

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Merevale



Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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17/05/26 — Sunday  
after Ascension

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**This 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)*

**Next Sunday - 24th May**  
**Pentecost**

#### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

#### FARM CHURCH

2.30pm at Johnson Street

Playing Field, Wood End

#### BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Evening Prayer

*(Readings: Acts 2. 1-21; Psalm 104. 26-36, 37b; 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13; John 20. 19-23 or John 7. 37-39)*

**Sunday 31st May**  
**Trinity Sunday**

#### GROUP SERVICE

at

#### WOOD END

11.00am Holy Communion

#### MEREVALE

1.00pm Baptism Service

*(Readings: Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end; Psalm 8; 2 Cor. 13. 11-end; Matthew 28. 16-end)*

### Forthcoming Events

**Tuesday 19th May**

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

**Wednesday 20th May**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End
- 11.30am Funeral of Ronald Stevens at Kingsbury followed by burial at Hurley Churchyard

**Thursday 21st May**

- 12noon Rev Carole at Deanery Clergy Chapter
- 2.30pm Burial of Ashes at Kingsbury - Margaret Webb
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

**Friday 22nd May**

- 10.15am Funeral of Peter Mann at Kingsbury followed by cremation at Sutton.

- 1.30pm Burial of Ashes at Hurley - Margaret Norman

**Tuesday 26th May**

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

**Wednesday 27th May**

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End
- 11.00am Rev Carole at Oversight Area meeting

**Thursday 28th May**

- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley

### AGM and APCM last Sunday

At our AGM last Sunday, the following were nominated and elected as our Church Wardens for the year 2026-27:

Kingsbury - Carole Haines  
Baxterley - Ann Prosser & Jenny Pearson  
Merevale - David Samson & Pru Allington-Smith  
Wood End - Shirley McConnell & Simon Franks  
Hurley - Susan McCullagh

Ruth Taylor was elected as our Deanery Synod Lay Representative for the next Triennium (2026-2029)

Details of elected PCC Members will be posted here next week.

**Merevale Hall Coffee Morning on Weds. 3rd June 10.00am to 12noon.** Tickets available now from all churches or telephone Hilarie on 07803 301153.

### Collect for Sunday after Ascension

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, 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  
Susan Miller  
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:

Elm Tree Close & Fircroft in Kingsbury; Wakefield Close in Hurley; Glenville Avenue in Wood End; and Bentley Common 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 Haynes on 07342 993844**  
[StephH@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:StephH@cofebirmingham.com)

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## Readings for the Sunday after Ascension

### Acts 1. 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### John 17. 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### Psalm 68. 1-10

<sup>1</sup> Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.  
<sup>2</sup> As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.  
<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.  
<sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD— be exultant before him.  
<sup>5</sup> Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.  
<sup>6</sup> God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.  
<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,  
<sup>8</sup> the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.  
<sup>9</sup> Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;  
<sup>10</sup> your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

### 1 Peter 4. 12-14, 5. 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.



### Ruth Matthews

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.*

### 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 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  
**Wed 3rd June** - 7.00pm PCC meet at Baxterley School Room  
**Sat 6th June** - 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing morning at Baxterley

### 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 **Rev. 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!**