

The Good News

From Long Buckby, Creaton, Crick
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My eldest daughter Ruth and her partner Jonno are getting married next Saturday. They are getting married in a barn in Sussex; a civil ceremony followed by a blessing. (I'm doing the blessing and I'm very excited!!) After the formal ceremony, we are all going out into the courtyard for coffee whilst the room is prepared for food and after that the room is housing a barn dance.

Of course, things are a lot different nowadays. When I married, I married from home and my mum and dad were heavily involved in the all the preparations. These days with so many couples already sharing their lives, it is often the couple themselves who carry out the bulk of the arrangements and certainly this is how it has been for Ruth and Jonno. Yes, I went with Ruth to help her choose her wedding dress, but things such as flowers and catering and seating arrangements have all been organised by the couple themselves.

Understandably Ruth wants everything to be perfect, not just for her and Jonno, but also for the guests and Ruth wants to be in control, in the nicest possible way. She wants to be at the barn on the morning of the wedding, supervising the flowers and the lights and the arrangement of the cupcakes and she can't because she will be busy having her hair and make up beautifully **done and being "dressed" by her mum and her bridesmaid. I keep telling her, it will be fine, but she just wants to double check,.** She is finding it increasingly frustrating at having to let go and let other people take responsibility.

"Letting go", letting someone else do something that either we know we are good at, or we want to do ourselves, is never easy. But letting go achieves two things. It encourages trust - trust in someone else, and it encourages growth - encouraging someone else to develop and achieve their own potential. AND... it removes some of the worry and responsibility from our lives.

Just before he died, Jesus put a towel around his waist and, like a servant, washed his disciples' feet. That simple action teaches us two things.

- ◆ we must learn how to serve other people and
- ◆ sometimes we must allow other people to serve us.

We all have gifts and skills and we should use these gifts and skills for the good of other people, but we must learn to stand back sometimes so that we can encourage and enable the gifts and skills of others.

Rosemary Pullen

Creaton News



MISSION STATEMENT

- **Worship God joyfully**
 - **Promote growth hopefully**
 - **Offer Christ faithfully**
 - **Serve others lovingly**
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Poppies Coffee Shop is open daily from 9am to 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Poppies is Closed on Thursdays. *Everyone is very welcome.*

Please note that Poppies Coffee Shop will close for the summer break on Friday, 17th August and re-open on Monday, 3rd September.

Fellowship News - Following the recent Church Meeting and ballot, four Elders were duly elected. At the Communion Service on the 24th June Rosemary welcomed Ray Chambers and Sylvia Watt (both already ordained) as serving Elders following their stand down period. Two new Elders were welcomed to the Eldership, Brian Heard and Kerry Greaves. Brian was ordained at the service. Kerry will be ordained at a later date.

Role Changes in the Leadership - Nick Boutle has stood down as Church Secretary. The Church Secretary role has been split into three areas with an Elder(s) responsible for each activity as follows;

Pulpit Supplies	David & Sylvia Watt	(01604 505270)
Correspondence	Marion Heard	(01604 843864)
Minute Secretary	Bonnie Shortt	(01536 483129)

One further change concerns the role of Church Treasurer. For a number of years David Watt has served the Church as Treasurer with Ian Heard as Assistant Treasurer.

The Church Meeting agreed that the above roles be reversed. Therefore, with immediate effect Ian Heard has been appointed Church Treasurer and David Watt Assistant Treasurer.

Ian's telephone number is; 07810361403

You are warmly welcome to join us for Sunday Worship & Junior Church

We thank all those who have served on the Leadership Team in the past and **those who are still serving both in existing and new roles, we pray for God's** guidance for our Leaders as they seek to serve the fellowship.

Prayer Requests - We would value your prayers for;

- Alan & Carolyn Wilson for strength and encouragement both Spiritual and physical each day.
- **Simon & Paula, Geoff & Vera's son and daughter in law, we give thanks for some improvement in Paula's situation and that she has been moved to a hospital nearer home.**
- For Lorna who experiences severe pain at times please pray for release from this pain.

Life Changes - At our Café Style Service on June 10th led by Rosemary we were considering changes that happened in our life time but mostly the changes that had come about during the sixty years of her Majesty Queen **Elizabeth II's reign. This included such items as conversion to monetary decimalisation and metric weights/measures.**

Childhood/teenage photographs of some members of the congregation were also on show, comparing (for better or for worse — I hasten to add mostly for better) how our features had changed over the years. Although it has to be said that some of the photographs exhibited pre-dated our present Queen's reign.

We looked at different versions of the Bible most of which have been published during the last sixty years. It is worth remembering that a Bible **was given to the Queen at Her Majesty's Coronation. It was described as the world's most valuable gift. With this in mind a Souvenir Diamond Jubilee edition** of the New Testament was created to give out at schools, churches and street parties.

For more information on the activities at Creaton United Reformed Church, please visit the Creaton website www.creaton.org.uk Click on Churches and

Churches across the nation gave out thousands to pupils, shoppers, day care centres and community events. These have been produced by HOPE, Biblica and the Church of England. The demand from the churches has far exceeded expectations with over 655,000 copies distributed over the Diamond Jubilee weekend.

It is estimated that 1 in 100 UK citizens will receive this special edition attractive New Testament, which includes 8 pages of photographs of the Queens Coronation and life, plus Bible references to help people understand the **Good News of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection and its** relevance today. Creaton purchased 50 copies and distributed them to the young people at the service; I am pleased to say some of the parents present requested a copy.

Our prayer is that many in our country will read these New Testaments and through the word, find their way to faith in Jesus Christ.

Reg Thomas

Parental Advice

- ◆ To stay out of debt, act your wage
- ◆ Too much make-up can be counter-seductive
- ◆ The end does not always justify the jeans
- ◆ Nothing is so humiliating as tripping over your own feet
- ◆ Drinking and driving can cause liquor mortis to set in

Living with Teenagers

- ◆ A father confided in a friend that he kept all his valuables in the **bathroom. "With three teenage daughters, there is no way a burglar will ever get in there."**
- ◆ Some teenagers feel that once they have passed their driving test they should pass everything else.

Coffee Mornings - We continue to hold our coffee mornings at 10.30 am til 12 on the first Saturday of the month.

Strawberry teas and Scarecrows - We were lacking only sunshine for both of these events, which were very well attended and proved good fund raisers. The schoolroom was packed for strawberry teas and we were very grateful for all the enthusiastic help from our youngest friends.

New Members - Rosemary welcomed Beth Stanley and Margaret Sinclair into membership of our church at a service on May 6th. Both ladies have been regular worshippers at Crick URC for some time and make a valued contribution to all aspects of church life.

Birthdays

August	26	Gwyneth Nisbet
September	1	Tom Nisbet
	18	Brenda Morgan



Date for your Diary

Remember our Harvest Festival will be at 11.00 am on Sunday, 7th October.

I recently heard a sobering story and wanted to share it with you.

A man, sobering up from the night before, is sitting through the Sunday sermon, finding it long and boring. Still feeling hung over and tired, he finally nods off.

The priest has been watching him all along, noticing his apparent hangover and is disgusted. At the end of the sermon, the preacher decides to make an example of him. He says to his congregation, "All those wishing to have a place in heaven, please stand." The whole room stands up except, of course, the sleeping man. Then the preacher says even more loudly, "And he who would like to find a place in hell please STAND UP!" The weary man catching only the last part groggily stands up, only to find that he's the only one standing. Confused and embarrassed he says, "I don't know what we're voting on here, Father, but it sure seems like you and me are the only ones standing for it!"

Which all goes to show that you shouldn't judge others as you may end up condemning yourself in the process!

Jenny Goodger

Jesus' words in Matthew 6:25-34 "Consider the lilies of the field ..." is a favourite passage for many Christians and inspired the following poem by Nigel Beeton which can be sung as well.

Consider how the lilies grow-
The floral joys of summer field!
No weavers strove to make them so -
No royal clothes have such appeal!

Observe the birds that fly and sing,
As they seek shelter, drink or feed.
They do not reap, no stores they bring,
Yet God their maker meets their need!

Flowers and birds—their lives are short
Today they live, tomorrow gone.
Yet God Almighty gives them thought
And guides their flick'ring lives along.

So why do we, of greater worth
Seek to insure our lives with wealth?
Can fear increase our time on Earth?
Our worry buy us better health?

Let us then seek God's kingdom first,
His righteousness our waking prayers.
He'll feed our hunger, quench our thirst,
And oversee tomorrow's cares.



PREACHING DIARY - AUG

Date	Long Buckby (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 2 nd Sunday in month)	Crick (All services at 11.00 am. e 9.00 am on 3 rd Sunday in
Sunday 5 th August	Pamela Taylor	Rev. Michael Heighton with Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th August	9.00am The Minister	Alan Fox
Sunday 19 th August	Rev. Conrad Husk	9.00 am The Minister
Sunday 26 th August	The Minister with Holy Communion	John Horrocks
Sunday 2 nd September	Margaret Hooper	Rev. Michael Bond with Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th September	9.00 am The Minister	Rev. Michael Heighton
Sunday 16 th September	Rev. Michael Bond	9.00 am Participation Service
Sunday 23 rd September	Rev. Geoffrey Townsend Harvest Festival with Holy Communion	Alastair Bruce
Sunday 30 th September	Joint Pastorate Service in Long Buckby with the Minister	

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except month)	Creaton (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 4 th Sunday in month)	Kilsby (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 1 st Sunday in month)
	Rev. Geoffrey Townsend	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
	The Minister	Keith Wheeler
	John Horrocks	The Minister
	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion	Sharing together
	Rev. Geoff Townsend	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
	Alan Pope	Rev. Geoffrey Townsend
	Jon Heard	The Minister
	11.00 am Martin Buckby	Mike Hoyer Harvest Service followed by lunch

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Tuesday Guild meetings at 2.15 pm

August 14th Rev Rosemary Pullen
August 28th)
September 11th) To be announced
September 25th)

Here are some other dates for your diary:

Our Summer Garden Fete is on Saturday 11th August between 2.00 & 4.00 pm. We hope this will be held in the Chapel grounds, but it will be indoors if it is raining. We will have books, brick-a-brac, lucky dip (prize every time!), cakes, treasure island and other games and the usual refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Our *Harvest Festival* has been arranged for Sunday 23rd September at 11.00 am when the speaker will be Mr Mike Hoyer. The service is followed by lunch.

Area Prayer Meetings have been arranged for Monday, 20th August at 10.30 am in Flore and Monday, 17th September at 10.00 am in Kilsby. More details from Beryl.

Don't forget our *Jazz Night* on Friday 5th October at 7.30 pm.

Beryl Lees

Grave Situations

From a Kings Lynn Parish Magazine: *Burial charges are to go up in the cemetery. The increased cost of living is blamed.*

Road sign outside the gates of a cemetery: *Drive carefully - we can wait for you.*

A Recipe for Life

Michael Bond came across this at a wedding service recently:-

Take twelve whole months.

Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy.

Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into 28, 30 or 31 different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day - one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.

Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cup full of good humour.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.

Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve.

Keep smiling.

Author unknown

Sing a song of summer days
Leafy nooks and shady ways
Nodding roses, apples red,
Clover like a carpet spread;

Sing a song of running brooks,
Cans of bait and fishing hooks,
Dewy hollows, yellow moons,
Birds a-pipe with merry tunes



J.W. Foley

Dear Friends

Well, well, well - what can I say to you today. Certainly not about enjoying our lovely summer and soaking up lots of sunshine! (Although hopefully by the time this is published, we will have started summer.)



The weather experts tell us that it is all to do with the jet stream and we have only to look at our TVs or newspapers and we see what is happening in other parts of the world with floods far worse than those experienced here. Meanwhile there is a drought in America where all the crops are dying; which must be heartbreaking for the farmers who are losing their livings as well as all those countries that need to import food. We all rely on one another today for the large variety of food required to stock our shops and supermarkets.

Now we are just hoping for some sunshine to brighten up the days ahead now that the Olympics are about to start. We pray that it will all go smoothly and safely, with no problems for the workers, competitors and visitors whilst visiting our country.

Closer to home, our thoughts and prayers are for those we know who are ill. Best wishes to you all and I hope you improve in health. The sunshine will lift our spirits when it finally comes, and did you see the wonderful rainbow the other day? At the end of August we will be celebrating Buckby Feast week, at which time lots of people come back home to celebrate and meet up with old friends.

Keep well and happy and God's blessings be with you all.

Gwennie Wilkes

Website

If you need to find out anything about Long Buckby URC (including its history, events, baptisms and burial records) just log on to our website www.longbuckbyurc.org.uk

Long Buckby News

Birthdays

August

13 th August	Beryl Chapman
26 th August	Sophie Ellison
30 th August	Rosemary Pullen
31 st August	Mary Bignell

September

15 th September	Gretta Davis
13 th September	Andrew Howes
30 th September	Norman Chandler



Flower Rota

5 th August	Janet Wastnage
12 th August	Myra Griffiths
19 th August	Mary Davies
26 th August	Edna Curtis
2 nd September	Mr. & Mrs. B. Colton
9 th September	Liz Osborne
16 th September	Wendy Baker
23 rd September	Norman & Dawn Chandler
30 th September	Alastair Bruce (Group Service)

Please contact Eva Brownlie (01327 844056) for any enquiries regarding your Flower Sunday.

The Hope Centre

Whilst delivering goods to the Hope Centre, Hilary and Alan Ketley were given a tour round the new buildings and facilities by Paul Kinsella who also clarified which donations were of most use:

They always needs non perishable/tinned foods of all kinds.

They have enough tea to keep them going for a long time, but coffee is the beverage that is most needed as they struggle to meet demand.

Packs of Bacon and Sausages are always welcome, but these needs to be kept chilled and may not be practical with our method of collection.



Plastic carrier bags are in short supply since supermarkets no longer hand them out -the centre gives daily carry out bags to clients.

Any donation of clothing/footwear (male or female) are always welcome either to re-use or recycle. Arrangements can be made to collect donated goods by telephone (0845 5199371) or by e-mail to paul@northamptonhopecentre.org.uk During August and September we will collect baked beans and tinned spaghetti, which can be left at the back of the church.

Long Buckby News

Church Membership - Rosemary, the Elders, Members and Friends were delighted to welcome Lucy Faulkner into Membership on Sunday 24th June. Lucy has been a regular member of our Congregation for more than two years and was married to James in our Church last August. We all wish her well as she seeks to grow in understanding of God and we look forward to the joy of her fellowship with this congregation.

Baptism - On Sunday, 26th August we welcome Olivia Mae Jolland to our Church to be Baptised. Olivia was a bridesmaid recently at the Wedding of her Grandmother - Yvonne, to Andrew.

Pastorate Social - We at Long Buckby are happy to be hosting the next Social. This will take place on Friday, 19th October at 6.00 pm. The evening will consist of supper and a PASTORATE HAS TALENT EVENING. Items from each Church would be very welcome.

Wendy Baker

Job Vacancy

Have you ever fancied trying your hand at journalism? Well, here's an opening that might be just the opportunity you have been waiting for.

Next year I'll have been editing and typing the URC newsletter for 10 years and I've decided to stand down after putting together the April/May 2013 edition. So this could be the opportunity for some lucky person to get involved with creating a newsletter and dabbling with desk top publishing.

The joint newsletter for the four churches in the North West Northants. Pastorate has been edited by Long Buckby URC for at least 7 of those 10 years. Perhaps now is the opportunity for one of the other churches in the pastorate to get involved with putting together our Newsletter.

For more information about the Newsletter Editor's role, please give me a ring (01327 842164) or e-mail gretta@longbuckby.com

The deadline for the next edition of Good News is 20th September.

Gretta Davis

What's Going on in the Pastorate

COFFEE - If you fancy a coffee, a warm welcome awaits you:-

Kilsby is open for coffee and snacks every Monday and Thursday from 9.00 am until midday.

Long Buckby runs a charity Coffee Morning, the 1st Saturday morning in every month 10.30-11.30 am

Crick also runs a charity Coffee Morning, the 1st Saturday morning in every month 10.30-12.00 noon.

Creton has Poppies Coffee Shop - open from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (closed Thursday). Closed 17.8-3.9 inclusive

BIBLE STUDY

Long Buckby offers Bible Study on alternate Fridays at 25 Wright Road, starting at 10.00 am. Contact Michael Bond (01327 842234) for more details.



Creton offers Bible Study every Tuesday afternoon (term time only) at 2.00 pm. Contact the Church Secretary (01604 843864) for more details.

FELLOWSHIP

Creton's Over 70's lunch Club meets at 12.30 pm on 3rd Thursday of each month, but not during August

For the Ladies: Kilsby Guild meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2.15 pm. More details from the Church Secretary (01788 823752)

Long Buckby **Ladies' Circle meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the small hall at 2.15 pm.**

For the Men - **Creton host "Nosh and Natter" (Men's lunch) on the 1st Thursday of every month at 12.00 noon, but not during August.**

Children and Young People - Junior church is offered at Creton and Long Buckby every Sunday.

Dates for Your Diary

August

- 1.8.12 Long Buckby **2.15 pm Ladies' Circle**
- 3.8.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
- 4.8.12 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
- 4.8.12 Crick 10.30-12.00 noon Coffee Morning
- 11.8.12 Kilsby 2.00-4.00 pm Summer Garden Party
- 14.8.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild
- 17.8.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
- 20.8.12 Kilsby 10.30 am Area Prayer Meeting at Flore
- 24.8.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
- 26.8.12 Long Buckby 11.00 am Baptism of Olivia Mae Jolland
- 28.8.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild

September

- 1.9.12 Crick 10.30-12.00 noon Coffee Morning
- 1.9.12 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
- 5.9.12 Long Buckby **2.15 pm Ladies' Circle**
- 6.9.12 Creaton **12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)**
- 6.9.12 Long Buckby **5.30 pm Elders' Meeting**
- 11.9.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild
- 13.9.12 Long Buckby 6.00 pm Church Meeting
- 14.9.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
- 17.9.12 Kilsby 10.00 am Area Prayer Meeting at Kilsby
- 20.9.12 Creaton **12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch**
- 24.9.12 Long Buckby 2.30 pm Harvest Sale for charity
- 25.9.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild
- 28.9.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road