

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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01/03/26 —
Lent 2

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 1st March
Lent 2

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion
MEREVALE
11.00am Holy Communion
Please welcome Revd Louise at both services!

(Readings: Genesis 12. 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17; John 3. 1-17)

Next Sunday - 8th March
Lent 3

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Civic Service

(Readings: Genesis 12. 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17; John 3. 1-17)

Sunday 15th March
Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Exodus 2. 1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-end; Psalm 34. 11-20 or Psalm 127. 1-4; 2 Cor 1. 3-7 or Colossians 3. 12-17; Luke 2. 33-35 or John 19. 25b-27)

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 1st March

- 4.00-5.30 Lichfield Youth Team Ringing Practice at Kingsbury Bell Tower

Tuesday 3rd March

- 11.45pm Funeral of Bryan Winston at Nuneaton Crem.
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 4th March

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End followed by Lent Reflections (2)
- 7.00-8.30pm Choir Singing at Baxterley

Thursday 5th March

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by Lent Reflections (2)

Friday 6th March

- 1.00pm Funeral of Maureen Cox at Wood End followed by burial at Hurley

Tuesday 10th March

- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library Open in the Old Stables
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 11th March

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End followed by Lent Reflections (3)

Thursday 12th March

- Rev Carole at Bishop's Study Morning at the Cathedral
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by Lent Reflections (3)

Saturday 14th March

- 9.30am Diocesan Synod at Quinton
- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean
- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Baxterley

Lent Reflections - 'The Rhythm of Life'

Our Lent Reflections this year are based on 'The Rhythm of Life' and the CofE Lent Booklet 'Draw Near - Life giving habits for Lent'. Each session is stand-alone and will be on the following dates so Session 2 is on 4th March and repeated on 5th March and so on..... Do join us!

Wood End 10.15am on 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March
Baxterley 5.15pm on 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March

Please Pray for:

Those who are ill:

Rachel : Lauren : Samuel
Hope : Sean : Kay
Rose Stubbs : Glenys
Carole Haines : Diane : Fred
Sandra : Millie
Martha : Sheila : Trevor
Hannah & Olivia
Chris Martin : Brian Moss
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan
Helen de Renzy : Lionel
Jane Pratt : Felicity Cawthra
Danielle Hughes
Bishop Andrew Watson (former Bishop of Aston now Guildford)

Those who have died

Emily-Jane Scandrett
Shirley Chapman : Bryan Winston
Maureen Cox : Bill Jones
and All families grieving the loss of loved ones

Please also pray for

The Archbishop of Canterbury - Dame Sarah Mullally,
That the right person applies to be our next Incumbent.



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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:

The Firs & The Green in Kingsbury; Hipsley Lane in Hurley; Boulters Lane in Wood End; and Windmill Lane 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 Haynes on 07342 993844**
StephH@cofebirmingham.com

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>

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12. 1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

John 3. 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Psalms 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Ruth Matthews is running the London Marathon on 26th April this year and is raising funds for WaterAid

Please support her - she **still** needs to raise **£1,025** of her £2,500 total. You can give using her Just Giving page here: www.justgiving.com/page/ruth-matthews-1 or give cash to Revd Carole to pass to Ruth. (Ruth usually attends our early morning services at Hurley and Wood End)

Lent, Holy Week & Easter Leaflets should be available for delivery from this week and will be in church TODAY. Please take bundles and deliver as in previous years as soon as you can please. *With thanks.*



10th April

Murder Mystery Evening at Baxterley.

Tickets available now at £25 each from most churches in our parish or see Ann Prosser



Dates for your Diary

Tues 3rd March - 11.45am Funeral of Bryan Winston at Nuneaton Crem
Wed 4th March - 7-8.30pm Choir Singing Evening at Baxterley
Fri 6th March - Funeral of Margaret Cox at Wood End & burial at Hurley
Sun 8th March - 11am Civic Service at Kingsbury - All Welcome
Sat 21st Mar - 10.00-4.00 Baxterley Open Day
Fri 10th April - 6.30pm Murder Mystery Night at Baxterley.

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**

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 **Revd. 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.*

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 10th & 24th March** at **The Old Stables**, Kingsbury Church—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**