

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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22/03/26 —
Lent 5

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 22nd March
Lent 5 Passiontide Begins

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

FARM CHURCH

2.30pm Johnson Street
Playground, Wood End

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Songs of Praise

*(Readings: Ezekiel 37. 1-14;
Psalm 130; Romans 8. 6-11;
John 11. 1-45)*

Next Sunday - 29th March
Palm Sunday

(Clocks go forward 1 hr)

KINGSBURY

9.30am Said Holy Communion

11.00am Group Service

**'Walk of Witness' jointly
with Methodist Church
members starting at the
Parish Church and ending
at the Methodist Church**

*(Readings: Matthew 21. 1-7;
Matthew 21. 8-11)*

Sunday 5th April
Easter Day

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

*(Readings: Acts 10. 34-43;
Psalm 118. 14-24; Colossians
3. 1-4; John 20. 1-18 or
Matthew 28. 1-10)*

Forthcoming Events

Monday 23rd March

- 10.30am Burial of Ashes at Kingsbury (Margaret Massey)

Tuesday 24th March

- 10.30am Kingsbury Heating Group meet at Old Stables
- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library Open in the Old Stables
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 25th March

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End followed by Lent Reflections (5)
- 3.00pm Installation of Archbishop Sarah Mullally as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury (Live coverage on BBC)

Thursday 26th March

- 10.00am Funeral of Bill Jones at Wood End followed by cremation, 11.30am at Sutton Crem
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by Lent Reflections (5)

Friday 27th March

- 2.30pm Profile Group meet at Baxterley School Room

Holy Week

Monday 30th March

- 8.00pm Night Prayer at Wood End

Tuesday 31st March

- 8.00pm Night Prayer at Hurley (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 1st April

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 3.00pm Burial of Ashes at Hurley (Graham Stonehouse)
- 8.00pm Tenebrae at Merevale

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

- 10.00am Rev Carole at Birmingham Cathedral
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Agape service at Kingsbury

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

- 10.30am All Age Stations of the Cross at Wood End
- 2.00pm Quiet Hour at Baxterley

Saturday 4th April - Holy Saturday

- 7.00pm Service of Light & First Communion of Easter at Merevale

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'. Our final Session 5 will be at **Wood End** 10.15am on 25th March & **Baxterley** 5.15pm on 26th March

Collect for Lent 5

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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

Those who have died

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:

Cedar Crescent & Chestnut
Close in Kingsbury; Ferndale
Close in Hurley; Wood Street
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. Carole**
or in emergency **the Bishop's
Safeguarding Adviser, Steph
Haynes on 07342 993844**
StephH@cofebirmingham.com

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37. 1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

John 11. 1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'

²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.



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

Thur 26th Mar - 10.00am Funeral of Bill Jones at Wood End Church followed by cremation 11.30am at Sutton Crematorium

Fri 10th April - 6.30pm Murder Mystery Night at Baxterley.

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!**