

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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01/12/2024 —
Advent Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 1st Dec
Advent Sunday
(Year C Begins)

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Advent Carol Service

(Readings at Baxterley:
Jeremiah 33. 14-16; Psalm 25. 1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end;
Luke 21. 25-36)

Next 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)

Sunday 15th December
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)

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 3rd December

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 12.30pm Clergy Chapter Christmas Lunch
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 4th December

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End followed by 'Advent Reflections' (1)
- 10.00-12.00 Merevale Hall Christmas Cheer

Thursday 5th December

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by 'Advent Reflections' (1)

Saturday 7th December

- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Hurley
- 2.00pm Coffee & Chat at Wood End Church

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

Advent Candle Liturgy

We light these candles to recall prophetic voices which announced the Prince of Peace, which foretold the age of gold, which called for justice and announced the song of happiness.

May the light overcome the darkness.

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **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

Lesley Clarke
Sheila Kirkland : Yvette Allsop
Joyce Sims

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:

Barlow Court & Beech Close in Kingsbury; Hawthorn Avenue in Hurley; Glenville Avenue in Wood End; and Birchley Heath Road 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 Advent Sunday

Jeremiah 33. 14-16

14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Luke 21. 25-36

25 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Psalm 25. 1-9

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?
¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.



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.



Merevale Hall Christmas Cheer

is on Wednesday **4th December** 10.00am - 12.00noon.
Tickets are **£7.00 each**. Contact Hilarie Samson
Tel: Home 01827713705. Mobile 07803301153

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.

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 4th Dec - Merevale Hall Christmas Cheer 10.00-12.00

Wed 4th, 11th & 18th Dec - Advent Reflections after Wood End 9.30am Service

Thurs 5th, 12th & 19th Dec - Advent Reflections after Baxterley 4.30pm service

Sat 7th Dec - 2.00pm Coffee & Chat at Wood End Church

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

Kingsbury Guides are still fundraising - Christmas Puddings ONLY (and only 6 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!**

