

## Dates for Your Diary

### December 2014

3.12.14	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
4.12.14	Creaton	12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
6.12.14	Long Buckby	10.30-12.00 noon Christmas Coffee Morning
6.12.14	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Christmas Coffee Morning
9.12.14	Kilsby	2.15pm Guild—Rev. Michael Heighton
9.12.14	Kilsby	7.00pm Salvation Army Concert
14.12.14	Long Buckby	6.00pm Daventry Brass Band Concert
18.12.14	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
21.12.14	Long Buckby	11am Christmas Carol Service & Christening
24.12.14	Long Buckby	2.30pm Christmas Eve Service

### January 2015

3.1.15	Crick	10.30am-12noon Charity Coffee Morning
6.1.15	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild - Mr. Clive Leahey—Norwegian Fjords
13.1.15	Long Buckby	6.30pm Elders Meeting
15.1.15	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
20.1.15	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild—Rev. David Dean

### February 2015

3.2.15	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild—Mrs. Ann Townsend
4.2.15	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
5.2.15	Creaton	12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
7.2.15	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30am Charity Coffee Morning
7.2.15	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
17.2.15	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild—Mrs. Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones
19.2.15	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch.



# The Good News

From Long Buckby, Creaton, Crick  
and Kilsby  
(North West Northants. Pastorate)



## December 2014 - February 2015

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**Minister—Post vacant**  
**Please contact the Church Secretaries.**

## Christmas Story

Several sleepy shepherds sat in a sandy scrub, savouring supper and safeguarding snoozing sheep.

Suddenly, scores of super beings shone, singing sensationally of sanctity and salvation. "Seek Saviour" said some—so stunned shepherds stuttered "S-s-s-certainly", setting sights on star-soaked shed.

Inside, a saintly sister, sired supernaturally, settled in straw, sighed and issued Saviour Son.

Spouse, shepherds, sheep and sows saw such a special sight, standing silently, not suspecting subsequent sham, scourging and sacrificial slaying.

Sadly, a sadistic sovereign sought spies, saying "Seek and slaughter small sons". Some seers, sent by spirit to satisfy star signs, side-stepped sneaky sortie, supplied instead several significant symbols of sanctity.

So several centuries since, souls seeking secrets of saintliness or solutions to sadness, suffering, social strife and sinfulness, should scour Scriptures and seek succour in the same sweet Saviour.



## 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 9am til midday.

**Long Buckby** runs a charity Coffee Morning, the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning in every month 10.30-11.30 am (**not in January**).

**Crick** also runs a charity Coffee Morning, the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning in every month from 10.30am to 12 noon.

**Creaton** has Poppies Coffee Shop - open from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (closed Thursday).

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

### FELLOWSHIP

**Creaton's** Over 70's lunch Club meets at 12.30 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month in the small hall at 2.15 pm (**No meeting in December/January**)

**For the Men** - Creaton host "Nosh and Natter" (Men's lunch) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 12.00 noon.

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



## Letter from Gwennie Wilkes

Dear Friends,

Another newsletter for all of us to keep in contact with one another; since the last one was issued the weather has changed and we are welcoming the autumn season with all its lovely colours on the trees and shrubs. Changes happen day by day; maybe like myself you decide what you will do during the day ahead, then it all changes! I hope you will all keep reasonably well during the cold months; as we grow older we are very lucky if we go through life without a few aches and pains. Some suffer more than others and maybe even need a little help even if it is just an arm to cross the road.

We were saddened by the announcement the our Bank and Post Office will both close by the end of the year and they will both be greatly missed, especially by older people who rely on these facilities. We give thanks to a dear friend of all who has offered her services for the Post Office; I hope it all turns out well for her.

Times change and we have to learn to change with them, good luck to all who like myself struggle with texts and computers! I am much better with pen and paper!

The coffee mornings we have held this year at Long Buckby on the 1st Saturday of the month, have raised over £1,000 for various charities. This is absolutely wonderful and many thanks to all who support these mornings. We hope to see you all at our December one which will be a Christmas special with tea, coffee and a raffle.

If you are feeling tired and poorly I send you all good wishes and hope your health will improve.  
Keep smiling and be happy! God Bless you all.

Gwennie Wilkes

## A message from the Synod

Words published by the New General Secretary of the URC Rev'd John Proctor.

What matters to me most about the faith is: Jesus Christ at the very centre. If you ask me what are the most important things about our Christian faith, I point to some of the things in the creed: The Word became flesh, Christ died for us and he is risen

I value the Church tremendously.

I don't think the Christian life is one you can well travel solo. We depend on people who've walked this way before us and who walk it beside us.

We need to cultivate good and strong relationships with both of those groups.

Part of an interview published in URC Digest . July/August 2014



## A Message from your Editor

Thank you for all your help and support this year , I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas.

Chris Berry



## Creton News

Poppies Coffee Shop is open daily from 9.00 am to 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Poppies is closed on Thursdays. Everyone is very welcome



### Dates for your Diary

**14th December**—Café Style Pilots/Elders Gift service

**18th January**—Service with Rev. Geoff Townsend which begins a week of prayer for Christian Unity.

**25th January**—Tear Fund Service followed by a fund raising lunch.

**There will be NO Nosh & Natter in January**

### Christmas Wit

The vicar was trying to organise a Nativity Play for Christmas and getting little support. One lady said: 'Can't we have it another time when we are not so busy?

From Christian Crackers by Phil Mason.



You are warmly welcome to join us for Sunday Worship & Junior Church. For more information on the activities at Creton United Reformed Church please visit the Creton website [www.creton.org.uk](http://www.creton.org.uk) Click on Churches and then click on United Reformed Church

## Puzzle Time

H Y E P Y L L O H L M W C G N  
T L R R D T L W S E L E A A O  
I L O A T I E E H C K A R Y W  
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J J E H E S G E L P L H L E Y  
Y O B H A E A E A E E E A E S  
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D J N T S A F S U R O H C G F

ALL ANCIENT APPAREL AWAY BEFORE  
BLAZING BOUGHS CAROL CHORUS DON  
FAST FOLLOW GAY HAIL HARP HOLLY  
HEEDLESS JOIN JOLLY JOYOUS LADS  
LASSES MEASURE MERRY NEW NOW  
OLD OUR PASSES SEASON SING  
STRIKE TELL TIDE TIS TOGETHER  
TREASURE TROLL WEATHER WHILE  
WIND WITH YEAR YULE

Puzzle from [www.puzzles.ca](http://www.puzzles.ca)  
Solution in March Newsletter

### From the church registers

#### **Baptism of Scarlett Louise Taylor**

This baptism took place on the 31st August 2014 when we reminded of the need to bring as many people to baptism as possible, together with a reminder that in the service we sang and asked "that the Power of the Lord is moving in this place." Her Grandmother Yvonne read a poem of love for Scarlett whilst Andrew sung a song of encouragement "God made your life".

We all pray that Aley and Steve will be able to take Scarlett forward in Christian love., and the baptism will be in the light of Christ.

### Congratulations!

1st November 2014—Emily Faulkner was born to Lucy & James, we wish both Abbey much joy and happiness with their new addition to the family.

### Bible Study

Bible Study will be held at 25 Wright Road Long Buckby at 10.00am on the following dates:-

5th December  
19th December  
2nd January  
16th January  
30th January



### Hope Centre

We are still collecting for the Hope Centre.

Tea or coffee are greatly Appreciated, as are tins of food and dried goods.

The box for these items is at the back of the Church.

Many Thanks

Gwennie Wilkes.

### Guild Meetings at 2.15pm (unless shown otherwise\*\*)

9th December  
6th January  
20th January  
3rd February  
17th February

Rev. Michael Heighton  
Mr, Clive Leakey—Norwegian Fjords  
Rev. David Dean  
Mrs. Ann Townsend  
Mrs. Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones

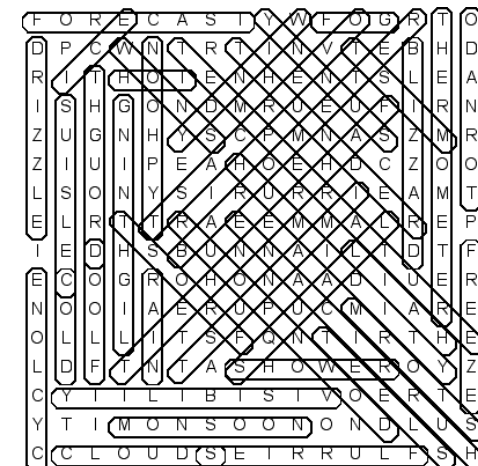


### Salvation Army Concert — Tuesday 9th December at 7.00pm



Tickets £4.00 (which include refreshments) are available from 01788 823752.

### Puzzle solution from last Newsletter





## Crick News



### Mission Statement

The purpose of this Church is to provide a warm, welcoming place for people of all ages to worship God and to grow in faith.

### Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings will continue on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30 am til 12 o'clock. Come and join us, you are sure to meet someone you know. Thanks to the generosity of our 'regulars' we have just sent £100.00 each to Alzheimer's and the fund to fight Ebola and £130 from our October Coffee morning to Breast Cancer Research.



### December to February birthdays

5th December	Louise Wilkin
16th January	Brenda Tomalin
27th January	Jenny Goodger
5th February	Steve Wilkin



## Long Buckby News

### 14th December at 6.00pm

Carols with Daventry Brass Band  
Come along and join us at our popular Christmas celebration followed by coffee/tea and mince pies.



### 21st December at 11am

Christmas Carol Service and Christening of Charlie Jollands.

### Flower Rota

7th December  
14th December  
21st December  
28th December  
4th January  
11th January  
18th January  
25th January  
1st February  
8th February  
15th February  
22nd February

Mrs. Gill Best  
**Candlelight Service**  
Mrs. Wendy Baker  
Mrs. Wendy Baker  
Mrs. Sian Ellison  
Mrs. Diana Babb  
Mrs. Sian Ellison  
Mrs. Val Cole  
Mrs. Eva Brownlie  
Mrs. Eva Brownlie  
Mrs. Rita Stowe  
Mr. & Mrs. N Chandler



### 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](http://www.longbuckbyurc.org.uk)

## Long Buckby News

A Special thank you to everyone who supported my husband Frank with his Skydive and also attended our Coffee Morning.

He raised £1,600 from the skydive, and £650 from the Coffee morning for Guide Dogs.

Chris Berry



### Birthdays

9th December	Len Babb
18th December	Harry Ellison
7th January	Dawn Chandler
28th January	Edna Curtis
17th February	Clive Cooper
21st February	Kath Packer
25th February	Chris Berry
28th February	Mary Davies



### Dates for your diary

- ♦ Charity Coffee Morning on the first Saturday each month, 10.30am—11.30am.  
**No Coffee Morning in January**

- ♦ Ladies Circle first Wednesday each month at 2.15pm.  
**NO Meeting in December/January**

### Saturday 6th December Christmas Coffee Morning

To be held in the Large Hall  
From 10.30am—11.30am  
Christmas Stalls and a Raffle in aid of Church Funds.



## Crick News

### Dates for Your Diary

### Saturday 6th December - Grand Christmas Coffee Morning

Cake stall, Raffle and all the usual attractions to raise money for our Church.



### Thursday 18th December at 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Come and join us in celebration followed by coffee and mince pies.

### Christmas Day at 9.30am

Service to be taken by Rev. Michael Bond.

All of us wish all of you all the blessings of Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year.

*Jenny*  
*Goodger*



# NW NORTHANTS. PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY - December, January, February 2015

<b>Date</b>	<b>Long Buckby</b> (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)	<b>Crick</b> (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)	<b>Creton</b> (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)	<b>Kilsby</b> (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)
<b>Sunday 7th December</b>	Rev. Conrad Husk	Brenda Tomalin	Rev. Geoff Townsend with HC	Rev. David Dean with HC
<b>Sunday 14th December</b>	Rev. David Dean	Rev. Nancy Cervantes with HC	Pilots/Elders Gift Service Café style	Mr. John Perkins
<b>Sunday 14th December</b>	6.00pm Carols with Daventry Brass Band			
<b>Thursday 18th December</b>		7.00pm Wendy Pitman Carols by Candlelight		
<b>Sunday 21st December</b>	Lessons & carols and the Christening of Charlie Jollands	9.00am Jenny Goodger	Martin Buckby	Mrs. Barbara Heighton Carol Service
<b>Monday 22nd December</b>			6.30pm Elders Candlelight Service	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	2.30pm Christmas Service			
<b>Christmas Day</b>	NO SERVICE	9.30am Rev. Michael Bond	10.30am Jon Heard	NO SERVICE
<b>Sunday 28th December</b>	Rev. Michael Bond with HC	Joan Saunders	Rev. Geoff Townsend	NO SERVICE
<b>Sunday 4th January</b>	Rev. Michael Bond	TBA	Rev. Pat Nimmo	Rev. Geoff Townsend with HC
<b>Sunday 11th January</b>	Mr. Clive Leakey	Barbara Heighton	Jon Heard with HC	Mr. Wally Mular
<b>Sunday 18th January</b>	Mr. Ian Harriaon	9.00am Ray Smith	Rev. Geoff Townsend—week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Mr. Jon Heard
<b>Sunday 25th January</b>	Rev. Geoff Townsend with HC	Ian Mackintosh	Jenny Theairs—Tear Fund	Mrs. Dorn Margetts
<b>Sunday 1st February</b>	Mr. John Levell	Rev. Michael Bond with HC	Jon Heard	Rev. Michael Bond with HC
<b>Sunday 8th February</b>	Mr. Vaughan Griffiths	9.00am Wendy Pitman	Rev. Geoff Townsend with HC	Mr. John Perkins
<b>Sunday 15th February</b>	Mr. Andrew Howes	John Heard	Bryan Heard	Mr. Clive Leakey
<b>Sunday 22nd February</b>	Mrs. Margaret Hooper with HC	Rev. Nancy Cervantes	Rev. Deborah Beard First Sunday in lent	Favourite Hymns