

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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30/11/2025 —
Advent Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 30th Nov

Advent Sunday
(Year A begins)

GROUP SERVICE
10.30am
MEREVALE

(Readings: Isaiah 2. 1-5;
Psalm 122; Romans 13. 11-
end; Matthew 24. 36-44)

Please welcome Revd Canon
Catherine Grylls covering this
service.

Next Sunday - 7th Dec
Advent 2

BAXTERLEY
9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE
11.00am Advent Carols

(Readings: Isaiah 11. 1-10;
Psalm 72. 1-7; Romans 15. 4-
13; Matthew 3. 1-12)

Sunday 14th December
Advent 3

HURLEY
9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY
11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10;
Psalm 146. 4-10; James 5. 7-
10; Matthew 11. 2-11)

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 2nd December

- Rev Carole back in parish.
- 2.15pm Funeral of Geoff Tovey at Kingsbury Church followed by cremation 3.15pm at Sutton Crem.
- 7.00pm Advent Reflections in Baxterley School Room (2)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 3rd December

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End (AD Louise)
- 10.00-12.00 Merevale Hall Christmas Cheer
- 10.30am Advent Reflections (2)

Thursday 4th December

- 11.00am Funeral of Fred Nichols at Kingsbury Church followed by 12.15pm cremation at Sutton Crem.
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 6th December

- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Hurley
- 2.00pm Wood End Coffee Afternoon and Carols

Tuesday 9th December

- 10.30am Funeral of Margaret Pallett at Kingsbury Church followed by 11.30am cremation at Sutton Crem.
- 1.30-3.30 Puzzle Library open
- 7.00pm Advent Reflections in Baxterley School Room (3)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 10th December

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 10.30am Advent Reflections (3)
- 7.00pm PCC meet at Baxterley School Room

Thursday 11th December

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Please Pray for:

Those who are ill:

Rachel : Lauren : Samuel
Hope : Sean : Kay
Rose Stubbs : Glenys
Carole Haines : Diane : Fred
Sandra : Bill : Millie
Martha : Sheila : Trevor
Hannah & Olivia
Chris Martin : Brian Moss
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan
Helen de Renzy : Lionel
Jane Pratt : Felicity Cawthra
Danielle Hughes : Margaret Evans

Those who have died

Fred Nichols : Margaret Pallett
: Geoff Tovey : June Beasley
and All families grieving the loss
of loved ones

Please also pray for

The new Archbishop of
Canterbury Designate,
Dame Sarah Mullally,
current Bishop of London



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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:**

Hill Side & Jubilee Court in
Kingsbury; Cherry Close in
Hurley; Delves Crescent in
Wood End; and Green 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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Advent Candle Liturgy

We light these candles to recall prophetic voices
which announced the Prince of Peace,
which foretold the age of gold,
which called for justice
and announced the song of happiness.
May the light overcome the darkness.

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness, that we may be ready to
meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus
Christ. **Amen**



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Readings for Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2. 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

² Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

⁴ To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵ For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.'

⁷ Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.'

⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Matthew 24. 36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Romans 13. 11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Advent Reflections 2025

This year our Advent Reflections will be 'A Walk through Advent in Hymns and Worship'. Starting Tuesday 25th November at 7pm in Baxterley School Room (and repeated on Weds. 26th Nov., 10.30am at Wood End) continuing for the following three weeks (2nd/3rd, 9th/10th & 16th/17th December). The four Sessions are stand-alone so not to worry if you miss one. All Welcome!

Wood End Coffee Afternoon

Sat. 6th December, 2.00pm. in Church.

Home Made Cakes, Stalls and Raffle. Finishing with a few Christmas Carols. All Welcome.

Merevale Hall 'Christmas Cheer'
- Weds 3rd December. Tickets
£8 each available now.

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

Tue 2nd Dec - 2.15pm Funeral of Geoff Tovey at Kingsbury Church

Wed 3rd Dec - 10.00-12.00 Merevale Hall Christmas Cheer

Thur 4th Dec - 11am Funeral of Fred Nichols at Kingsbury Church

Sat 6th Dec - 2.00pm Wood End Coffee Afternoon

Tue 9th Dec - 10.30am Funeral of Margaret Pallett at Kingsbury Church

Wed 10th Dec - 7.00pm PCC meet at Baxterley School Room

Interregnum Arrangements

Our parish is now in interregnum and the Vicarage and its telephone will be 'off limits'. From now on all pastoral matters should be passed to **Rev. Carole** via the new 'office' telephone number of **07426 068938** or via email on **admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk**. Matters regarding church buildings/grounds should be passed to the church wardens. *Many Thanks.*

Whilst Rev Carole is away

please pass all pastoral matters to Ruth (07494 794002) or Area Dean Louise (ad.coleshillandpolesworth@cofebirmingham.com). *Thank you.*

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 9th & 23rd Dec. at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church—between 1.30-3.30pm.** Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**