

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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02/02/2025 —
Candlemas

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 2nd Feb

Candlemas

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Holy Communion

(Readings: Malachi 3. 1-5;
Psalm 24. 7-end; Hebrews 2.
14-end; Luke 2. 22-40)

Next Sunday - 9th Feb

4 bfe Lent (Proper 1)

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 6. 1-8;
Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.
1-11; Luke 5. 1-11)

Sunday 16th February

3 bfe Lent (Proper 2)

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Jeremiah 17. 5-10;
Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15. 12-
20; Luke 6. 17-26)

You'll find any important updates on our Facebook page

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Collect for Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and
glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God. **Amen**



Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 4th February

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 2.00pm Funeral of Albert Alan Taylor at Woodlands Crem.
- 7.00pm 'The Book of Promise' Bible Study (2)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 5th February

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 7.30pm Deanery Synod via Zoom (details via email)

Thursday 6th February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 8th February

- 10.00am-12.00noon Kingsbury Green Clean
- 11.00am Licensing of Readers at Birmingham Cathedral - please pray for Bridget and Steven from our Deanery

Sunday 9th February

- 1.30pm Choir & Friends Lunch at The Blue Boar

Tuesday 11th February

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Jigsaw Puzzle Library Open
- 7.00pm 'The Book of Promise' Bible Study (3)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 12th February

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End
- 7.00pm PCC meet at Hurley Church

Thursday 13th February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 15th February

- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Hurley

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
Chris Martin : Louise : Brian Moss
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan
Helen de Renzy : John Skeldon
Jane & Alan Pratt : Lionel
Felicity Cawthra : Rose Lubbock

Those who have died

Peter Monk
Beatrice Edith Gibbs
Paul Loveridge : Carole Round
Albert Alan Taylor

Please also pray for

Revd Canon Esther Prior as she prepares to move to Birmingham 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:

Sycamore Road & Tame Bank in Kingsbury; Blacksmith Lane in Hurley; Woodside Close in Wood End; and The Orchard 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 Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Malachi 3. 1-5

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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Psalm 24. 7-end

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

Hebrews 2. 14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'
³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'
³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



Compline on Tuesday evenings....

Please note that for the duration of the 'Book of Promises' Bible Study sessions, Compline will be online only via Facebook. If you are not on Facebook and would like the YouTube link, let me know and I will email it to you. Thanks. *Revd. Carole*

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 5th Feb - 7.00pm Deanery Synod via Zoom (details via email)

Sun 9th Feb - 1.30pm Choir & Friends lunch at The Blue Boar

Wed 12th Feb - 7.00pm PCC meet at Hurley Church

Sat 15th Feb - 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Hurley Church

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 11th & 25th Feb 2025** at **The Old Stables**, Kingsbury Church—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**