

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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18/01/26 —  
Epiphany 2

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 18th Jan**  
**Epiphany 2**

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 49. 1-7;  
Psalm 40. 1-12; 1 Corinthians  
1. 1-9; John 1. 29-42)

**Next Sunday - 25th Jan**  
**Conversion of Paul**

#### BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer

#### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

12.15pm Burial of Ashes

#### FARM CHURCH

2.30pm Wood End Church

(Readings: Jeremiah 1. 4-10;  
Psalm 67; Acts 9. 1-22;  
Matthew 19. 27-end)

**Sunday 1st February**  
**Candlemas (Presentation**  
**of Christ in the Temple)**

#### GROUP SERVICE AT BAXTERLEY

11.00am Holy Communion

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

### Forthcoming Events

Monday 19th January

- 12.30pm Church Fellowship meet at Jubilee Court Community Lounge, Kingsbury. All Welcome.

Tuesday 20th January

- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 21st January

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 11.15am Baxterley Quinquennial Inspection
- 7.00pm Worship Committee meet at Jenny B's

Thursday 22nd January

- 11.00am Funeral & Burial of Ann Butler at Baxterley
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 23rd January

- 10.30am Merevale Quinquennial Inspection

Tuesday 27th January

- 10.30am Burial of Ashes at Kingsbury - June Beasley
- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library Open
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 28th January

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 10.30am Kingsbury Quinquennial Inspection

Thursday 29th January

- 10.30am Rev. Carole at Oversight Meeting at Dosthill
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 31st January

- 11.00am Baptism at Kingsbury

Tuesday 3rd February

- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 4th February

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 7.30pm Deanery Synod via Zoom (joining details to follow)

### Please Pray for:

#### Those who are ill:

Rachel : Lauren : Samuel  
Hope : Sean : Kay  
Rose Stubbs : Glenys  
Carole Haines : Diane : Fred  
Sandra : Bill : Millie  
Martha : Sheila : Trevor  
Hannah & Olivia  
Chris Martin : Brian Moss  
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan  
Helen de Renzy : Lionel  
Jane Pratt : Felicity Cawthra  
Danielle Hughes

#### Those who have died

Ann Butler : Lily Mann  
Margaret Evans  
Margaret Hazzard  
Mary Simpson  
and All families grieving the loss  
of loved ones

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

The Archbishop of  
Canterbury Elect,  
Dame Sarah Mullally,  
current Bishop of London

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**SEE OVERLEAF FOR  
READINGS &  
FURTHER NOTICES**

**This week we pray for all  
who live or work in these  
Roads in our communities:**  
Willow Close & Wright Close in  
Kingsbury; Hurley Lane in  
Hurley; Johnson Street in  
Wood End; and Main Road  
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. Carole**  
or in emergency **the Bishop's**  
**Safeguarding Adviser, Steph**  
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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563036555109>  
or on our Website  
<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

### Collect for Epiphany 2

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation to  
your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known in Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen**



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## **Readings for The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

### **Isaiah 49. 1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### **John 1. 29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

### **Psalms 40. 1-12**

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.  
<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.  
<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.  
<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.  
<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.  
<sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me."  
<sup>8</sup>I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.  
<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.  
<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.  
<sup>11</sup>Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.  
<sup>12</sup>For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

### **1 Corinthians 1. 1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Interregnum Arrangements**

Our parish is now in interregnum and the Vicarage and it's telephone will be 'off limits'. From now on all pastoral matters should be passed to **Rev. Carole** via the new 'office' telephone number of **07426 068938** or via email on **admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk**. Matters regarding church buildings/grounds should be passed to the church wardens. *Many Thanks.*

#### **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**

**Thur 22nd Jan - 11.00am Funeral & burial of Ann Butler at Baxterley**

**Wed 4th Feb - 7.30pm Deanery Synod via Zoom**

#### **Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...**



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