

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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09/03/2025 —  
Lent 1

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 9th March**  
**Lent 1**

### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

*(Readings: Deuteronomy 26. 1-11; Psalm 91. 1-2, 9-end; Romans 10. 8b-13; Luke 4. 1-13)*

**Next Sunday - 16th March**  
**Lent 2**

### BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer

### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

*(Readings: Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1; Luke 13. 31-end)*

**Sunday 23rd March**  
**Lent 3**

### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

### FARM CHURCH

2.30pm Waste Farm,  
Wood Street, Wood End

### BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Songs of Praise

*(Readings: Isaiah 55. 1-9; Psalm 63. 1-9; 1 Cor. 10. 1-13; Luke 13. 1-9)*

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**or on our Website**

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

## Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 11th March

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Jigsaw Puzzle Library Open
- 7.00pm 'The Book of Promise' Bible Study (6)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 12th March

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End

Thursday 13th March

- Bishop's Study Morning for Clergy & Readers at Birmingham Cathedral
- 2.00-4.00pm Brass Cleaning at Kingsbury
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 15th March

- 9.30am Diocesan Synod
- 10.00-12.00 Baxterley Church Clean-Up

Monday 17th March

- 10.00am Treasurers meet at The Vicarage
- 12.30pm Church Fellowship meet at Jubilee Court Community Room in Kingsbury. All welcome.

Tuesday 18th March

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 7.00pm 'The Book of Promise' Bible Study (7)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 19th March

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 20th March

- 1.00pm Clergy Chapter at Water Orton
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Friday 21st March

- 7.00pm Arden Ensemble in Concert at Baxterley Church. Tickets available £10 each. Phone 07748 636708.

**Saturday & Sunday 22nd & 23rd March**

- **Baxterley Open Weekend. Church will be open both days from 12.00 noon until 4.00pm. All Welcome to visit. There will be stalls, teas and cake both days. The weekend will finish with a Songs of Praise service on the Sunday at 4.30pm.**

## Collect for Lent 1

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 : John Skeldon  
Jane & Alan Pratt : Lionel  
Felicity Cawthra : Rose Lubbock

### Preparing for Marriage

Iain & Rebecca

### Those who have died

Carole Round

### Please also pray for ....

Bishop 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:

Coventry Road Nth & Elder Close in Kingsbury; Orchard Close in Hurley; Delves Crescent in Wood End; and Hurley 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)

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## Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

### Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

### Romans 10. 8b-13

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### Psalm 91. 1-2, 9-end

<sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
<sup>2</sup> will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.'  
<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling-place,  
<sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.  
<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.  
<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample  
under foot.  
<sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honour them.  
<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

### Luke 4. 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

### Renewal of Parish Electoral Roll

Every 6 years the Parish Electoral Roll is required to be renewed. 2025 is a '6th' year and so everyone who wishes to be on the Electoral Roll of our five churches has to complete a new application form. This applies to current members and those who are not currently on the roll and wish to be added. Application forms are available in all churches or you can complete the form online on our website (on the Events/News/Articles page) and then email the completed form to [admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk](mailto:admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk). The date for applications will end on **24th April 2025**. The new roll will be published on 27th April in time for the APCM on Sunday 18th May. If you have any questions, please speak with Revd. John. *Many thanks.*

### Lent, Holy Week & Easter Leaflets

There are still some leaflets detailing all our services and events for Lent, Holy Week and Easter, so we are still looking for volunteers to deliver more to some of the roads in Kingsbury (Broseley Estate). Please speak to Revd John saying which roads you can cover, then take a bundle or two to deliver as soon as you can. 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

**Sat 8th Mar** - 10.00-12.00 Choir

Singing at Hurley

**Mon 17th Mar** - 10.00am Treasurers

meet at The Vicarage

**Fri 21st Mar** - 7.00pm Arden

Ensemble in concert at Baxterley

### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

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