

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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21/01/2024 —
Epiphany 3

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next Sunday - 28th Jan
Candlemas

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion
(1.00pm Baptism at Baxterley)

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

Sunday 4th February
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BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31;
Psalm 104. 26-end;
Colossians 1. 15-20;
John 1. 1-14)

You'll find any important updates on our Facebook page

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

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 23rd January

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 12 noon Chapter at Water Orton (JCW & CJY)
- **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
- 7.00pm Bellringers AGM at The Vicarage

Thursday 25th January

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

Tuesday 30th January

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 7.00pm Deanery Readers Group meet in the Old Stables
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 31st January

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End

Thursday 1st February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm 'Being With' course via zoom (3)

Friday 2nd February

- **7.00pm Sung Compline for Candlemas at Baxterley with refreshments afterwards. All Welcome.**

Saturday 3rd February

- 11.00am Celebration of Reader Ministry at Birmingham Cathedral - please pray for Ruth as she renews her Permission to Officiate.

"Rites of Way"

Our Lent Reflections Course this year will be an opportunity to explore some of the sacred services that are given to support us in our journey through life. There will be five weekly sessions, looking at Baptism, Holy Communion, Marriage, Funerals, and Confirmation. Each session will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at the Vicarage, Wednesday mornings at Wood End at 10.15am, and Thursday afternoons at 5pm at Baxterley, starting on Tuesday 20th February. All welcome—come to whichever session suits you best.

Collect for The Epiphany 3

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in 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

Maureen Myatt : Mary Roberts
Olga Franks

Please also pray for.....

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



SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Ralph Crescent & Range Way in Kingsbury; Dexter Lane in Hurley; Whateley Lane in Wood End; and Blacksmith 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



Readings for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Genesis 14. 17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).¹⁸ And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High.¹⁹ He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth;²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Revelation 19. 6-10

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready;⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.⁹ And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.'¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Psalm 128

¹ Happy is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways.
² You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
⁴ Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.
⁵ The LORD bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
⁶ May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

John 2. 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim.⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.⁹ 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 bridegroom¹⁰ 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.'¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

AN 'APPEAL FOR A PEAL' -

We're raising £4,000 for an 'Appeal for a Peal' - to refurbish the Bells at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Kingsbury. You can donate directly by scanning the QR code:



AN APPEAL FOR HURLEY CHURCHYARD

We're raising £5,000 for repairs to Hurley Churchyard Steps and Wall. There is a 'GoFundMe' page here <https://gofund.me/5503e96d> for you to donate online or give direct to either of the Church Wardens.

AN APPEAL FOR BAXTERLEY 'COMFORT' FUND

We're raising a huge amount to get a toilet installed by the school room at Baxterley. All donations gratefully received. You can give online by scanning the QR code here, or give direct to the Church Wardens.



Please keep giving to/sharing these Appeals!



Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 23rd March

10.00am to 12noon starting at the Methodist Church in Kingsbury, in aid of Kingsbury Guides Jamboree 2024 fund. Entrance fee £3 per child - please book with Sallyann Blackett on sallyann@theblacketts.co.uk or phone 07540 266069.

Refreshments available at the Methodist Church along with stalls including Easter gifts, raffles and soft archery.



Dates for your Diary:

Fri. 2nd February - 7.00pm Sung Compline for Candlemas at Baxterley

Wed. 7th February - 7.00pm

Deanery Synod via zoom

Sat. 10th February - 10am to 12noon Kingsbury Green Clean

Wed. 14th February - Ash Weds

HC Services with Ashing:

9.30am Wood End Church

7.00pm Hurley Church

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!

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