

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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15/12/2024 —
Advent 3

SUNDAY SERVICES

**This 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)

**Next Sunday - 22nd Dec
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)

**Sunday 29th December
Christmas 1**

GROUP SERVICE

HURLEY

10.30am Holy Communion

(Readings: 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3. 12-17; Luke 2. 41-end)

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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563036555109>

or on our Website

<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 4.00pm Crib Service at Kingsbury
- 7.30pm Christmas HC at Baxterley
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook
- 11.30pm Christmas HC at Kingsbury
- 11.30pm Christmas HC at Merevale

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

- 10.30am Christmas Family HC at Wood End

Thursday 26th December

- **NO** Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Advent Candle Liturgy

We light this candle to recall Simeon and Anna and all those who are the quiet in the land who have awaited every generation for the glory of the Lord to be revealed and have patiently accepted your will and timing.
May the light overcome the darkness.

Collect for Advent 3

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Baptised yesterday

Ophelia Mee-Evans

Those who have died

Joyce Sims

Florence Ludlow

Kenneth Cummings

Please also pray for

Revd Canon Esther Prior as she prepares to move to Birmingham in 2025 to be the new Bishop of Aston....
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:

Birch Close & Bodymoor Heath Road in Kingsbury; Heanley Lane in Hurley; Johnson Street in Wood End; and The Common 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 Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3. 14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Luke 3. 7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

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

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Philippians 4. 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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)

Wood End Coffee Afternoon

raised **£390.00** for church funds.
With grateful thanks to all who helped set up and run this event and all who attended.

Children's Society Box Opening - LAST CALL!

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 14th & 28th Jan 2025** at **The Old Stables**, Kingsbury Church—between **1.30-3.30pm** - **note the new times.** Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**