

KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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18/05/2025 —
Easter 5

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 18th May
Easter 5

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion
followed by Annual Parochial
Church Meeting

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Evening Prayer

(Readings: Acts 11. 1-18;
Psalm 148. 1-6;
Revelation 21. 1-6;
John 13. 31-35)

Next Sunday - 25th May
Easter 6

HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

MEREVALE

1.00pm Baptism Service

FARM CHURCH

2.30pm Wood End Playing

Field - Johnson Street
(Readings: Acts 16. 9-15;
Psalm 67; Revelation 21. 10,
22-22.5; John 14. 23-29)

Sunday 1st June
Sunday after Ascension

MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Holy Communion

(Readings: Acts 16. 16-34;
Psalm 97; Revelation 22.
12-14, 16-17, 20-end;
John 17. 20-end)

Forthcoming Events

Today, Sunday 18th May

- 5.15pm Confirmation rehearsal at the Cathedral
- Monday 19th May
- 12.30pm Church Fellowship group meet in Jubilee Court Community Lounge. All Welcome.
- 1.00pm Burial of Ashes at Kingsbury

Tuesday 20th May

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 7.00pm Bible Study Group at the Vicarage (14)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 21st May

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 7.00pm Confirmation Class at the Vicarage

Thursday 22nd May

- 10.30am Funeral & burial of Margaret Ann Ellison at Kingsbury Church
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.00pm Greater Deanery Chapter (Clergy & Readers)

Saturday 24th May

- 10.00-12.00 Baxterley School Room Open for Coffee and Croissants
- 11.00am Wedding of Iain & Rebecca at Kingsbury
- 6.30pm Kingsbury Quiz & Jackets - see overleaf for tickets

Tuesday 27th May

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library open
- 7.00pm Bible Study Group at the Vicarage (15)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

Wednesday 28th May

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 7.00pm Confirmation Class at the Vicarage

Thursday 29th May - Ascension Day

- 11.00am Oversight Area Clergy meeting at the Vicarage
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.30pm Ascension Day service at Merevale

Baxterley School Room

Open Saturday 24th May - 10.00-12.00
for **Coffee & Croissants**. All Welcome

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 : Sheila
Trevor : Margaret Pallett
Baby Hugo : Hannah & Olivia
Chris Martin : Louise : Brian Moss
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan
Helen de Renzy : Lionel
Jane Pratt : Felicity Cawthra
Rose Lubbock : Eric Haddon

Preparing for Marriage

Iain & Rebecca
Elliot & Nicolette : Tim & Harriet

Those who have died

Granville Maddock : Alan Pratt
Margaret Ann Ellison

Please also pray for

Pope Leo XIV
Bishop Esther Prior
The Church of England in its
discernment of the next
Archbishop of Canterbury

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SEE OVERLEAF FOR READINGS & FURTHER NOTICES

Roads in our communities to pray for this week:

Kingsbury Road & Kingsway in
Kingsbury; Hurley Lane in
Hurley; Meadow View in Wood
End; and Coleshill Road 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
StephH@cofebirmingham.com

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>

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**



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Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11. 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Psalms 148. 1-6

¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
⁶ He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Revelation 21. 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

John 13. 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Merevale Baroque concert raised a magnificent **£542** for church funds. Many thanks to the event organisers and all who came to support

Upcoming Events:

Kingsbury Quiz on Saturday **24th May**, at **Piccadilly Community Centre, 6.30pm for 7.00pm** start. Tickets **£10** per person - teams of a maximum of 5 persons. Bring your own drinks. Tickets include Baked potato with various fillings, and tea/coffee. Tickets available in all churches.

Merevale Hall Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 4th June, 10.00am to 12 noon**. Tickets **£8.00** each available from Hilarie Samson (Contact details: Home 01827 713705 or Mobile 07803 301153).



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

Sat 24th May - 6.30pm Kingsbury

Quiz at Piccadilly Community Hall

Thur 29th May - 7.30pm Ascension

Day service at Merevale

Wed 4th June - 10.00-12noon

Merevale Hall Coffee Morning

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...



Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 13th & 27th May 2025** at **The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church—between 1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**