

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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17/08/2025 —  
Trinity 9 (P15)

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 17th August**  
**Trinity 9 (P15)**

#### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

#### BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Evening Prayer

(Readings: Jeremiah 23. 23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11. 29 - 12.2; Luke 12. 49-56)

**Next Sunday - 24th August**  
**Trinity 10 (P16)**

#### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

#### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

#### FARM CHURCH

2.30pm Johnson Street Playing Field, Wood End

(Readings: Isaiah 58. 9b-end; Psalm 103. 1-8; Hebrews 12. 18-end; Luke 13. 10-17)

**Sunday 31st August**  
**Trinity 11 (P17)**

**GROUP OVERSIGHT**  
**AREA SERVICE**  
**11.00am**

Holy Communion at  
**MEREVALE ABBEY RUINS**  
(Bring your own chair)  
(in Merevale Church if weather really inclement)  
(Readings: Proverbs 25. 6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14. 1, 7-14)

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or on our Website  
<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

### Forthcoming Events

**Monday 18th August**

- 12.30pm Church Fellowship meet at Jubilee Court Community Lounge. All Welcome.

**Tuesday 19th August**

- 10.30am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 12.45pm Funeral of Deborah Blabey at Wood End Church followed by private Committal at Woodlands Crem.
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom ( and online via Facebook)

**Wednesday 20th August**

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal at Merevale

**Thursday 21st August**

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

**Friday 22nd August**

- 2.00pm Wedding of Robert & Sara at Merevale

**Saturday 23rd August**

- 2.00-4.00pm Coffee afternoon at Wood End Church
- 2.00-4.00pm Baxterley Church & School Room Open

**Tuesday 26th August**

- 10.30am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Jigsaw Puzzle Library Open
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom ( and online via Facebook)

**Wednesday 27th August**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 7.00pm Worship Committee meet at Hurley House

**Thursday 28th August**

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

**Friday 29th August**

- 4.00pm Burial of Ashes at Baxterley - Ella Lockton

**Saturday 30th August**

- 2.00-4.00pm Baxterley Church & School Room Open

### 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](mailto:admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk). Matters regarding church buildings/grounds should be passed to the church wardens. *Many Thanks.*

### Collect for Trinity 9

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



### Please Pray for:

#### Those who are ill:

Rachel : 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 : Brian Moss  
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan  
Helen de Renzy : Lionel  
Jane Pratt : Felicity Cawthra  
Rose Lubbock

#### Preparing for Marriage

Robert & Sara

#### Those who have died

Dennis Skidmore : Susan Prosser  
Deborah Blabey : Ella Lockton

#### Please also pray for ....

The Church of England in its discernment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury



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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:**  
Tamworth Road & The Aspens in Kingsbury; Heanley Lane in Hurley; Tamworth Road in Wood End; and Wigston Hill 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**  
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## Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

### Jeremiah 23. 23-29

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

### Psalms 82

<sup>1</sup> God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:  
<sup>2</sup> 'How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?  
<sup>3</sup> Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.  
<sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'  
<sup>5</sup> They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.  
<sup>6</sup> I say, 'You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;  
<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'  
<sup>8</sup> Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

### Luke 12. 49-56

<sup>49</sup> 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

### Hebrews 11. 29- 12.2

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Baxterley Church & School Room Open Afternoons

Every Saturday afternoon during July and August Baxterley Church and School Room will be open for visitors between 2.00 and 4.00pm. There will be Tea/Coffee and Cake, Tombola, Stalls and Plants. All Welcome - Well behaved dogs on leads too!

**Advance Notice:** Our Group Service on **31st August at 11am** will be in the **Abbey Ruins at Merevale** (weather permitting). This will be a **Group Oversight Area Service** and we welcome those from The Whitacres, Shustoke & Dosthill. **Please bring your own chair!** (We will be in Merevale Church if it rains heavily). *Many Thanks*

### 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

**Tues 19th Aug** - 12.45pm Funeral of Debbie Blabey at Wood End followed by private committal at Woodlands Crem.

**Sat 23rd Aug** - 2.00-4.00pm Wood End Coffee Afternoon in church

### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 12th & 26th August at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church—between 1.30-3.30pm.** Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**