

## Dates for your Diary

### December 2018

1.12.18	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
1.12.18	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
6.12.18	Creaton	12 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
14.12.18	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
16.12.18	Long Buckby	6.00 pm Carols By Candlelight with Daventry Brass Band
17.12.18	Creaton	7.00 pm Carol By Candlelight
30.12.18	Creaton	3.00 pm Joint service with tea & cake

### January 2019

3.1.19	Creaton	12 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
5.1.19	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee
11.1.19	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
21.1.19	Long Buckby	2.00 pm Pastorate Elders

### February 2019

2.2.19	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
2.2.19	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
6.2.19	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
7.2.19	Creaton	12 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
8.2.19	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
19.2.19	Long Buckby	7.00 pm Elders Meeting at the Church



## The Good News

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



## December 2018 — February 2019

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## A Message & News from the Minister

### Travelling Light into the New Year

Think of your home, with all its mod-cons: hot and cold running water, double-glazed windows, heating, a comfortable bed, not to mention all of the electrical gadgetry you enjoy, food in the kitchen, your fine clothes and your good neighbours; indeed a comfortable place to spend time.

Now...Imagine a city on a hillside made of cardboard boxes and sheets of plastic. Imagine having to walk on the hot sand, with flimsy sandals on your feet, to a stand-pipe, in order to fill your bucket with water: having no toilet, no electricity and barely sufficient amounts of food for one meal most days.

Would you give up the comfortable home in order to move into the place of poverty? That's what we celebrate at Christmas- God choosing to leave the eternal realms and come to earth to live in the middle of poverty, ignorance and suspicion. God opts to come and pitch a tent within our camp, like each of us, starting as a helpless baby.

Emmanuel- God is with us. Halleluliah!

When I was a child, Autograph Albums were very popular. I and all of my friends had autograph albums. We didn't just want to collect autographs from the rich and famous; we took our albums to school at the end of term and asked our friends and teachers who we liked, to sign them. We took our albums to Sunday School events, in fact we took them wherever we went... Most of my young friends were yet to evolve a signature and would just write their name but most people then added a riddle, a proverb, a cheeky poem or a verse from scripture.

Now, years later, I find these Autograph Albums (I have at least three, they were clearly a present of choice, too). Two have tattered bindings and are losing pages, one has lots of spare pages. Who are these people whose names I once knew so well? Could any of them be well-known? Each of them to some degree touched my life and maybe my name is in their album too.

## 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 am til midday.

**Long Buckby** runs a charity Coffee Morning the 1st Saturday morning in every month 10.30 am — 11.30 am.

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

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

**Creton** has Poppies Coffee Shop—open from 9.00 am to 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (closed Thursday).

### FELLOWSHIP

**Long Buckby Ladies' Circle** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 12 noon.

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

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



## From the Church Registers

### Donna Cooper 1955-2018

A full church attended the thanksgiving service for Donna on the 22nd October in our church.

Rev. Elizabeth Kemp reminded us of the resurrection hope as seen by Martha in John 11 and encouraged us.

Looking at Donna's life we were reminded that Donna was born in the United States and came to Buckby when her Nan had a bad accident. Both her sister Carol and brother George survive her.

As one person commented after the service "we were impressed, at their arrival, the only American we knew was Doctor Kildare."

Leaving school when she was 15 she had a number of jobs but she was at her happiest when she could care for somebody else.

Married to Terry in 1974 they had two children Stuart and Teresa. Both births were difficult and Teresa died after 3 months.

The marriage slowly drifted apart.

In 1992 Donna met and married Clive. This was a great joy to both of them. 26 years of great happiness even though the decline in health gradually made life difficult. In recent years dialysis and the wheel chair made life increasing difficult.

Donna had a tough streak in her and told she would die by 2012 she refused to give up and her recipe for life was to be concerned for other people including Clive the family and the friends she knew.

Did I know how ??? was, would include people from church, Darby and Joan, even people from her school days or Monday meal at the Baptist Church.

She will be much missed by the church and her wider family including all of Clive's family.

May she rest in peace with the Lord and may Clive and the rest of the family know that they could not have done more for her.

May they know the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ.



## A Message & News from the Minister cont'd

Of course we didn't collect those names because we hoped one day they would prove to be priceless in an Antiques Roadshow valuation - we were asking for names we could carry with us in to our future.

As we start the New Year there will be people whose names we carry with us in our hearts. Some of them, we know, helped shape our days; others we may not be so certain about. Each of us is a living album, carrying about memories and people we love. Each of us has God's signature within us and we carry that throughout life, even when we don't quite know for certain what that means.

We may not carry little books about these days to collect signatures (someone might suggest that leads to identity Fraud) but the Creator whose name we bear would, I believe, write in our heart-albums: "You are my precious child and I will never abandon you."

That seems to me a splendid thought as we begin the New Year.

May our lives be filled with love and laughter and may we discover unexpected joy.

Shalom, Salaam

Elizabeth

### Minister's Sabbatical from February 2019

Elizabeth will be on Sabbatical leave for 13 weeks until May 6<sup>th</sup>. During that time, please contact Church Secretaries in the first instance or Geoff Townsend for any Minister-related matters. Geoff is going to be chairing meetings and preaching where you would normally see Elizabeth.

Geoff has also offered to lead a Lent Study Course at the venues and times we used last year- Monday mornings at Crick and Wednesday afternoons at Creaton. The five session course will be the York Course for 2019: Daring to see God now. Notices/ flyers about the course will come to all churches early in 2019.

## Creaton 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*



### For the Men

Creaton host "Nosh and Natter" (Men's lunch) on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 12 noon



'Pilots' meets on a Monday night in term time from 7.00 pm.

Details are available from the Church Secretary.

### Special events:-

Monday 17th December at 7.00 pm Carol Service

Sunday 30th December at 3.00 pm Joint Service with tea & cake

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

*For more information on the activities at Creaton United Reformed Church, please visit the Creaton website [www.creaton.org.uk](http://www.creaton.org.uk)*

*Click on Churches and then click on United Reformed Church*



## Long Buckby News

### Hope Centre

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

### Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 16th December at 6.00 pm  
Candlelight Service with Daventry Brass Band

Christmas Eve Service at 2.30 pm

30th December 11 am Joint Service at Creaton  
with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp followed by tea & cake

21st January at 2.00 pm Pastorate Elders Meeting

19th February at 7.00 pm Elders Meeting at the Church



### Regular Events

- ♦ **Charity Coffee Morning** on the first Saturday each month, 10.30 am—11.30 am  
**NO COFFEE MORNING IN JANUARY**



- ♦ **Ladies Circle** first Wednesday each month at 2.15 pm.  
**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER & JANUARY**

- ♦ **Lunch Club**—2nd Friday each month 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm



## Long Buckby News

### Flower Rota

2nd December	Gill Best
9th December	Peggy Bond
16th December	Candlelight Services
23rd December	Wendy Baker
30th December	Joint Service at Creaton
6th January	Sian Ellison
13th January	Norman Chandler
20th January	Sian Ellison
27th January	Val Cole
3rd February	Wendy Baker
10th February	Rita Stowe
17th February	Diana Babb
24th February	Yvonne & Andrew Howes



### Birthdays

December	Len Babb Harry Ellison Elizabeth Kemp
January	Kath Cross Edna Curtis
February	Clive Cooper Kath Packer Chris Berry



### Gwennie's Birthday

A number of members from the Ladies Circle went to see her on her birthday. It was good to see her looking well and enjoying the day with 16 of her family around her as well. We assured her of the Church's best wishes for the day and the coming year.

### Guide Dog Coffee Morning 13th October

Thank you to everyone who came especially Richard and Norman for their help, the final total was **£1,000**.

## 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.

### Guild Meetings

There will be no Guild Meetings this quarter.



### Community café

**The Café will close 17th December — re-opening 3rd January**

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.



**Scrabble Club** on Wednesdays at 1.00 pm





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### Coffee Mornings and Donations

Coffee mornings to raise money for charity will continue on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30am til 12 noon. 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.

December's Grand Coffee morning will raise money for Crick URC funds.

### Chapel Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes to Louise & Steve Wilkin, Brenda Tomalin and Jenny Goodger, who have birthdays during this edition's dates.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

We will be delighted to see you at any of our Christmas Celebrations:-

**Saturday 1st December** 10.30—12 noon Grand Coffee Morning

**Thursday 20th December 7.00 pm**

Carols by Candlelight followed by coffee & mince pies.

Christmas Morning service at 9.30 am



And finally, all of us wish all of you a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019.

*Jenny Goodger*

### JANUARY 2019

Holy Name of Jesus - January 1, 2019  
 - Numbers 6:22-27 - Psalm 8  
 - Galatians 4:4-7 or Philipians 2:5-11  
 - Luke 2:15-21



New Year's Day - January 1, 2019  
 - Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 - Psalm 8  
 - Revelation 21:1-6a - Matthew 25:31-46

Epiphany of the Lord - January 6, 2019  
 - Isaiah 60:1-6 - Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
 - Ephesians 3:1-12 - Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord - January 13, 2019  
 - Isaiah 43:1-7 - Psalm 29  
 - Acts 8:14-17 - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Second Sunday after the Epiphany - January 20, 2019  
 - Isaiah 62:1-5 - Psalm 36:5-10  
 - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - John 2:1-11

Third Sunday after the Epiphany - January 27, 2019  
 - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - Psalm 19  
 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - Luke 4:14-21

### FEBRUARY 2019

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 3, 2019  
 - Jeremiah 1:4-10 - Psalm 71:1-6  
 - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 - Luke 4:21-30

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 10, 2019  
 - Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) - Psalm 138  
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 - Luke 5:1-11

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 17, 2019  
 - Jeremiah 17:5-10 - Psalm 1  
 - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 - Luke 6:17-26

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany - February 24, 2019  
 - Genesis 45:3-11, 15 - Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
 - 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 - Luke 6:27-38

## Lectionary Readings

### DECEMBER 2018

First Sunday of Advent - December 2, 2018

- Jeremiah 33:14-16 - Psalm 25:1-10 - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- Luke 21:25-36

Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018

- Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4 - Luke 1:68-79
- Philippians 1:3-11 - Luke 3:1-6

Third Sunday of Advent - December 16, 2018

- Zephaniah 3:14-20 - Isaiah 12:2-6
- Philippians 4:4-7 - Luke 3:7-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23, 2018

- Micah 5:2-5a - Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7
- Hebrews 10:5-10 - Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Nativity of the Lord - Proper I - December 24, 2018

- Isaiah 9:2-7 - Psalm 96
- Titus 2:11-14 - Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Nativity of the Lord - Proper II - December 24, 2018

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

Nativity of the Lord - Proper III - December 24, 2018

- Isaiah 52:7-10 - Psalm 98
- Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) - John 1:1-14

First Sunday after Christmas Day - December 30, 2018

- 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 - Psalm 148
- Colossians 3:12-17 - Luke 2:41-52



## Wordsearch

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BRANCHES	GREEN	SETTING UP	TREE FARM
CANDY CANES	LARGE	SKIRT	TREE LOT
CELEBRATION	LIGHTS	SMALL	TRUNK
DECEMBER	NEEDLES	SPRUCE	WATER
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# NW NORTHANTS. PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY - December 2018, January, February 2019

<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 2nd December</b>	Magnus Ramage	Ray Smith	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
<b>Sunday 9th December</b>	Mr & Mrs Biddle	Rev. M Houghton	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Cecil Gill
<b>Sunday 16th December</b>	Andrew Howes With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Jon Heard	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 23rd December</b>	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp		Songs of Prayers & Praise Elders	Carol Service With Cecil Gill
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b> Rev. Elizabeth Kemp			
<b>Christmas Day</b>		<b>9.30 am</b> Rev. Michael Bond	<b>10.30 am</b> Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	
<b>Sunday 30th December</b>	<b>3.00 pm Joint Service at Creton Rev. Elizabeth Kemp</b>	<b>3.00 pm Joint Service at Creton Rev. Elizabeth Kemp</b>	<b>3.00 pm Joint Service with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp</b>	<b>3.00 pm Joint Service at Creton Rev. Elizabeth Kemp</b>
<b>Sunday 6th January</b>	Clive Leakey	Rev. Michael Bond With Holy Communion	Jon Heard	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 13th January</b>	Cecil Gill	Jon Heard	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Dorn Margett
<b>Sunday 20th January</b>	Martin Buckby	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Cecil Gill
<b>Sunday 27th January</b>	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Wally Mular	Vaughan Griffiths	Trevor Boys
<b>Sunday 3rd February</b>	Andrew Howes	To be confirmed	Jon Heard	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 10th February</b>	Eric Nixon	Andrew Howes	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	David Biddle
<b>Sunday 17th February</b>	Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Lindsey Cole	Cecil Gill
<b>Sunday 24th February</b>	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Tim Huck	Bryan Heard	Clive Leakey