

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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01/02/26 —  
Candlemas

### SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 1st Feb

Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

**GROUP SERVICE  
AT  
BAXTERLEY**

**11.00am** Holy Communion

(Readings: Malachi 3. 1-5;  
Psalm 24. 7-end;  
Hebrews 2. 14-end;  
Luke 2. 22-40)



Next Sunday - 8th Feb

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**BAXTERLEY**

9.30am Holy Communion

**KINGSBURY**

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Genesis 1. 1-23;  
Psalm 136. 1-9, 23-end;  
Romans 8. 18-25;  
Matthew 6. 25-end)



Sunday 15th February  
Next bfe Lent

**MEREVALE**

11.00am Holy Communion  
(followed by Marriage Preparation & service of Thanksgiving for Marriage)

(Readings: Exodus 24. 12-end; Psalm 2 or 99; 2 Peter 1. 16-end; Matthew 17. 1-9)



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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563036555109>  
or on our Website  
<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

### Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 3rd February

- 8.00pm Compline **ONLY** online via Facebook

Wednesday 4th February

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 7.30pm Deanery Synod via Zoom (joining details via e-mail)

Thursday 5th February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 7th February

- Please pray for new Readers to be Licensed at the Cathedral today

Monday 9th February

- 11.00am Funeral of Lily Mann at Wood End followed by cremation at 12.15pm at Sutton Crem.

Tuesday 10th February

- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library Open
- 8.00pm Compline via zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 11th February

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 10.30am Funeral of Margaret Hazzard at Sutton Crem
- 7.00pm PCC meet at The School Room, Baxterley

Thursday 12th February

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 14th February

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean

Monday 16th February

- 10.30-12.30 Church Fellowship meet in Jubilee Court Community Lounge, Kingsbury. All Welcome.

Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End with Imposition of Ashes
- 7.00pm Holy Communion at Hurley with Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 19th February

- 11.45am Funeral of Margaret Evans at Wood End followed by cremation at 1.00pm Sutton Crem.
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 20th February

- 11.00-1.00 Snowdrops, Soup & Scones at Baxterley

### Collect for Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. **Amen**



### 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



#### Baptised yesterday

Brogan Mousley

#### Those who have died

Ann Butler : Lily Mann

Margaret Hazzard

Margaret Evans : Maureen Cox  
Mary Simpson : Shirley Chapman  
Emily-Jane Scandrett  
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:

The Laurels & Trinity Road in  
Kingsbury; Hurley Common in  
Hurley; Oakwood & Lewis  
Avenue 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. Carole  
or in emergency the **Bishop's  
Safeguarding Adviser, Steph  
Haynes on 07342 993844**  
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## Readings for Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

### Malachi 3. 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.<sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

### Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord<sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'),<sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon;—this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.<sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.—<sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon<sup>\*</sup> came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,<sup>28</sup> Simeon<sup>\*</sup> took him in his arms and praised God, saying,<sup>29</sup> 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant<sup>\*</sup> in peace, according to your word;<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.<sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed<sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna<sup>\*</sup> the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,<sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.<sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child<sup>\*</sup> to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.<sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### Psalm 24. 7-end

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
<sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.  
<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.

### Hebrews 2. 14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.<sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.<sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.<sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.



#### Dates for your Diary

**Wed 4th Feb** - 7.30pm Deanery

Synod via Zoom

**Wed 11th Feb** - 10.30am Funeral of Margaret Hazzard at S/Crem  
7.00pm PCC meet at the School Room, Baxterley

**Wed 18th Feb - Ash Wednesday**  
Service, 9.30am at Wood End & 7.00pm at Hurley

**Thur 19th Feb** - 11.45am Funeral of Margaret Evans at Wood End followed by cremation 1.00pm at Sutton Crem.

**Sat 21st Feb** - 11.00-1.00 Soup Scones & Snowdrops @ Baxterley

**Wed 25th Feb** - Funeral of Emily-Jane Scandrett at Kingsbury

**Fri 27th Feb** - Funeral & burial of Shirley Chapman at Kingsbury

**Fri 6th Mar** - 1.00pm Funeral of Maureen Cox at Wood End followed by burial at Hurley

#### 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

#### Lent Reflections coming soon!

**Wood End** 10.15am on 25th Feb and 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March  
**Baxterley** 5.15pm on 26th Feb and 5th, 12th, 18th & 26th March  
More details shortly.

#### 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

**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.*

#### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

 Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 10th & 24th February at The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church**—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**