

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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03/05/26 —
Easter 5

SUNDAY SERVICES

This 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)

Next 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)

Sunday 17th May
Sunday after Ascension

KINGSBURY

9.30am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Acts 1. 6-14;
Psalm 68. 1-10; 1 Peter 4. 12-
14, 5. 6-11; John 17. 1-11)

Forthcoming Events

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

Sunday 10th May

- 5.30pm APCM at Baxterley School Room

Tuesday 12th May

- 1.30pm Puzzle Library Open

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

Wednesday 13th May

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End

Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm Ascension Day Service at Wood End

Saturday 16th May

- 10.30 Burial of Ashes at Kingsbury - David Rhodes
- 2.00-4.00pm Biscuits & Brownies at Baxterley

Merevale Bluebell Walk last week had 174 walkers and raised **£1276.28** for church funds (£669.53 Donations and £606.75 Teas). Many thanks to all who helped to put on this event and all who took part.

Tickets now available for the Merevale Hall Coffee Morning on Weds. 3rd June

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 5

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, 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
Kieron & Sophie

Those who have died

Brian Moss : Peter Mann
Ronald Stevens : James Smith
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:

Coventry Road Nth &
Elder Close in Kingsbury;
Woodbridge Park in Hurley;
Everglade Road in Wood End;
and Hurley 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
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Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7. 55-end

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

John 14. 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

Ruth Matthews completed the **London Marathon** last Sunday in **5hrs 49mins 54 secs**. Well done Ruth! And thank you to all who donated to WaterAid for her run.

NOW Ruth is going to run the **Sutton Fun Run on the 31st May** raising funds for our **Group Account**. Sponsor forms are at the back of each church - please do sponsor her if you can. *Many thanks.*

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

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

Sat 16th May - 2.00-4.00pm

Biscuits & Brownies at Baxterley

Wed 20th May - 11.30am Funeral

of Ronald Stevens at Kingsbury

Fri 22nd May - 10.15am Funeral of Peter Mann at Kingsbury

Wed 3rd June - 10.00-12.00

Merevale Hall Coffee Morning

Psalm 31. 1-5

¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

1 Peter 2. 2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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.*



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 12th & 26th May at The Old Stables**, Kingsbury Church—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**