thursday 25th January**

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

### Baxterley School Room Project Latest News JANUARY 2024

Despite the extremely wet weather we have been able to continue work on the School Room, and have now virtually finished the inside. Flooring is down, kitchen facilities are installed, painting and tiling are all but finished.

Two redundant church pews have been restored and put back into the schoolroom as extra seating and we are now waiting to begin the landscaping to tidy up the outside. We have applied for a little more grant money to finish off the project and are planning to have a formal Opening Ceremony and Thank You in March. This will be by invitation but everyone is very welcome to come and view and/or use the facilities during our Open Weekend on March 16th and 17th 2024. Many thanks to everyone who has joined us on cleaning duties and attended all the Christmas festivities over December – Carols by Candlelight at Baxterley is a magical start to the season.

Watch out in the Newsletter and on Facebook for the next updates!

### Collect for The Epiphany 2

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past  
ages and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

#### Those who have died

Hedley Barden  
Maureen Myatt : Mary Roberts  
Desmond Young : Olga Franks

#### 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:

Elder Close & Elm Tree Close  
in Kingsbury; Hurley Lane in  
Hurley; Church Close in  
Wood End; and  
Hurley Lane in Merevale w.  
Bentley

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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 Second Sunday of Epiphany

### 1 Samuel 3. 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

### Revelation 5. 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup> and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup> And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' <sup>6</sup> Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; <sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

### Psalm 139. 1-5, 12-18

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.  
<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.  
<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.  
<sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
<sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.  
<sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!  
<sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

### John 1. 43-end

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'



### 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. 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

### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on

**Tuesday 23rd January at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church—** between 1.30-3.30pm - note the new times. Open every 2nd & 4th Tuesday!

