

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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18/02/2024 —  
Lent 1

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday —18th Feb**  
**Lent 1**

#### BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion  
(followed by Choir Lunch)

(Readings: Genesis 9. 8-17;  
Psalm 25. 1-9;  
1 Peter 3. 18-end;  
Mark 1. 9-15)

**Next Sunday - 25th Feb**  
**Lent 2**

#### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

#### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Genesis 17. 1-7,  
15-16; Psalm 22. 23-end;  
Romans 4. 13-end;  
Mark 8. 31-end)

**Sunday 3rd March**  
**Lent 3**

#### BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion  
(1.00pm Baptism at Baxterley)

(Readings: Exodus 20. 1-17;  
Psalm 19. 7-end;  
1 Corinthians 1. 18-25;  
John 2. 13-22)

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### Forthcoming Events

**Monday 19th February**

- 12.00 noon MU/Church Fellowship meet at Jubilee Court

**Tuesday 20th February**

- 10.00am JCW/CJY at Diocesan Office then Carole on Residential until Thursday 22nd February (NO Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury)

- 7.30pm Lent Reflections a The Vicarage (1)

- 8.00pm Compline online via Facebook ONLY

**Wednesday 21st February**

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End followed by Lent Reflections (1)

- 7.00pm Church Wardens meet at the Vicarage

**Thursday 22nd February**

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by Lent Reflections (1)

- 7.00pm 'Being With' course via zoom (2)

**Tuesday 27th February**

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury

- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library in the Old Stables

- 7.30pm Lent Reflections a The Vicarage (2)

- 8.00pm Compline online via Facebook ONLY

**Wednesday 28th February**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End followed by Lent Reflections (2)

- 1.45pm Funeral of Albert Edward Gibbs at Sutton Crem.

**Thursday 29th February**

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by Lent Reflections (2)

**Friday 1st March**

- 2.30pm Funeral & burial of David Myatt at Kingsbury

**Saturday 2nd March**

- 3.30pm Installation of +Michael, Bishop of Birmingham

#### "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 Lent 1

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

The Season of Lent



### 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

#### Preparing for Marriage

Connor & Beth  
Michael & Sophie

#### Those who have died

Maureen & David Myatt  
Olga Franks : Michael Hiam  
Albert Edward Gibbs

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

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



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**SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES**

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

Piccadilly Crescent & Piccadilly Way in Kingsbury;  
Edinburgh Road in Hurley;  
The Laurels in Wood End; and  
Hipsley 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)

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## Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

### Genesis 9. 8-17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' <sup>12</sup>God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

### Psalm 25. 1-9

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
<sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.  
<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.  
<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!  
<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

### 1 Peter 3. 18-end

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### Mark 1. 9-15

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'  
<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'



### BAXTERLEY SCHOOL ROOM PROJECT & OPEN WEEKEND - 16th & 17th March

A Victorian School Room originally funded by Sir Robert Peel and the Rev Mr. Levett of Packington, with the generous help of local farmers, was built for the education of the children of Baxterley and Hurley in 1839. This was duly acknowledged in the Coventry Herald on 11th October 1839 when a substantial dinner was recorded as being held at Baxterley Rectory to celebrate its opening.

Now, 185 years later, the School Room can be used again by the Community after a 9mth restoration project has brought it up to standard for the 21st Century. Funding was granted by the UKSPF Government Levelling Up fund granted by North Works Borough Council, the National Lottery Community Fund, Baddesley Colliery Community Fund, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Pigrities Trust, Warwickshire County Councillors Fund, Baxterley Parish Council, Private Donations and generous local farmers - so with regular fund raising events, including Open Days at Church, Concerts and Talks to add to that, we finally have an up to date building with fully accessible toilet, a small kitchen and a meeting room for hire. An outside paved area can be used for picnicking or resting when visiting to enjoy our unique churchyard full of wild native snowdrops or daffodils in season, and the public footpath that runs through it.

This year's **Open Weekend** at the Church and School Room is **on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March from 12 to 4pm each day**. There will be local artists, local honey, poetry from local schoolchildren plants and flowers, cakes and tombola to enjoy and of course, delicious refreshments in the School Room! The weekend will finish with a Songs of Praise service on the Sunday at 4.00pm. We also have plenty of parking room in an adjacent field.

#### 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. 20th Feb - Lent Reflections** begin - see overleaf for details.

**Wed. 28th Feb** - Funeral of Albert

Gibbs at Sutton Crem

**Fri. 1st Mar** - Funeral of David Myatt at Kingsbury Church

**16th & 17th March - Baxterley Church Open Weekend** 12noon to 4.00pm ending with a Songs of Praise service on the Sunday.

#### 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](mailto:sallyann@theblacketts.co.uk) or phone 07540 266069.

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

#### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on

**Tuesday 27th February at The Old Stables**, Kingsbury Church—between **1.30-3.30pm** - **note the new times**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**

