

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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26/04/26 —
Easter 4

SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 26th April
Easter 4**

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion
FARM CHURCH
2.30pm Johnson Street
Playing Field, Wood End

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Evening Prayer
(Readings: Acts 2. 42-end;
Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2. 19-end;
John 10. 1-10)

**Next Sunday - 3rd May
Easter 5**

KINGSBURY

9.30am Said Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Acts 7. 55-end;
Psalm 31. 1-5; 1 Peter 2. 2-
10; John 14. 1-14)

**Sunday 10th May
Easter 6**

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Evening Prayer
followed by our APCM in
The School Room at 5.30pm

(Readings: Acts 17. 22-31;
Psalm 66. 7-end; 1 Peter 3.
13-end; John 14. 15-21)

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updates on our Facebook
Page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563036555109>

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

Forthcoming Events

TODAY 26th April

- Ruth Matthews running the London Marathon - please pray for her.

Monday 27th April

- 11.30am Funeral & burial of Brian Moss at Kingsbury.

Tuesday 28th April

- 1.30pm Puzzle Library Open

- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 29th April

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End

Thursday 30th April

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 2nd May

- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Baxterley

Monday 4th May

- Burial of Ashes of Margaret Evans at Baxterley (Time tba)

Tuesday 5th May

- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

Wednesday 6th May

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End

- 7.00pm Kingsbury Heating/Roof sub-group meet at Old Stables

Thursday 7th May

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

Saturday 9th May

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean

New Pattern of Services from Easter 2026

With the deteriorating condition of Hurley Church and in an effort to raise congregation numbers, the PCC has approved a change to our pattern of **Sunday services from 19th April 2026** as follows:

**1st & 3rd Sundays: 9.30am Kingsbury
11.00am Merevale**

**2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.30am Baxterley (Winter)
11.00am Kingsbury
4.30pm Baxterley (Summer)**

**All Group Services are at 11.00am.
Our Mid-week services are unaffected.
Please remember to update your diaries now!**

Collect for Easter 4

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



Please Pray for:

Those who are ill:

Rachel : Lauren : Samuel

Hope : Sean : Kay

Rose Stubbs : Glenys

Carole Haines : Diane : Fred

Sandra : Millie : Martha : Sheila

Trevor : Hannah & Olivia

Chris Martin : Ann Gallagher

Marjorie Nunan : Helen de Renzy

Lionel : Jane Pratt

Felicity Cawthra : Danielle Hughes

Preparing for Marriage

Kieran & Brittany

Andrew & Michelle

Those who have died

Brian Moss : Peter Mann

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:**
Redwood Dive & Rowan Close
in Kingsbury; Atherstone Lane
in Hurley; Edge Hill in
Wood End; and The Orchard
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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2. 42-end

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10. 1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Psalms 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

1 Peter 2. 19-end

¹⁹For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.



Ruth Matthews is running the London Marathon TODAY 26th April and is raising funds for WaterAid

Please support her - she **still** needs to raise **£a few hundred** of her £2,500 total. You can give using her Just Giving page here: www.justgiving.com/page/ruth-matthews-1 or give cash to Revd Carole to pass to Ruth. (Ruth usually attends our early morning services at Wood End) and you can follow her progress around the course using this link: <https://www.londonmarathonevents.co.uk/london-marathon/tcs-london-marathon-app> (Bib number 60330 with a start time of 10.07)

Preparations for our APCM on Sunday 10th May, 5.30pm at Baxterley School Room:

There will be nomination forms for Church Wardens, Deanery Synod Members and PCC Members in all churches in the Parish from today. Don't forget you must ask a person if you want to nominate them for any of these roles **before** you do nominate them (and they must agree and be eligible to be nominated!). There are also Electoral Roll application forms if you live in the parish and wish to be admitted to the Church Electoral Roll. *Please speak to Revd. Carole if you have any questions about any of these roles (or any other roles that are available). Thank you.*

Kingsbury Church - Additional Services

Following PCC agreement recently, Hurley will not have any further services owing to the poor state of the building and Kingsbury will take on their 9.30am services from now on - see overleaf for full pattern of services.

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

Mon 27th April - 11.30am Funeral & burial of Brian Moss at Kingsbury.

Sat 2nd May - 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Baxterley School Room

Wed 6th May - 7.00pm Heating Sub-Group meet at The Old Stables

Sun 10th May - 5.30pm APCM at Baxterley School Room

Thur 14th May - 7.00pm Ascension Day service at Wood End

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**. 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 14th & 28th April at The Old Stables**, Kingsbury Church—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**