

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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25/02/2024 —  
Lent 2

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This 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)*

**Next 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)*

**Sunday 10th March**  
**Mothering Sunday**  
**(Lent 4)**

#### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

#### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

*(Readings: tba)*

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### Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 27th February

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library in the Old Stables
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

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

- 10.00-1.00 Bishop's Study morning at the Cathedral
- 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

Tuesday 5th March

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 6th March

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End followed by Lent Reflections (3)

Thursday 7th March

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by Lent Reflections (3)

Saturday 9th March

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean
- 10.00-12.00 Baxterley Church Clean-Up

**AN ANNOUNCEMENT** - A Notice giving the objects of proposed pastoral reorganisation affecting these parishes has been displayed near the main door of each of our five churches along with the Draft Scheme, and on the Church of England website. The Notice includes the last date by which representations regarding the proposed reorganisation may be made to the Church Commissioners. If anybody has any questions about this plan to make the Kingsbury and Baxterley Group of Churches a single parish, do please talk to Rev John on 01827 874252.

### Collect for Lent 2

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through 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:

Hemlingford Road & Hill Side in Kingsbury;  
Hipsley Lane in Hurley;  
Everglade Road in Wood End;  
and Birchley Heath Road 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**  
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## Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

### Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous. <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### Mark 8. 31-end

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

### BAXTERLEY SCHOOL ROOM PROJECT & OPEN WEEKEND

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.

### "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 are four weekly sessions left, looking at Holy Communion, Marriage, Funerals, and Confirmation. Each session from now on will only be held on Weds. mornings at Wood End at 10.15am, and Thurs. afternoons at 5pm at Baxterley. (Tuesdays are cancelled). Next session on Wednesday 28th February. All welcome—come to whichever session suits you best.

### 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:

**28th & 29th Feb - Lent**

**Reflections** - see above for details.

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

Gibbs at Sutton Crem

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

### Psalm 22. 23-end

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
<sup>24</sup> For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.  
<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great  
congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live for ever!  
<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.  
<sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in  
the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.  
<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
<sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

### Romans 4. 13-end

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup>Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### 'Being With' course has been postponed to after Easter.

Please do speak to Revd. Carole if you wish to join in when we restart this course (Thursdays at 7.00pm via zoom).

### 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!**

