

Dates for Your Diary

December 2016

1.12.16	Creaton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
3.12.16	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee Morning
3.12.16	Long Buckby	10.30-12.00 noon Christmas Coffee Morning
9.12.16	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
11.12.16	Long Buckby	6.00 pm Carols with Daventry Brass Band
13.12.16	Kilsby	2.15pm Guild
14.12.16	Long Buckby	12.30 pm Ladies Circle Christmas Lunch
15.12.16	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
20.12.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
24.12.16	Long Buckby	2.30 pm Christmas Eve Service

January 2017

1.1.17	Kilsby	3.00 pm Joint Service
3.1.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
5.1.17	Creaton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
13.1.17	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
17.1.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
19.1.17	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
29.1.17	Creaton	11.00 am Joint Service
31.1.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild

February 2017

1.2.17	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
1.2.17	Creaton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
4.2.17	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
4.2.17	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
10.2.17	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
14.2.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
16.2.17	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch.
28.2.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild



The Good News

From Long Buckby, Creaton, Crick
and Kilsby

(North West Northants. Pastorate)



December 2016—February 2017

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Microfinancing A Gift that keeps on Giving

I have no idea how few shopping days there are before Dec 24, but I know many people will have already begun the joyful and challenging task of choosing just the right gift for everyone on their list. Just as the children like to bring their new toys to church after Christmas so that we can all share their delight, I'd like to tell you about a gift I was given three or so years ago. The gift arrived in an inauspicious envelope and to be honest when I opened it I didn't grasp its full significance.

The gift was a voucher for the Charity Lend with Care. I think it was a voucher of about £25 in monetary value and had to be used at www.lendwithcare.org. I was able on their website to learn of dozens of folk from developing countries who were looking for a loan to get their business going to enable them to be self-sufficient and lift themselves out of poverty. Some people were asking for a loan of £40 to build a shelter so that their goats would be safe at night; or a loan to set up their own chicken farm; tailoring business or market stall. All of the projects are genuine and have met criteria of partner charities local to them, being realistic and producing a business plan.

Feeling like one of the Dragons on Dragons' Den, I had to decide which project(s) to help. I sent £10 to one person and £15 to another. I was not taking any real risk but the value of money is not the same everywhere.

Some months later, after the first person had received all of their loan and the project was helping them, I received an email to say that I had received a repayment of 57 pence. Ever since then every so often a few more pence was paid back to me and when I had all of that loan repaid, I was able to choose another person whose dreams would become a little nearer to fulfilment, thanks to a loan via the charity.

Years later and the repayments are still just pence. I am humbled to think that the person who had that small loan from me, is gradually able to make repayments.

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**).

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

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

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

FELLOWSHIP

Creations' Over 70's lunch Club meets at 12.30 pm on **3rd** 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 1st Wednesday of the month in the small hall at 2.15 pm (**No meeting in January**)

For the Men - Creton 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 Creton and Long Buckby every Sunday.



Letter from Gwennie Wilkes

Dear Friends,

As we are British we must have a word about the weather and we have been very lucky right up until the end of October. Then suddenly it became very autumnal with the frost and the winds making the trees shed their leaves. Until then the trees were looking beautiful and colourful with the reds and oranges and yellows of the leaves.

Now unfortunately most of the leaves are laying on the ground and can be pretty dangerous when they are wet. My family have suggested that I should use a walking stick therefore I am doing as suggested!

This newsletter will cover Christmas and the New Year and times of celebrations and I am now thinking that all the summer clothes must be folded up and put away until next year, the warmer ones will take pride of place in the drawers and wardrobes. Spare a thought for those people living on the streets and sleeping in doorways. This is when the wonderful Salvation Army Members go out with the hot food and drinks. This situation is greatest in the towns and cities.

Best wishes to you all in our group of Churches. Special thoughts for those who are poorly. Bless you all and keep warm.

God Bless you all.

Gwennie Wilkes



A Message & News from The Minister

I cannot even think what I could buy for 57pence, not even a first class postage stamp! I certainly don't miss it. This is such a great gift as it helps person after person after person.

If you would like to offer a gift of hope this Christmas, you may like to have a look at www.lendwithcare.org May you keep warm and safe this Christmastide and wherever you go, enjoy good companionship.

Shalom,
Elizabeth

Some Pastorate Dates from Elizabeth

After all of the carolling and wrapping,
Services over Christmas and the New Year.

Sunday December 25th- services :

Crick URC 9.30 a.m.- Rev'd Michael Bond

Creton URC 10.30 a.m.- Rev'd Elizabeth Kemp

Sunday January 1st No Morning Services across the Pastorate. However, there will be a Pastorate service at KILSBY URC at 3.00 p.m. including carols, cakes and mince pies.

Sunday January 29th is a fifth Sunday and the Pastorate service will be at Creton URC. Following the service will be some sort of celebration including cake, to celebrate 30 years since my Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (actual date: 18th January 1987).

Kilsby URC are delighted to share the news that Ann Tailby was elected in November 2016 to serve as a new Elder. Ann will be Ordained as an Elder in the New Year and begin her term of service from the AGM in February. Margaret Worster will be stepping down from being a Serving Elder at the AGM. We give thanks for those who take up office in all of our Churches and wish them God's blessings in their new responsibilities.

A Message & News from the Minister

Celebrating Freedom

The Celebrating Freedom event on June 11th will be at Crick URC and include some sort of Faith Lunch (possibly a picnic). The festivities mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's public challenge to the Roman Catholic Church and also the 100th anniversary of Constance Coltman becoming an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church. The Celebration also includes: 45 years since the URC came into being, more than 80 years since Pilots started and 25 years since Commitment for Life began. To see what's happening near you and download the poster containing more information on events nationally follow this link: <http://www.unc5.org.uk/FF2017>.

Breaking news... Kilsby will be celebrating their anniversary on a Sunday in 2017 and will be inviting the other churches to come and hear the Synod Moderator, Rev'd Peter Meek, preach.

Wild Geese

Service resources produced by the Iona Christian Community are published as Wild Goose Publications. If you watch geese flying you cannot but fail to notice that they fly in a V formation... but watch closely for it is not always the same one who leads. After some time as a leader, the lead goose will drop back into the flock and another takes on the leadership. Nature ensures that the burden of leadership is not always carried by the one, but rotates leadership around.

So it is with our Elders. Good Practice is that our Elders do not remain in active service for ever. The NORMAL practice in the U.R.C. is that Ordained Elders are elected to serve for three years, then at the end of that time may if they wish, stand to be re-elected for a second term of three years: after which they are encouraged to step down for at least a year and to become Non-Serving Elders. This stops people getting tired out or stale in their tasks.



Puzzle Time—Christmas

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Long Buckby News

From the Church Registers

Funeral Alan J Wastnage 1936-2016

The cremation of Alan took place on the 19th September at Rugby followed by a thanksgiving service in our church. Born and brought up in Leicester area he journeyed with Janet through his many promotions with the present day NatWest eventually arriving here in 1983 to work at the local branch.

He enjoyed family and friends and was happy to speak of his concern for Richard and Amanda and Jonathan and then the grandchildren Kyron Harriet Bethan and Lucy. He very much enjoyed his trips to Wales and I am sure the family have many happy memories of their visits.

Alan was very happy with outdoor life. He spent a life time watching animal and bird life and was a keen gardener. He was also a life time supporter of Leicester Tigers. Treasurer and auditor for different organisations, he also spent a number of years being our Treasurer and is much missed for his quiet and yet persistent help.

We pray that the family will know a blessing from the Lord as the mourn the loss of both Janet and Alan almost without warning in both cases in these last few months.



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

N.B. Coffee shop is CLOSED from 19th December to 2nd January 2017

Creations' Over 70's lunch Club meets at 12.30 pm on 3rd Thursday of each month.



For the Men

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

Dates for your Diary

19th December at 7.00pm Candlelight Service
With Rev. Elizabeth Kemp



Christmas Day Service at 10.30am
with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp

29th January Joint Service at 11.00am and celebrations to mark 30 years since the Ordination of the Minister Rev. Elizabeth Kemp.

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

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

13th December	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
3rd January	AGM and Looking Forward
17th January	TBA
31st January	TBA
14th February	TBA
28th February	TBA



Community café

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

We have recently seen some new people coming along. 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 1.15pm



Dates for your Diary

6th December at 7.15pm the Salvation Army will commence the Christmas celebrations. Refreshments included, tickets are £5.00 from 01788 822751 and 01788 823752



Long Buckby News

Birthdays

9th December	Len Babb
18th December	Harry Ellison
30th December	Elizabeth Kemp
7th January	Dawn Chandler
17th January	Kath Cross
28th January	Edna Curtis
17th February	Clive Cooper
21st February	Kath Packer



Hope Centre

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

Gwennie



Chris & Frank Berry & Quasi would like to thank everyone who came to their Guide Dog Coffee Morning for helping them to raise £700.

From the Church Registers

Baptism of Jessica Rose Taylor 11th September 2016

We wish Jessica and the family much blessing following this baptism. It is good to have Yvonne and Andrew in Church as a regular feature and we pray that as Jessica and the rest of the family grow they will be able to join us in church. Taking the parable of the lost sheep our Minister reminded us of the need to be an encouragement to lost souls. We pray that Jessica will never feel that she is a soul lost to God.



Long Buckby News

Flower Rota

4th December	Mrs Gill Best
11th December	Candlelight Service
18th December	Wendy Baker
Christmas Day	As previous week
1st January	No Service
8th January	*Mr & Mrs N Chandler
15th January	*Mrs Sian Ellison
22nd January	*Mrs Val Cole
29th January	Group Service at Creaton
5th February	Mrs Wendy Baker
12th February	Mrs Rita Stowe
19th February	Mrs Diana Babb
26th February	Andrew and Yvonne Howes



Special Events

3rd December Christmas Coffee Morning
In aid of Church Funds from 10.30am until 12 noon.

11th December at 6.00pm
Carols with Daventry Brass Band



Christmas Eve Service at 2.30pm



Regular Events

- ♦ 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 January
- ♦ **Ladies Circle Christmas Lunch**
14th December at 12.30pm

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.

Our October Coffee Morning raised £131.74 for Cancer Research and we have just sent £100 to the Ear Trust.



Birthdays

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



Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 3rd December—Grand Coffee Morning
Cake stall and Raffle to raise money for Crick URC

Thursday 22nd December at 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Day Service at 9.30am.



We wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Jenny
Goodger*

NW NORTHANTS. PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY - December, January, February 2017

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 4th December	Mr Martin Buckby	Louise Wilkin	Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion
Sunday 11th December	Mrs Margaret Hooper	Rev. M. Houghton With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Gift Service	Mr Jon Heard
	6.00pm Carols with Daventry Brass Band			
Sunday 18th December	Rev. Michael Bond With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Vaughan Williams	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	2.30pm Carol Service			
Christmas Day	No Service	9.30am Rev. Michael Bond	10.30am Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	No Service
Sunday 1st January	3.00pm Joint Service at Kilsby	3.00pm Joint Service at Kilsby	3.00pm Joint Service at Kilsby	3.00pm Joint Service Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
Sunday 8th January	Mr Ian Harrison	Wally Mular	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion
Sunday 15th January	Mrs Lucy Faulkner	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Wendy Pitman	Mr Keith Bishop
Sunday 22nd January	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Brenda Morgan	Joint Service with St Michael's	Mr Wally Mular
Sunday 29th January	Joint Service at Creton with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Joint Service at Creton with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Joint Service at Creton with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Joint Service at Creton with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
Sunday 5th February	Mr Magnus Ramage	Brenda Tomalin	Jon Heard with Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy communion & AGM
Sunday 12th February	Jon Heard With Holy Communion	Ray Smith	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Mr Trevor Boys
Sunday 19th February	Mrs Jill Coe	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Bryan Heard	Mrs Dorn Margetts
Sunday 26th February	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	TBA	Mr Clive Leakey