

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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29/12/2024 —
Christmas 1

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next Sunday - 5th Jan 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)

Sunday 12th Jan
Baptism of Christ

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 43. 1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8. 14-17; Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22)

You'll find any important updates on our Facebook page

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

or on our Website

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

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 7th January

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

Wednesday 8th January

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 9th January

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 10th January

- 1.30pm Funeral & burial of Kenneth Cummings at Kingsbury

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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We wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year!



Rev. John, Rev. Carole & Ruth



SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Bracebridge Road & Bromage Avenue in Kingsbury; Woodbridge Park in Hurley; Oakwood & Lewis Avenue in Wood End; and Coleshill 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

Collect for Christmas 1

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**



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Readings for First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay^[a] you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to^[b] the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. ²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Luke 2. 41-end

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Psalms 148

¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
⁶ He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!
¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

Colossians 3. 12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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

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**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**