

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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03/03/2024 —  
Lent 3

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This 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)

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

#### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

#### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Exodus 2. 1-10;  
Psalm 34. 11-20; Colossians 3.  
12-17; John 19. 25b-27)

**Sunday 17th March**  
**Lent 5**  
**(Passiontide Begins)**

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

#### BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Songs of Praise to  
close Baxterley Open Weekend

(Readings: Jeremiah 31. 31-34;  
Psalm 51. 1-13; Hebrews  
5. 5-10; John 12. 20-33)

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### Forthcoming Events

**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
- 2.00-4.00pm Choir Singing afternoon at Hurley

**Monday 11th March**

- 10.00am Treasurers Meeting at The Vicarage

**Tuesday 12th March**

- 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 13th March**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End followed by Lent Reflections (4)

**Thursday 14th March**

- 2.00-3.00pm Official Opening of Baxterley School Room (by invitation only)

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by Lent Reflections (4)

**Saturday 16th March/Sunday 17th March**

- 9.30am Diocesan Synod (Sat. 16th)
- 12.00-4.00pm Baxterley Open Weekend (both days)

**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 3

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised 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

#### Baptised Today

Isadora Myla Hewstone  
**Preparing for Marriage**  
Connor & Beth : Michael & Sophie  
Jamie & Abigail

#### Those who have died

Maureen & David Myatt  
Albert Edward Gibbs  
Paul Goode : Emma Hawkes

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

Bishop Michael Volland,  
Bishop of Birmingham



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**SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES**

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

Pear Tree Avenue & Perryman Drive in Kingsbury;  
Elm Grove in Hurley;  
Tamworth Road in Wood End; and The Orchard 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**  
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## Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

### Exodus 20. 1-17

Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> I the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup> Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup> Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. <sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

### 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### "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 three weekly sessions left, looking at 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 6th March.  
All welcome—come to whichever session suits you best.

### Psalm 19. 7-end

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup> 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.  
<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

### John 2. 13-22

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### 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.

**'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).

### 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:

**6th & 7th March - Lent**

**Reflections** - see above for details.

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

### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on

**Tuesdays 12th & 26th March at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church—between 1.30-3.30pm - note the new times. Open every 2nd & 4th Tuesday!**

