

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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16/03/2025 —
Lent 2

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next 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)

Sunday 30th March
Mothering Sunday

GROUP SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion

WOOD END

(Readings: Exodus 2. 1-10; Psalm 34. 11-20; Colossians 3. 12-17; John 19. 25b-27)

You'll find any important updates on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pr ofile.php?id=61563036555109>

or on our Website

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

Forthcoming Events

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.**

Tuesday 25th March

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Jigsaw Puzzle Library Open
- 7.00pm 'The Book of Promise' Bible Study (8)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 26th March

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End

Thursday 27th March

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 29th March

- 11.00-1.00 Hurley Residents Community Conversation at Hurley Church - see below

Hurley Church: Past, Present and Future

All Hurley Residents are invited to a Community Conversation at Hurley Church on Sat. 29th March from 11am to 1.00pm.

This will be an opportunity for villagers to find out more about Hurley Church - the story so far, the challenges we currently face, and some hopes and possibilities for the future - and to share in shaping the way forward. There will be a display and short presentation, together with lots of opportunity for you to have your say in how the Church can best serve the village community in the years to come. Refreshments will be provided.

If anyone has any photos of Hurley Church from years gone by that they would be happy to lend to us for the display, or for more information, please speak with Revd. John either in person, by phone or email.

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

Anyone you know who is grieving the loss of a loved one.....

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 & COLLECT

Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Ralph Crescent & Range Way in Kingsbury; Charles Street in Hurley; The Woodlands in Wood End; and Atherstone 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. John or

in emergency the Bishop's

Safeguarding Adviser, Steph

Haynes on 07342 993844

StephH@cofebirmingham.com

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Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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. 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.*

Psalm 27

- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
- ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
- ⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- ⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
- ⁸ 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.
- ⁹ Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
- ¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- ¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.
- ¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
- ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Luke 13. 31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

Collect for Lent 2

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**

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

Mon 17th Mar - 10.00am Treasurers

meet at The Vicarage

Fri 21st Mar - 7.00pm Arden

Ensemble in concert at Baxterley

Sat/Sun 22nd/23rd Mar - Baxterley Open Weekend

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!**