

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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22/12/2024 —
Advent 4

SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 22nd Dec
Advent 4**

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Carol Service

FARM CHURCH

**2.30pm Wood End
Church** (in case of rain)

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

**Next Sunday - 29th Dec
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)

**Sunday 5th January 2025
Epiphany**

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion
with Baptism

(Readings: Isaiah 60. 1-6;
Psalm 72. 10-15; Ephesians 3.
1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12)

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or on our Website

[http://www.kingbaxgroup.org
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Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 31st December

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 1st January 2025

- **NO** Morning Prayer at Wood End

Thursday 2nd January

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Advent Candle Liturgy—Advent 4

We light this candle to recall Mary and Joseph who saw their visions and dreamed their dreams, who heard angelic Announcements and were obedient to your word and their calling, giving a home and care to the child.

May the light overcome the darkness.

Advent Candle Liturgy—Christmas Eve/Day

We light this candle for the baby of Bethlehem, for the child born to be king, for the boy in the cradle who became the man on the cross, the Redeemer and Saviour of the world.

The darkness is overcome; the light is around us.

Collect for Advent 4

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Collect for Christmas Night

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**



Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal 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 :

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:

The Hawthorns & The Larches in Kingsbury; Atherstone Lane in Hurley; Sherwood Close in Wood End; and Blacksmith 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5. 2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

Luke 1. 39-45

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Psalm 80. 1-8

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
 You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
 Stir up your might, and come to save us!
³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
⁴ O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.
⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.
⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

Hebrews 10. 5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;
⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure.
⁷ Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'
⁸When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



We wish you all a joyous Christmas,
 and a peaceful New Year!
 Rev. John, Rev. Carole
 & Ruth



Children's Society Box Opening

We have raised **£138.00** this year for The Children's Society. Boxes will be returned to you in the New Year. Many thanks for your donations.

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

Fri 10th Jan - 1.30pm Funeral and burial of Kenneth Cummings at Kingsbury
Tues 14th Jan - 10.30am Merevale Fundraising Cttee at Idle Hollow

Kingsbury Guides are still fundraising - Christmas Puddings ONLY (and only 2 left!) available now from Revd. Carole at only £6 each. Do buy the last two!

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!**

