

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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20/03/2022 —  
Lent 3

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday—20th March**  
**Lent 3**

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

#### BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Songs of Praise with  
Licensing of Revd. Canon  
Priscilla White by Bishop Anne

(Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9;  
Psalm 63. 1-9; 1 Corinthians  
10. 1-13; Luke 13. 1-9)

**Next Sunday—27th March**  
**Mothering Sunday**

#### HURLEY

9.30am HC with Baptism

#### KINGSBURY

11.00 Holy Communion

(Readings: Exodus 2. 1-10;  
Psalm 34. 11-20; 2 Cor. 1. 3-  
7; Luke 2. 33-35 or TBA)

**Sunday 3rd April**  
**Lent 5 Passiontide Begins**

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

#### KINGSBURY

1.00pm Baptism Service

#### BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 43. 16-21;  
Psalm 126; Philippians 3. 4b-  
14; John 12. 1-8)

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### Forthcoming Events

Monday 21st March

- 10.30-12.30 Kingsbury Knit & Natter Group meet in Jubilee Court—this & every Monday and all are welcome!

Tuesday 22nd March

- 3.30pm Funeral of Rita Edney at Baxterley
- 7.00pm Lent Reflections via zoom (3)
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 23rd March

- 9.30am Morning Service at Wood End
- 7.00pm Deanery Wardens meet at St. Andrews, Chelmsley Wood

Thursday 24th March

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 26th March

- 12.30pm Baptism Service at Kingsbury

Monday 28th March

- 7.30pm Kingsbury PCC in the Old Stables

Tuesday 29th March

- 7.00pm Lent Reflections via zoom (4)
- 7.00pm Baxterley, Hurley & Wood End PCC at Hurley
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 30th March

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 2.00-4.00 Mothers' Union Afternoon Tea at Jubilee Court
- 7.00pm Merevale PCC at Idle Hollow

Thursday 31st March

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

**Lent, Holy Week & Easter** Please pick up a leaflet from any of the churches, with details of all our activities and services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

**Baxterley Open Church Weekend:** the church will be open from 12 noon to 4pm on **TODAY 20th March**. There will be refreshments, home-made cakes, poetry, art and photography displays and flower arranging demonstrations. The weekend concludes with a 'Songs of Praise' service on Sunday at 4.30pm, at which Bishop Anne, the Bishop of Aston, will licence Revd. Canon Priscilla White as Associate Priest in our Group of Parishes.

**SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS  
& FURTHER NOTICES**

**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**



### Please Pray for:

Those who are ill:

Bill Thompson : Rachel  
Carol Makepeace : Lauren  
June Arnold : Samuel : Hope  
Kieran : Bethen : Sean  
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 : Abi Coulson  
Martha : Margaret Pallett  
Baby Hugo : Hannah & Olivia  
Trevor : Lilian : Tony Carter  
Chris & Mick Martin  
Carole Round : Andrew McKenzie  
Ann Gallagher : Louise  
**Baptised next Saturday**  
Olivia Crossley

Those preparing for Marriage  
Ian & Emily  
Mark & Samantha

Those who have died

Henry Milligan : Jean Laight  
John Southam : Rita Edney

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:**

Chestnut Close & Church Lane  
in Kingsbury; Ferndale Close  
in Hurley; Wood Street in  
Wood End; and Twenty One  
Oaks 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 Lent 3

### Isaiah 55. 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on  
them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### Luke 13. 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

### Psalm 63. 1-9

O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.  
But those who seek to destroy my life  
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

### 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.



### 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



### Lifting of Coronavirus restrictions

Social distancing and the wearing of face coverings is no longer a legal requirement again in places of worship. However, we do suggest that we keep wearing masks when inside our church buildings (unless exempt) and continue to exercise care and responsibility towards one another. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser available and to avoid close contact with those outside your household.