

Dates for your Diary

December 2017

2.12.17	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee Morning
2.12.17	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
6.12.17	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle Christmas Meal
7.12.17	Creton	12. noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
8.12.17	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
12.12.18	Kilsby	2.15pm Guild
14.12.17	Creton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
17.12.17	Long Buckby	6.00 pm Candlelight Band Service
21.12.17	Crick	7.00 pm Carols by Candlelight
25.12.17	Crick	9.30 am Christmas Day Service
31.12.17	Crick	2.00 pm Joint Service

January 2018

6.1.18	Crick	10.30-12. noon Charity Coffee Morning
4.1.18	Creton	12. noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
8.1.18	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
12.1.18	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club

February 2018

1.2.18	Creton	12. noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
3.2.18	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
3.2.18	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
6.2.18	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
7.2.18	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
10.2.18	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club

Best Wishes for the Christmas & New Year
From the editor Chris Berry



The Good News



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

December 2017—February 2018

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A Message & News from the Minister

Shredders

When you close an account, there are things you should do. First you must destroy (cut-up, or shred) any plastic card associated with your account; then you have the statements to dispose of. Cross- Shredding ensures that your personal finances are rendered fit for pet rodent bedding, or some clever moulded insulation. No one can steal your identity if your old card and statements are minced up.

I was feeding pages of old statements from the past ten years into the shredder, when it struck me what a good parable shredding is for the act of forgiveness.

As long as old statements (old letters and other documents) linger in a folder somewhere, they have the potential of being powerful.

A reminder of an injustice- a turning back of pages to wonder what might have been... and whilst those "documents" are around, they can still pop up from the past and do damage.

Forgiveness doesn't say "that event wasn't wrong", but it does say "I am not letting that event from the past remain and poison my present and future".

When God forgives us it doesn't mean our wrong doings were not inappropriate, ill-judged or harmful, but God says to us in effect: "I am not going to hold these past events between you whom I love, and myself- I'm taking the potency of those events out of our relationship".

During these next few weeks we will be invited to celebrate God's greatest gift- sharing life with us, being born among us: we'll also be taking down old calendars and putting away old diaries, to begin a new year with all it's potential.



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 1st Saturday morning in every month 10.30am — 11.30am (**not in January**).

Long Buckby has a Lunch Club on the second Friday at 12.30pm each month.

Crick runs a charity Coffee Morning, the 1st Saturday morning in every month from 10.30am to 12 noon.

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

FELLOWSHIP

For the Ladies: Kilsby Guild meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.15 pm. More details from the Church Secretary (01788 822751)

Long Buckby Ladies' Circle meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the small hall at 2.15 pm (**No meeting in January**)

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

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

Creaton 'Pilots' meet on a Monday night in term time from 7.00pm details from the Church secretary.



Letter from Gwennie Wilkes

Dear Friends,

Already the leaves have fallen off the trees and are lying on the ground which can be quite slippery. This is when my walking stick is a good thing to have!

Today I have been to the 'Village Market' with my daughter Marilyn and there were quite a number of walking sticks. I have just celebrated another birthday and we have been busy looking again at all the lovely cards I received from all my wonderful family and friends.

The sun is shining now and Marilyn is so good to take me out in her car,

The dahlias I had in the garden have now been all taken up and stored away in some newspaper hoping that they will keep for next year.

I am still getting lots of wild birds in the garden and today I have bought some seed for them.

Best Wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year and good health.

God Bless you all with Love

Gwennie Wilkes



A Message & News from the Minister

As you hear once more " Good News, which shall be to all people, that unto you is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.." know that God puts your past into the divine shredder where it's venom is no more and the energy you invested in trying to keep it "out of mind" can be used in more creative and life- affirming ways.

May you Celebrate the Gift of the Christ Child once again and know as you experience unexpected joys, that you are held forever in God's Love.

Shalom
Elizabeth

LENT 2018

Shrove Tuesday is on February 13th, Easter is April 1st. If we follow our tried and tested pattern we'll hold two studies each week (currently on Monday and Wednesday- does that work, or does anyone want to suggest another pattern?).

We'll be starting Lent Study course in the week commencing February 19th. My suggestion is that we use the downloadable course from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Here's what CTBI writes:

For 2018 we have partnered with [Hope](#) for our Lent course which is based on the book *40 Stories of Hope*.

There will be weekly downloads for individual reflection and group discussion, plus for those who prefer daily study during Lent we recommend the *40 Stories of Hope* book.

40 Stories of Hope is [available now from CWR](#) for £7.99 individually and for Church groups a box of 20 books can be bought for just £40.

Weekly downloads will be available here in early December (English and Welsh).

Continued overleaf:

A Message & News from the Minister continued

LENT 2018 continued

The stories within the course and book give a unique insight into prison life and point to the hope we can find as followers of Jesus.

The group studies provide the whole Church - inside and outside prison - with the opportunity to walk with Jesus through Lent, learning from Mark's Gospel and from the lessons prisoners, ex-prisoners and chaplains have learned.

Whether we take this spiritual journey through Lent, alone or in company, there is much to draw on to refresh and encourage our faith.

I don't believe it is essential to have the booklet, but I note that we could purchase a box of them for £2 each (a saving of £5.99 per copy) and if people might like to study on a daily basis at home, the book would be good value.

Please let me know in December about venues etc. and also if you want me to order a box of the books.

Thanks

Elizabeth

Shared on social media:

"I'M NOT BOTHERED ABOUT TRYING TO PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS, I'D RATHER PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTIANS".



Long Buckby News



Long Buckby URC have decided to support Commitment for Life, through our worship, giving and activities as a Church family. The URC encourage Churches to take action, pray and give for people across the world but especially in four partner countries/regions of Bangladesh, Central America (Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador), Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory and Zimbabwe. Commitment for Life work in partnership with Christian Aid and Global Justice Now.

We are excited to be just beginning on this journey, please watch this space and notices for how we will be doing this in future.

Sian Ellison

Dates for Your Diary

2nd December:

Charity Coffee Morning 10.30am to 12.00 noon in aid of Long Buckby Recreation Ground.

17th December:

Candlelight Carol Service at 6.00pm with Daventry Brass Band

24th December:

Christmas Eve Service 11.00am



Long Buckby News

Flower Rota

3rd December
10th December
17th December

Mrs Gill Best
Mrs Wendy Baker
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Flowers by church members



24th December
31st December
7th January
14th January
28th January
4th February
11th February
18th February
25th February

Mrs Wendy Baker
No Flowers
Mr. Norman Chandler
Mrs. Sian Ellison
Mrs. Val Cole
Mrs. Wendy Baker
Mrs. Rita Stowe
Mrs. Diana Babb
Mr. & Mrs. A Howes

Birthdays

9th December
18th December
30th December
17th January
28th January
17th February
21st February
25th February

Len Babb
Harry Ellison
Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
Kath Cross
Edna Curtis
Clive Cooper
Kath Packer
Chris Berry



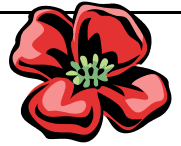
A Special Thank you



Frank & Chris Berry and Quasi the Guide Dog would like to thank you for the support and help with their Coffee Morning on 14th October. Together with Elation Community Voices they raised **£1,001!** A big thank you to Richard for 'manning' the dishwasher. The money is part of their fund raising this year to name 2 Guide Dog Puppies. Over £5000 has now been raised so our target has been reached.

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.



Sad News

The last 'Over 70's Lunch Club' will meet on Thursday 14th December. After many years of successful service provided to the village by Creton URC folk, there will be no lunches available on the 3rd Thursdays in 2018, as no alternative affordable provider has been found to replace those retiring.

For the Men

Creton host "Nosh and Natter" (Men's lunch) on the 1st Thursday of every month at 12.00 noon.



Monday 18th December 7.00pm Candlelight Service
With Rev. Elizabeth Kemp

'Pilots' meets on a Monday night in term time from 7.00pm.
Details are available from the Church Secretary.

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

Click on Churches and then click on United Reformed Church

Kilsby News

Mission Statement

The purpose of this church is to provide a warm, welcoming place for all people of any age to worship and to learn about the faith.

Changes to Services

Unfortunately from January we will only be holding services on alternate Sundays

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



Dates are as follows:-

12th December - Speaker TBA
8th January - Speaker TBA
6th February - Speaker TBA

We do need more members—everybody is welcome to listen to a speaker and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake and a chat.

Community café

**Open Mondays and Thursdays
from 9.00am until 12noon.**

The purpose of the café is to provide somewhere where you can meet up with friends old and new to have a chat and enjoy refreshments together.

Café closed 14th December until 8th January

Scrabble Club on Wednesdays at 1.00pm



Lectionary Readings & Long Buckby News

04/02/18 Epiphany 5

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-30.

11/02/18 Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

14/02/18 Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

21/02/18 Lent 1

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

28/02/18 Lent 2.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; , Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9.

Regular Events

- ♦ Charity Coffee Morning on the first Saturday each month, **except January**, 10.30am—11.30am
- ♦ Ladies Circle first Wednesday each month at 2.15pm.
No Meeting in January
- ♦ **Lunch Club**—2nd Friday each month 12.30pm for 1.00pm



Hope Centre

Many thanks for the goods which have been added to the box in the Church in recent weeks.

Lectionary Readings

03/12/17 Advent Sunday

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
Mark 13:24-37.

10/12/17 Advent 2

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2,8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.

17/12/17 Advent 3

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24;
John 1:6-8,19-28.

24/12/17 Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2: (1-7), 8-20.

25/12/17 Christmas Day

Isaiah 9: 2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:11-14 (15-20)

31/12/17 First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40.

06/01/18 Epiphany -Saturday

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12;

Matthew 2:1-12.

07/01/18 Baptism of Jesus / Epiphany1

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

14/01/18 Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6,13-18;
1Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

21/01/18 Epiphany 3

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20.

28/01/18 Epiphany 4

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1Corinthians 8:1-13;
Mark 1:21-28

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 and Donations

Coffee mornings to raise money for charity will continue on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30 am til 12 o'clock. Come and join us for a good chat with old and new friends, a bottomless cup of tea or coffee and a chance to win one of the many raffle prizes.

Special Thanks from Chris & Frank Berry for the £100 which they received for the Guide Dogs.

Dates for Your Diary

Grand Coffee Morning for church funds
Saturday December 2nd 10.30 am - 12.00

Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 21st December at 7.00pm
Followed by Coffee & Mince pies

Christmas Day Service at 9.30am

With Rev. Michael Bond

Birthdays

5th December
16th January
27th January
5th February

Louise Wilkin
Brenda Tomalin
Jenny Goodger
Steve Wilkin



All of us wish all of you a
peaceful and happy Christmas
and a happy and healthy 2018.

*Jenny
Goodger*

NW NORTHANTS, PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY—December 2017, January, February 2018

Date	Long Buckby (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)	Crick (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)	Creton (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)	Kilsby (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)
Sunday 3rd December	Jenny Crane	Ray Smith	Rev Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion
Sunday 10th December	Barbara Haighton	Jenny Goodger	Gift Service Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Rev. Geoff Townsend
Sunday 17th December	11.00am Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion 6.00pm Candlelight service with Daventry Brass Band	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Magnus Ramage	Trevor Boys
Monday 18th December	No service	No service	7.00pm Candlelight Service With Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	No service
Thursday 21st December	No service	7.00pm Candlelight Service With Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	No service	No service
Sunday 24th December	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Bryan Heard	Rev. Michael Bond
Christmas Day	No Service	9.30am Rev. Michael Bond	No service	No Service
Sunday 31st December	2.00pm Joint Service at Crick Rev. Elizabeth Kemp			
Sunday 7th January	David Biddle	Ian MacIntosh	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion
Sunday 14th January	Magnus Ramage	Jenny Goodger	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	No Service
Sunday 21st January	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Christian Unity Prayer Service at St Michaels	Cecil Gill
Sunday 28th January	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Wally Mular	Rev. Malcolm Deacon	No Service
Sunday 4th February	Barbara Haighton	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Jon Heard With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion
Sunday 11th February	Margaret Hooper	Rev. Michael Haighton With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	No Service
Sunday 18th February	TBA	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Lindsey Cole	Clive Leakey
Sunday 25th February	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	David Biddle	Jon Heard	No Service