

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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02/03/2025 —
Next before Lent

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 2nd March
Next before Lent

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Exodus 34. 29-end;
Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3. 12-4. 2; Luke 9. 28-36)

Next 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)

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)

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>

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 4th March - Shrove Tuesday

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (& online via Facebook)

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday

- 9.30am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at Wood End Church
- 4.45-5.45pm Rainbow Guides in Kingsbury Church
- 7.00pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at Hurley Church

Thursday 6th March

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 8th March

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean
- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Hurley

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
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 15th March

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

Lent, Holy Week & Easter Leaflets

We have again produced leaflets detailing all our services and events for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. These are in all our churches from this weekend for you to take for yourselves and friends. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver as many as we can throughout our villages. Please speak to Revd John saying which roads you can cover, then take a bundle or two to deliver as soon as possible. Leaflets should be delivered by Ash Wednesday (5th March) if at all possible. Many thanks.

Collect for Sunday Next before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory 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:

Redwood Drive & Rowan Close in Kingsbury; Bridge Street in Hurley; Whateley Lane in Wood End; and Smithy 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 Sunday Next before Lent

Exodus 34. 29-end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

2 Corinthians 3. 12 - 4. 2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that^{*} was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
Mighty King,^{*} lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.
O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.

Luke 9. 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus^{*} took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,^{*} they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,^{*} one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen;^{*} listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.



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

Wed 5th Mar - Ash Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion with Ashing at Wood End and **7.00pm** Holy

Communion with Ashing at Hurley

Sat 8th Mar - 10.00-12.00 Choir

Singing at Hurley

Mon 17th Mar - 10.00am Treasurers

meet at The Vicarage

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!**