

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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04/05/2025 —  
Easter 3

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 4th May**  
**Easter 3**

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion  
**BAXTERLEY**  
1.00pm Baptism Service  
4.30pm Holy Communion

*(Readings: Acts 9. 1-6;  
Psalm 30; Revelation 5. 11-  
end; John 21. 1-19)*

**Next Sunday - 11th May**  
**Easter 4**

#### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion  
**KINGSBURY**  
11.00am Holy Communion

*(Readings: Acts 9. 36-end;  
Psalm 23; Revelation 7. 9-end;  
John 10. 22-30)*

**Sunday 18th May**  
**Easter 5**

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion  
*followed by Annual Parochial  
Church Meeting*  
**BAXTERLEY**  
4.30pm Evening Prayer

*(Readings: Acts 11. 1-18;  
Psalm 148. 1-6;  
Revelation 21. 1-6;  
John 13. 31-35)*

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### Forthcoming Events

Monday 5th to Sunday 11th May

- Revd Carole on holiday

Tuesday 6th May

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 7.00pm Bible Study Group at the Vicarage (12)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 7th May

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 8th May

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 10th May

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean
- 3.00pm Warwickshire Baroque Concert at Merevale - see overleaf for tickets

Monday 12th May

- 9.30am Funeral of Alan Pratt at Lichfield Crematorium

Tuesday 13th May

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library open
- 7.00pm Bible Study Group at the Vicarage (13)

- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 14th May

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End

Thursday 15th May

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

### **This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 18th May at Merevale Church,**

to follow the 11am service. Please bring a picnic lunch if you would like to stay on for a time of fellowship after the APCM. Nomination forms for those who wish to stand for election as churchwardens or PCC members are available in all the churches

**Merevale Bluebell Walk** last Saturday was indeed a very, very busy event and the numbers are testimony to that, with **421 walkers, and £1501.00 raised**. Amazingly the cake kept going! With grateful thanks to all who helped organise, shifted furniture, served the refreshments, counted walkers or helped in any other way - *Thank You*.

### Collect for Easter 3

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **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 : Sheila  
Trevor : Margaret Pallett  
Baby Hugo : Hannah & Olivia  
Chris Martin : Louise : Brian Moss  
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan  
Helen de Renzy : Lionel  
Jane Pratt : Felicity Cawthra

#### Rose Lubbock

#### Baptised today

Lily May Rowntree

#### Preparing for Marriage

Iain & Rebecca

Elliot & Nicolette : Tim & Harriet

#### Those who have died

Granville Maddock : Alan Pratt

Margaret Ann Ellison

#### Please also pray for ....

Bishop Esther Prior as she takes up her post as the 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:**

Hill Side & Jubilee Court in Kingsbury; Knowle Hill in Hurley; Sherwood Close 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 the Third Sunday of Easter

### Acts 9. 1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'<sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

### Revelation 5. 11-end

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,<sup>12</sup> singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

### Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.  
<sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.  
<sup>3</sup> O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.  
<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.  
<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.  
<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.'  
<sup>7</sup> By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.  
<sup>8</sup> To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:  
<sup>9</sup> 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup> Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!'  
<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
<sup>12</sup> so that my soul<sup>[b]</sup> may praise you and not be silent.  
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

### John 21. 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.<sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'<sup>6</sup> He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.<sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.<sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

**Warwickshire Baroque Concert**, on Saturday **10th May**, at **Merevale Church, at 3.00pm**. Tickets £10.00 per person, this includes the afternoon tea after the concert. Tickets are available from Pru on 01827 825701 or 07970 104398 or Hilarie on 01827 713705 or 07803 301153.

**Kingsbury Quiz** on Saturday **24th May**, at **Piccadilly Community Centre, 6.30pm for 7.00pm** start. Tickets £10 per person - teams of a maximum of 5 persons. Bring your own drinks. Tickets include Baked potato with various fillings, and tea/coffee. Tickets available in all churches

### 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

**Sat 10th May** - 3.00pm Warwickshire Baroque Concert at Merevale

**Mon 12th May** - 9.30am Funeral of Alan Pratt at Lichfield Crem.

**Sun 18th May** - **APCM** after the 11am service at Merevale

**Sat 24th May** - 6.30pm Kingsbury Quiz at Piccadilly Community Hall

### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...



Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 13th & 27th May 2025** at **The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church**—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**