# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

#### **This 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)

#### Next Sunday—30th Jan **Candlemas**





#### **BAXTERLEY**

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

## **Sunday 6th February** 4 before Lent (P1)

**MEREVALE** 11.00am Holy Communion

#### **BAXTERLEY**

4.30pm Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 6. 1-8: Psalm 138: 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11; Luke 5. 1-11)

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or on our Website

http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk /html/covid\_19\_coronavirus\_upd ates.html

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### Tuesday 25th January

- 11.00am Chapter meeting via zoom (John & Carole)
- 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 Tuesday 1st February
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook) Wednesday 2nd February
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End Thursday 3rd February
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & **FURTHER NOTICES** 

**Lifting of Coronavirus restrictions** 

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.

#### **Collect for 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:**

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Epiphany 3

#### 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 Those preparing for Marriage

#### Holly & Salvatore Those who have died

Stan Marriott

James Vernon: June Loveday 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:

The Laurels & Trinity Road in Kingsbury; Hurley Common in Hurley; Sherwood Close in Wood End; and Main Road 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

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#### **Readings for The Baptism of Christ**

#### Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

#### 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Joining Details for all 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



#### Luke 4. 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the Captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

#### Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right,

rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.