

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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23/03/2025 —
Lent 3

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next 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)

Sunday 6th April
Lent 5

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 43. 16-21;
Psalm 126; Philippians 3. 4b-
14; John 12. 1-8)

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

or on our Website

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

Forthcoming Events

TODAY 23rd March

- **Baxterley Open Weekend. Church will be open from 12.00 noon until 4.00pm. All Welcome to visit. There will be stalls, teas and cake. The weekend will finish with a Songs of Praise service 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 notice below

Sunday 30th March - British Summertime Begins

- Don't forget to put your clocks forward by one hour

Tuesday 1st April

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 7.00pm 'The Book of Promise' Bible Study (9)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 2nd April

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

Thursday 3rd April

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

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.

Collect for Lent 3

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised 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

Betty Tovey

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:

Elm Tree Close & Fircroft in Kingsbury; Meadow Road in Hurley; Edge Hill in Wood End; and Bentley Common 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

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Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55. 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy
on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and
sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud,
and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized
into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the
same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual
drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that
followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless,
God was not pleased with most of them, and they
were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things
occurred as examples for us, so that we might not
desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as
some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat
down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We
must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them
did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We
must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did,
and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain
as some of them did, and were destroyed by the
destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as
an example, and they were written down to instruct
us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if
you think you are standing, watch out that you do not
fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common
to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be
tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he
will also provide the way out so that you may be able
to endure it.

Psalm 63. 1-9

¹ O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
⁶ when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
⁸ My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.
⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

Luke 13. 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told
him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had
mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you
think that because these Galileans suffered in this way
they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I
tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as
they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the
tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they
were worse offenders than all the others living in
Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you
will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this
parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard;
and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So
he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I
have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I
find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the
soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year,
until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears
fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it
down.'"

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.*

Joining Details for most Online Zoom Services & Meetings

Meeting ID: **999 516 9418**

Passcode: **Twigster3**

You can also join by telephone on num-
ber: **0203 481 5237** and entering the
ID: **999 516 9418** and Code: **570910568**

Dates for your Diary

Today, 23rd Mar - 12.00-4.00

Baxterley Open Weekend

Sat 29th Mar - 11.00-1.00 Hurley

Community Conversation at Hurley
Church

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!**