

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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12/01/2025 —
Baptism of Christ

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 12th Jan
Baptism of Christ

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion
KINGSBURY
11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 43. 1-7;
Psalm 29; Acts 8. 14-17;
Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22)

Next Sunday - 19th Jan
Epiphany 2

BAXTERLEY

9.30am Morning Prayer
MEREVALE
11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Isaiah 62. 1-5;
Psalm 36. 5-10; 1 Corinthians
12. 1-11; John 2. 1-11)

Sunday 26th Jan
Epiphany 3

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion
KINGSBURY
11.00am Holy Communion
FARM CHURCH
2.30pm Waste Farm, Wood
Street entrance, Wood End

(Readings: Nehemiah 8. 1-3,
5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19. 1-6;
1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a;
Luke 4. 14-21)

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 14th January

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 10.30am Merevale Fundraising Committee at Idle Hollow
- 1.30-3.30pm Jigsaw Puzzle Library Open
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 15th January

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End

Thursday 16th January

- 12noon Oversight Area Ministers meet in Dordon
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Monday 20th January

- 12.30pm Church Fellowship meet at Jubilee Court Community Lounge

Tuesday 21st January

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 22nd January

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

- 7.30pm Tower Bell Ringers AGM at The Vicarage

Thursday 23rd January

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

COMING SOON! "The Book of Promise"

*What is the Bible?
How should we go about reading it?
What is the good news that it tells us?*

If you are interested in these questions, or would just like to know more about the Christian faith, then this course is for you. 'The Book of Promise' is a series of reflections and discussions exploring the Bible as the book of God's promises to his people and creation.

'The Book of Promise' will be held each Tuesday evening at the Vicarage, Church Lane, Kingsbury, beginning at 7pm on **Tuesday 28 January**. For more information, talk to Revd John or pick up a flyer in church.

Collect for Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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
Trevor : Margaret Pallett
Baby Hugo : Hannah & Olivia
Carole Round : Chris Martin
Louise : Brian Moss
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan
Helen de Renzy : Jane Pratt
John Skeldon : Felicity Cawthra :

Those who have died

Kenneth Cummings
Peter Monk
Beatrice Edith Gibbs

Please also pray for

Revd Canon 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:

Bromage Avenue & Brook Close in Kingsbury; Wakefield Close in Hurley; Birchfield Close in Wood End; and Monks Park 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. John** or in emergency **the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser, Steph Haynes on 07342 993844**
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Readings for The Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 43. 1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Acts 8. 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



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 14th Jan - 10.30am Merevale Fundraising Cttee at Idle Hollow

Wed 29th Jan - 1.45pm Funeral of Beatrice Edith Gibbs at Sutton Crem.

Thur 30th Jan - 12.15pm Funeral of Peter Monk at Sutton Crem.

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...



Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 14th & 28th Jan 2025** at **The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church**—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**