

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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06/04/2025 —  
Lent 5

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 6th April**  
**Lent 5**

### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

### BAXTERLEY

**4.30pm** Holy Communion

*(Readings: Isaiah 43. 16-21;  
Psalm 126; Philippians 3. 4b-14;  
John 12. 1-8)*

**Next Sunday - 13th April**  
**Palm Sunday**

### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion  
*(Readings: Liturgy of Palms -  
Luke 19. 28-40; Liturgy of the  
Passion - Isaiah 50. 4-9a;  
Psalm 31. 9-16; Philippians 2.  
5-11; Luke 22. 14 - end of 23  
or Luke 23. 1-49)*

**Sunday 20th April**  
**EASTER DAY**

### BAXTERLEY

**6.00am Sunrise Service**  
*followed by breakfast*

### HURLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

*(Readings: Acts 10.34-43;  
Psalm 118. 1-2, 14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15. 19-26; John  
20. 1-18 or Luke 24. 1-12)*

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**or on our Website**

<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

## Forthcoming Events

**Monday 7th April**

- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing Morning at Merevale

**Tuesday 8th April**

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at Kingsbury
- 10.30am Merevale Fundraising Cttee at Idle Hollow
- 1.30-3.30pm Jigsaw Puzzle Library Open
- 7.00pm 'The Book of Promise' Bible Study (10)
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

**Wednesday 9th April**

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Wood End
- 2.15pm Funeral of Betty Tovey at Kingsbury followed by cremation at Sutton Crem.

- 7.00pm PCC meet at Hurley Church

**Thursday 10th April**

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

**Saturday 12th April**

- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean

### **Holy Week Begins**

**Monday 14th April - Holy Monday**

- 8.00pm Night Prayer (Compline) at Wood End

**Tuesday 15th April - Holy Tuesday**

- 10.00am Morning Prayer @ Kingsbury
- 8.00pm Night Prayer (Compline) at Hurley
- 8.00pm Compline online ONLY via Facebook

**Wednesday 16th April - Holy Wednesday**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 8.00pm Tenebrae at Merevale (rehearsal for choir at 6.30)

**Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday**

- 11.00am Clergy at Chrism Eucharist at the Cathedral
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley
- 7.30pm Maundy Thursday HC Service at Kingsbury

**Friday 18th April - Good Friday**

- 10.30am All Age 'Stations of the Cross' at Wood End
- 2.00pm Quiet Hour at Baxterley

**Saturday 19th April - Holy Saturday**

- 9.00pm Vigil and Service of Light at Baxterley (followed by camping overnight for those who are brave enough! If you are interested in camping at Baxterley, please speak to Revd John)

### Collect for Lent 5

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 : Sheila  
Trevor : Margaret Pallett  
Baby Hugo : Hannah & Olivia  
Chris Martin : Louise : Brian Moss  
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan  
Helen de Renzy : John Skeldon  
Jane & Alan Pratt : Lionel  
Felicity Cawthra : Rose Lubbock

### Preparing for Marriage

Iain & Rebecca  
Elliot & Nicolette  
Tim & Harriet

### Those who have died

Betty Tovey

### Please also pray for ....

Bishop Esther Prior as she takes up her post as the Bishop of Aston - (She will be installed on 3rd May)....  
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:

Hadleys Croft & Halloughton Grange in Kingsbury; Marlow Road in Hurley; Tamworth Road in Wood End; and Twenty One Oaks 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Isaiah 43. 16-21

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

### Philippians 3. 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
<sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.  
<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.  
<sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

### John 12. 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

### Renewal of Parish Electoral Roll

Every 6 years the Parish Electoral Roll is required to be renewed. 2025 is a '6th' year and so everyone who wishes to be on the Electoral Roll of our five churches has to complete a new application form. This applies to current members and those who are not currently on the roll and wish to be added. Application forms are available in all churches or you can complete the form online on our website (on the Events/News/Articles page) and then email the completed form to [admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk](mailto:admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk). The date for applications will end on **24th April 2025**. The new roll will be published on 27th April in time for the APCM on Sunday 18th May. If you have any questions, please speak with Revd. John. *Many thanks.*

### Arden Ensemble Concert and Baxterley Open

**Weekend** has raised over **£2,200** for Baxterley's School Room Funds. Many thanks to all who gave their time to set up and run these events and to all who bought tickets or visited.

### 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 9th April** - Funeral of Betty Tovey at Kingsbury followed by Cremation at Sutton.

**Holy Week Services** - see overleaf

**Thur 24th April** - Last date for applications to be on the Church Electoral Roll

### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 8th & 22nd April 2025** at **The Old Stables, Kingsbury Church**—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**