

## The Kingsbury and Baxterley Group of Parishes

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### Current Service Pattern

First Sunday of each month:

11am Holy Communion at Merevale  
4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Second Sunday of each month:

9.30am Morning service at Hurley (usually Holy Communion)  
11am Holy Communion at Kingsbury

Third Sunday of each month:

11am Holy Communion at Merevale  
4.30pm Holy Communion at Baxterley

Fourth Sunday of each month:

9.30am Morning service at Hurley (usually Holy Communion)  
11am Holy Communion at Kingsbury

Fifth Sunday of the month:

11am Holy Communion at either Kingsbury or Merevale

Every Wednesday:

9.30am Morning Service at Wood End

*(At times this pattern may vary. Please check on the newsletter or website for changes)*

All those attending church are asked to observe the measures we have in place to ensure that we are as Covid-secure as possible:

- Keep a 2 metre distance from members of other households
- wear a face covering unless you are exempt
- sanitise your hands on entry and exit to the building
- stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms or are self-isolating

Worship and reflections are also available online via the churches' facebook page or website ([www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk](http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk)). To listen to a recorded weekly reflection, phone 01827 211 125 (normal local call charges apply).

# A Time to Remember



Prayers and Readings for

**All Saints' Day**

**All Souls' Day**

**Remembrance Sunday**



# All Saints' Day

(1 November)



You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,  
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

*(1 Peter 2.9)*

## ***A reading from the Book of Revelation 7.9-15***

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal, they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

## ***A Reading from the Gospel according to John (28.15.12-17)***

Jesus said, 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping,  
those who have died for their country in war;  
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died  
in the service of the peoples of the world.

They shall grow not old  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

**We will remember them.**



*(Image is of the tapestry created by the Kingsbury Parish at War Project Group)*

# Remembrance Sunday

God is our strength and refuge; a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46.1*



At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, in 1918 the armistice came into effect, and the guns finally fell silent after four terrible years of war. They were years that this country, and the world, would have longed to forget.

Instead, a vow was made. Those who had suffered and died in the service of their country would never be forgotten. Each year on that day, and on the Sunday closest to that day, we again fall silent and keep our promise.

We will remember them.

Ever-living God,  
we remember those whom you have gathered  
from the storms of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,**  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:

Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day,  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl stream in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia!

*William Waldham How (1823-1897)*

## ***What is a saint?***

A young boy was once asked that question. Thinking perhaps of the stained glass windows in his village church, he said, "Saints are people the light shines through."

It's a great answer! The light of Jesus shines in and through his followers. The Church recognises particular people who, over the centuries, have been seen as especially Christlike. Many of them have a day set aside for them in the Christian calendar. But on All Saints' Day we celebrate the countless others whose names may not be famous, but in whose lives the light has shone.

As we are told at our Baptism, "**Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.**" Then you too will be a saint!

# All Souls' Day

(Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)

2nd November

All Souls' Day is a day on which we remember with thanksgiving all those who have gone before us and are now at rest. We remember especially members of our family and our friends, whether they died recently or many years ago.

It is a day on which we can renew our trust in the promise of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who said, "***I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them out of my hand.***" (John 10.18)

It has been our tradition to hold services in church at this time of year, at which we remember by name those known to us who have died, and light candles as symbols of our love, hope and prayers. Whether or not you can attend such a service this year, you can be assured that those whom you love are remembered and are held in God's love.

## ***A Prayer for All Souls' Day***

Lord God, creator of all,  
you have made us creatures of this earth,  
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.  
According to your promises,  
may all who have died in the peace of Christ  
come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom,  
where there will be neither sorrow, nor pain,  
but life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

## ***A Reading from 1 Peter 1.3-9***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him, and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



You may like to take a quiet moment and light a candle in memory of those you love and see no longer.

Here is a prayer to say as you do so:

**Hear us, O merciful Father,  
as we remember in love  
all those who have passed from our sight  
but not from our hearts, and especially....**  
*(Say the name(s) of those you are remembering)*

**Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,  
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.  
Amen.**