

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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11/02/2024 —
Next before Lent

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday —11th Feb
Next bfe Lent

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion
(1pm Baptism at Wood End)

(Readings: 2 Kings 2. 1-12;
Psalm 50. 1-6;
2 Corinthians 4. 3-6;
Mark 9. 2-9)

Next 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)

Sunday 25th February
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)

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<https://www.facebook.com/kingbaxgroup.org.uk>
or on our Website
<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 13th 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 14th February - Ash Wednesday

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End with ashing
- 7.00pm Holy Communion at Hurley with ashing

Thursday 15th February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 16th February

- 2.30pm Funeral of Olga Franks at Sutton Crem.

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
- 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 (2)

"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 Sunday Next before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Willow Philips-Teague

Preparing for Marriage

Connor & Beth

Michael & Sophie

Those who have died

Maureen Myatt : Mary Roberts
Olga Franks : Michael Hiam
David Myatt

Please also pray for.....

Bishop Michael Volland,
Bishop of Birmingham Elect;



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SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Halloughton Grange & Hazelcroft in Kingsbury;
Holly Drive in Hurley;
Edge Hill 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**
StephH@cofebirmingham.com

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Readings for Sunday Next before Lent

2 Kings 2. 1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' ⁴Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' ⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalm 50. 1-6

¹ The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
³ Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
⁵ 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'
⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

2 Corinthians 4. 3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9. 2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



AN 'APPEAL FOR A PEAL' -

We're raising £4,000 for an 'Appeal for a Peal' - to refurbish the Bells at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Kingsbury. You can donate directly by scanning the QR code:



AN APPEAL FOR HURLEY CHURCHYARD

We're raising £5,000 for repairs to Hurley Churchyard Steps and Wall. There is a 'GoFundMe' page here <https://gofund.me/5503e96d> for you to donate online or give direct to either of the Church Wardens.

AN APPEAL FOR BAXTERLEY 'COMFORT' FUND

We're raising a huge amount to get a toilet installed by the school room at Baxterley. All donations gratefully received. You can give online by scanning the QR code here, or give direct to the Church Wardens.



Please keep giving to/sharing these Appeals!



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 or phone 07540 266069. Refreshments available at the Methodist Church along with stalls including Easter gifts, raffles and soft archery.

Dates for your Diary:

Wed. 14th February - Ash Weds

HC Services with Ashing:

9.30am Wood End Church

7.00pm Hurley Church

Tues. 20th Feb - Lent Reflections

begin - see overleaf for details.

16th & 17th March - Baxterley

Church Open Weekend 12noon to

4.00pm with Songs of Praise at

4.30pm on the Sunday.

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

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on

Tuesday 13th February at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church— between **1.30-3.30pm - note the new times.** Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**

