KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THE CHURCH Merevale





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SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 16th Jan **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)

Next Sunday—23rd Jan **Epiphany 3**

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion



KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4. 14-21)



Sunday 30th January Candlemas

GROUP SERVICE

10.30am

BAXTERLEY

(Readings: Malachi 3, 1-5; Psalm 24. 7-end: Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2. 22-40)

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https://www.facebook.com/kingb

axgroup.org.uk or on our Website

http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk /html/covid_19_coronavirus_upd ates.html

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 18th January 2022

- 7.30pm Group Wardens & Ministry Team meeting
- 8.00pm Compline online only via Facebook Wednesday 19th January
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 7.30pm Deanery Readers Group meet via zoom Thursday 20th January
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley Tuesday 25th January
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook) Wednesday 26th January
- 9.30am Morning Service at Wood End Thursday 27th January
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Please Pray for:

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Epiphany 2

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 Sue Morris: Stan Marriott

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:

Barlow Court & Beech Close in Kingsbury; Dexter Lane in Hurley; Johnson Street in Wood End; and Merevale 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

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 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



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Readings for The Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 62. 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

John 2. 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Psalm 36. 5-10

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

1 Corinthians 12. 1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same

Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.



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!

<u>Joining Details for all Online Zoom</u> <u>Services & Meetings</u>

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