Coming up soon...
Up coming events, come along and join in







Coffee Mornings
1st Saturday of every month
10am - 11:30am
7th November in aid of
The Red Cross.
5th December
Dementia U.K.

Clubs and Groups
Using our halls
Yoga
Badminton
Youth Organisations
Your Group
Our Hall
Hall Hire from £10 per Hour
And Yes!
Our large hall is high enough for a bouncy castle!

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Newsletter Christmas 2026



As we approach the time of the winter solstice, we reach a turning point in the year. The nights have grown longer, the daylight has dwindled, and the world seems to hold its breath. Then, almost imperceptibly, the turning begins. The Adays stop getting shorter, and the light begins its slow return.

There is something deeply hopeful about this moment. Nothing changes dramatically overnight. The mornings remain dark, the evenings still come early, and winter has plenty of time left to run. Yet something has shifted. We can look towards the coming weeks knowing that, little by little, the light will return.

Perhaps this is a helpful way to approach Christmas in 2026. We do not need to pretend that life is always bright, or that every difficulty disappears with the celebration of Christ's birth. Some people will come to Christmas carrying grief, loneliness, worry or uncertainty. Others will be looking forward with excitement to new beginnings.The Christmas story meets us in the darkness, not outside it. In the birth of Jesus, Christians celebrate God coming among us, bringing a hope that does not depend on everything being easy or certain.

As we share this season in Long Buckby, may we be people who notice the returning light in one another: through friendship, generosity, listening and kindness. The winter will continue, but the light is turning. May Christmas renew our hope, strengthen our faith and remind us that, even in the darkest days, God is at work among us.

Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and a hopeful New Year.



20th December at 5pm—Lessons and Carols with Daventry Brass Band—All Welcome!

Places to be, and things to make and do

Not everything costs a lot of money...

Date All services at 11am unless otherwise stated	**Services held at Long Buckby URC** - Worship is lead by a team of ministers and lay preachers
01/11/2026	Martin Buckby
08/11/2026	**Remembrance Service at St Lawrence 10am**
15/11/2026	Pat and David Biddle
22/11/2026	Ruth Osborne
29/11/2026	Joint Service at Crick URC
06/12/2026	Andrew Howes with Communion
13/12/2026	Lucy Faulkner
20/12/2026	**Lessons and carols**
27/12/2026	Martin Turnbull

All-Age Activity: Bringing Light into the Darkness

You will need: Paper and coloured pencils.

The winter solstice, around 21 December, is the shortest day and longest night of the year. After this turning point, daylight gradually increases and the days begin to grow longer.

Draw a candle, a star or a sunrise. Around it, write or draw things that bring light into your life: family, friendship, happy memories or someone's kindness. Then think of one thing you could do to brighten somebody else's day.

Just as the light slowly returns after the winter solstice, small acts of kindness can bring hope into our world. How could you be a light for someone this Christmas?

Bible verse: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."



Central to the village… Events space and hall hire

Your space for memorable events ...

Welcome to our charming **Small Hall**, perfect for intimate gatherings of up to 16 guests. This versatile space features an array of small tables and chairs, allowing you to create the ideal layout for your event. Amenities include convenient coffee and tea making facilities, a well equipped small kitchen, and a tidy WC, ensuring that all your needs are met for a comfortable experience. Whether it's a meeting, workshop, or celebration, our Small Hall provides the perfect backdrop for your occasion. Don't miss out on this fantastic venue!



Introducing our impressive **Large Hall**, a versatile space designed to accommodate a range of activities. Perfectly marked out for badminton, this expansive venue can comfortably host up to 16 large tables and 60 chairs, making it ideal for both events and sports activities. Enhancing the experience, you'll find a well equipped kitchen featuring a convenient water boiler and a Range Cooker, perfect for catering to your needs. Additionally, the Large Hall includes standard WC f acilities as well as an accessible WC, ensuring comfort for all guests. This is an exceptional opportunity to secure a spacious venue that caters to both leisure and function—don't miss out!



Experience our stunning **Balconied Auditorium,** an impressive space with a larger capacity perfect for a variety of events. This elegant venue is used for worship every Sunday, providing a serene atmosphere for reflection and community connection. Beyond its regular use, the auditorium is also available for community events, public meetings, and concerts, making it a versatile choice for gatherings of all types. With its inviting design and excellent acoustics, this auditorium is sure to enhance any occasion. Don't miss the opportunity to make this remarkable space the backdrop for your next event!



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