

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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26/01/2025 —  
Epiphany 3

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 26th Jan  
Epiphany 3**

### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

### FARM CHURCH

2.30pm Wood End Church

(Readings: Nehemiah 8. 1-3,  
5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19. 1-6;  
1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a;  
Luke 4. 14-21)

**Next 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)

**Sunday 9th February**

**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)

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## Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 28th January

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Jigsaw Puzzle Library Open
- 3.30pm Burial of Paul Loveridge at Kingsbury
- 7.00pm 'The Book of Promise' Bible Study (1)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 29th January

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End
- 1.45pm Funeral of Beatrice Gibbs at Sutton Crem.

Thursday 30th January

- 12.00noon Clergy Chapter
- 12.15pm Funeral of Peter Monk at Sutton Crem.
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Tuesday 4th February

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 2.00pm Funeral of Albert 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

## 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

Kenneth Cummings : Peter Monk  
Beatrice Edith Gibbs  
Paul Loveridge : Carole Round  
Albert 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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READINGS & FURTHER  
NOTICES**

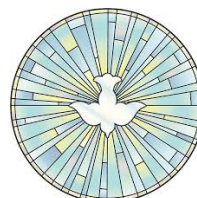
### Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Cedar Crescent & Chestnut  
Close in Kingsbury; St.  
Edmond's Road in Hurley;  
Boulters Lane in Wood End;  
and Crow Lane 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](mailto:StephH@cofebirmingham.com)

## Collect for Epiphany 3

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**



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## Readings for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

### Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

### Luke 4. 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

### Psalms 19. 1-6

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
<sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

### 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'<sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

### 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. *Rev. 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

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Paul Loveridge at Kingsbury

**Wed 29th Jan** - 1.45pm Funeral of Beatrice Edith Gibbs at Sutton Crem.

**Thur 30th Jan** - 12.15pm Funeral of Peter Monk at Sutton Crem.

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

### 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!**