

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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08/12/2024 —
Advent 2

SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 8th Dec
Advent 2**

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion
KINGSBURY
11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Malachi 3. 1-4;
Canticle - Benedictus;
Philippians 1. 3-11;
Luke 3. 1-6)

**Next Sunday - 15th Dec
Advent 3**

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer
MEREVALE
11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Zephaniah 3. 14-
end; Psalm 146. 4-end;
Philippians 4. 4-7;
Luke 3. 7-18)

**Sunday 22nd December
Advent 4**

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion
KINGSBURY
11.00am Carol Service
FARM CHURCH
2.30pm Waste Farm, Wood
Street, Wood End Entrance

(Readings: Micah 5. 2-5a;
Psalm 80. 1-8;
Hebrews 10. 5-10;
Luke 1. 39-45)

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 10th December

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Jigsaw Puzzle Library open
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 11th December

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End followed by 'Advent Reflections' (2)

Thursday 12th December

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by 'Advent Reflections' (2)

Saturday 14th December

- 10.00-12.00 Green Clean at Kingsbury
- 10.00-12.00 Baxterley Church Clean-Up
- 1.30pm Baptism at Baxterley

Monday 16th December

- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Merevale
- 12.30pm Church Fellowship Christmas Party in Jubilee Court Community Lounge

Tuesday 17th December

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 18th December

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

Thursday 19th December

- 1.30pm Funeral & burial of Florence Ludlow at Kingsbury
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by 'Advent Reflections' (3)

Friday 20th December

- 11.15am Funeral of Joyce Sims at Kingsbury followed by cremation at Sutton at 12.15pm
- 7.30pm Baxterley Candlelit Carol Service

Saturday 21st December

- 5.00pm Merevale Carol Service

Advent Candle Liturgy

We light this candle to recall the shepherds on the hills and all throughout the ages who in their place of work have been ready to hear good news and delighted to pass it on to others.
May the light overcome the darkness.

Collect for Advent 2

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**



Please Pray for:

Those who are ill:

Rachel : Carol Makepeace
Lauren : Samuel : Hope
Kieran : Bethen : Sean
Kay : Rose Stubbs : Glenys
Ruth Rogers : Carole Haines
Diane : Fred : 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 Skeldon : Felicity Cawthra :
Lionel : Rose Lubbock

To be Baptised on Saturday

Ophelia Mee-Evans

Those who have died

Joyce Sims

Florence Ludlow

Kenneth Cummings

Please also pray for

Anyone you know in need of our prayers



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**SEE OVERLEAF FOR
READINGS & FURTHER
NOTICES**

Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

The Laurels & Trinity Road in Kingsbury; High Street in Hurley; Smith Street in Wood End; and Windmill Lane 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**
StephH@cofebirmingham.com

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Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3. 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 3. 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."' '



Advent Reflections 2024

This year our Advent Reflections will be

"By the Rivers of Babylon" - a time to reflect on Israel's time in exile, and our own experiences of loss, life and hope. There will be three sessions, each for about half an hour.

There will be a session after the 9.30am service at **Wood End on Wednesdays** and repeated after the 4.30pm service at **Baxterley on Thursdays** each week, starting Wednesday 4th December. Do join us as you are able. All Welcome.

Next Farm Church is on Sunday **22nd December, 2.30pm** at Wood Street entrance to Waste Farm (or in Wood End Church if weather is very inclement)

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

Wed 11th & 18th Dec - Advent Reflections after Wood End 9.30am Service

Thurs 12th & 19th Dec - Advent Reflections after Baxterley 4.30pm service

Thur 19th Dec - 1.30pm Funeral & burial of Florence Ludlow at Kingsbury

Fri 20th Dec - 11.15am Funeral of Joyce Sims at Kingsbury followed by cremation at Sutton (12.15pm)

Benedictus (Luke 1. 68-79)

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us, To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Philippians 1. 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Merevale Hall Christmas Cheer

raised a massive **£1, 026.00** for church funds. With grateful thanks to all who helped set up and run this event and all who attended. Special thanks to the Dugdale Family for hosting the event at Merevale Hall.

Children's Society Box Opening

Please bring you boxes or donations to church as soon as possible so Revd. Carole can do the 'count' and get monies paid to the Children's Society during Advent. *Thank you.*

Kingsbury Guides are still fundraising - Christmas Puddings ONLY (and only 5 left!) available now from Revd. Carole at only £6 each. Do buy some!

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 10th only in Dec at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church— between 1.30-3.30pm - note the new times.** Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**

