

Dates for Your Diary

June 2012

- 2.6.12 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
 2.6.12 Crick 10.30-12.00 Coffee Morning
 2.6.12 Long Buckby 2.00 pm Marriage blessing
 5.6.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild
 6.6.12 Long Buckby 2.15 pm Ladies' Circle
 6.6.12 Crick 7.30 pm 192nd Anniversary celebration led by Rev. Peter Meek
 7.6.12 Creaton 12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
 7.6.12 Long Buckby 7.00 pm Annual AGM and Church Meeting
 8.6.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
 19.6.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild
 20.6.12 Kilsby 7.00 pm 350th Anniversary celebrations led by Rev. Roberta Rominger
 21.6.12 Creaton 12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
 22.6.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
 27.6.12 Long Buckby 7.00 pm 305th Anniversary celebration led by Rev. Simon Ellis

July 2012

- 3.7.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild
 4.7.12 Long Buckby 2.15 pm Ladies' Circle
 5.7.12 Creaton 12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
 6.7.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
 7/8.7.12 Creaton Hollowell Steam Rally
 7.7.12 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
 7.7.12 Crick 3.00-5.00 pm Strawberry Teas
 14/15.7.12 Crick Scarecrow Weekend
 17.7.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild
 18.7.12 Kilsby 12.00 Summer Barbeque
 19.7.12 Creaton 12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
 20.7.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
 31.7.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild

The Good News

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



June & July 2012



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Rosemary's Ramblings

OK, hands up, who remembers desks with ink wells at school? Or if you don't remember those, how about fountain pens that required a bottle of ink to be filled from?

When I went to school Biro's (which incidentally take their name from Laszlo Biro, the man who invented them) were strictly taboo. It was a fountain pen or a pencil. I think because handwriting was about style and definition and developing your own characteristics in a way that simply couldn't be achieved with a ball point pen.

Then beyond school, I went to college where I learnt to write shorthand, again with a pencil. Shorthand is about heavy lines and light lines, the definition of which cannot be achieved with a biro. And to this day, I would much rather write in pencil, than use a ball point pen. To this day, I enjoy the flexibility that a pencil offers.

Bonnie, who takes the minutes at Creaton meetings writes with a pencil. Not just one. I'm always impressed that Bonnie comes with a packet of freshly sharpened pencils and as one becomes blunt, she simply swops it for another. Fortunately I don't think we have yet had a meeting so long that all her pencils have become blunt, because a blunt pencil is of no use for anything, be it writing minutes, taking shorthand or just jotting down notes. But a blunt pencil can be re-sharpened with a pencil sharpener.

People say to me: I often wonder where your Ramblings are heading!!!

We are like pencils. The more work we do, for God, the blunter we become. God is our pencil sharpener. When we engage with God, he sharpens and hones us such that we can go out into the world and be of use, again. As any craftsmen knows, a blunt tool is of no use. Stay engaged and therefore sharp with, and for, God.

Rosemary Pullen



What's Going On in Our Pastorate

COFFEE - If you fancy a coffee, a warm welcome awaits you:-

Kilsby is open for coffee and snacks every Monday and Thursday from 9.00 am until midday.

Long Buckby runs a charity Coffee Morning, the 1st Saturday morning in every month 10.30-11.30 am

Crick also runs a charity Coffee Morning, the 1st Saturday morning in every month 10.30-12.00 noon.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Long Buckby offers Bible Study on alternate Fridays at 25 Wright Road, starting at 10.00 am. Contact Michael Bond (01327 842234) for more details.



Creaton offers Bible Study every Tuesday afternoon (term time only) at 2.00 pm. Contact the Church Secretary (01604 881495) for more details.

FELLOWSHIP

Creaton's 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.

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.

Letter from Gwennie Wilkes

Dear friends,

When I last wrote to you we were suffering a drought and a hose pipe ban was being put into operation, but dear me, since then we seem to have had nothing but wet, dull days. As I sit writing this note to you, I am considering turning the lights on - although it is only late afternoon, and so cold, or is it just that I feel it more now that I am older? I'm sure God will shower us with some sunshine before long.

I will remember (as I'm sure many more of you do) when the beginning of May brought with it some lovely sunshine and, if we were lucky, a new summer dress and a fancy straw hat along with our summer sandals.



Thinking back, we really were lucky that we spent our youth without as many troubles and cares as the young ones of today have to contend with. Perhaps some are of their own making or to keep up with the pace of life.

And what about the gardens? I'm sure that lots of plants don't know whether they should be growing and looking for the sun, or staying in the soil and not doing anything. Expect, of course, those lovely strong plants we call weeds. This year there has been a mass of dandelions - marvellous if you are a wine maker. If you have seeds or beans set, can you see them? My weeds grow more quickly than anything else.

Thinking about friends we know who haven't been well - best wishes and I hope there is an improvement in your health.

Keep happy and God's blessings be with you all.

Gwennie

For the Garden of your Daily Living

A gift from the internet

Come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses....

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for worship
2. Turnip for meetings
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

(Galatians 5:22-23)



You are warmly welcome to join us for our Sunday Worship and Junior Church.

Please note Sunday Worship and Junior Church on the 4th Sunday in the month is at the earlier time of 9.00 am.

Poppies Coffee Shop is open daily from 9 am to 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Poppies is Closed on Thursdays. Everyone is very welcome.

Fellowship News

As I write Creaton URC's contribution for the Good News, the Church is in the process of an Elders election. There are four nominations and the result will be announced by the end of May. We pray that the Lord will guide our deliberations as we seek to appoint those who He has called to leadership in His Church.

Prayer Requests

We would value your prayers for:

Alan & Carolyn Wilson for strength and encouragement both spiritual and physical each day.

Simon & Paula, Geoff & Vera's son and daughter-in-law, at the time of writing Paula is still in hospital, pray that Paula will receive healing and be able to return home very soon.

Reg Thomas

For more information on the activities at Creaton United Reformed Church, please visit the Creaton website www.creaton.org.uk Click on Churches and then click on United Reformed Church

I saw the Lord seated on a throne high and lifted up
Lord can it be that you are interested in my little life?
In the minor achievements In the limited aspirations
In the mundane failures, In the quiet deceptions
In the moments of love, In elation
In depression
Can it be?

Lord, can it be that you are interested in our church?
In our coffee mornings In our elders
In our leaking roof, In the lack of a youth club
In our Church Meetings In growth
In conflict,
Can it be?

Lord, can it be that you are interested in the United Reformed Church?
In our ecumenical dreams
In our declining numbers
In our identity crisis
In the gap between "them" and "us"
In our bases and structures
In our anniversary celebrations
In our fear for the future
Can it be?

The Lord replies:

I love you
I died for you and rose for you
I am with you always
You are my people
Everything you are and do is my concern
Let me be your concern
In all things
At all times.

Lord Jesus Christ We follow you

Long Buckby News

On 12th May our Minister Rosemary Pullen conducted the marriage of Yvonne Taylor and Andrew Howes. The couple have been worshipping with us since Christmas. Rosemary's theme was looking at love in all of its facets based on 1 John 4. It was good listening to the "A La Carte" Choir singing for Yvonne and Andrew and to hear the couple making their vows of marriage.



The Minister and Elders offer the very best wishes to them for their future together as husband and wife.

Birthdays

June

9th June Rachel Cole
26th June Alan Ketley

July

1st July Gerald Griffiths
2nd July Eva Brownlie
6th July Wendy Baker
8th July Myra Griffiths
9th July Pat Cuff



Flower Rota

Please contact Eva Brownlie (01327 844056) for any enquiries regarding your Flower Sunday.

3rd June Mr. & Mrs. P. Colton
10th June Alan Ketley
17th June Edna Curtis
24th June To be filled
1st July Gwennie Wilkes
8th July Moira Hodgkinson
15th July LB Gardening Club
22nd July Freda Collins
29th July Group Service at Crick

The Hope Centre

We will continue to collect tea, sugar or orange squash during June and July. Thanks to everyone who has donated in the past.

Mite Scheme

Donations sent to UNICEF for the Mite Scheme totalled £218 for the year to March 2012.

Many thanks to all supporters.

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

Creaton News - Hollowell Steam Rally

This year the rally will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th July. Our Churches together will have quite a space in a gazebo throughout the event.

There will be worship at 10.45 am on Sunday morning in the main area led by the Rev. Mark Battison to which the congregations of the URC's and Upland parishes are invited. Arrangements for access to the site for worship will be by arriving at gate 1 at 10.15 am (should you wish to stay and enjoy the rally you will be asked to pay the entrance fee).

As in previous years members from the Churches will be available to interact with visitors, exhibitors and other workers as a visible and available Christian presence at the rally. This may take the form of:

- ◆ Being available to answer practical questions, such as where are the toilets, exits, refreshments etc.
- ◆ Talking to and befriending stall holders and other workers (introducing ourselves and where we are from and why we are there perhaps inviting them to the worship on site on Sunday as well as telling them about the services in our own Churches)
- ◆ Providing a listening ear for a few minutes to anyone who wants to talk, being prepared to engage with someone on Spiritual matters should the conversation go in that direction, or know who you can refer them to if you feel out of your depth should such an issue arise
- ◆ Praying with your fellow Christians for people/situations you have come across that day.



There are two shifts each day from 10 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm. If you are able to volunteer to help in this way please contact Jenny Theairs by email theairs@aol.com or by telephone 01604 881495.

Jenny Theairs

Creaton News

What do you get out of worship?

Sometimes people leaving a church after a Sunday morning service are heard to say "I did not get anything out of that service this morning".

What was the reason? Was it the hymns? Was it the message or the way it was delivered? Or was it that our minds were on other things?

Maybe this little story will help to focus our minds on what the answer could be.

A man moved into a small town and one day, soon afterwards, he took a walk in the local park and feeling a bit tired, sat down on a bench next to an elderly lady. They got chatting and the man asked "what are the people like in this town?" "well she replied what were the people like where you came from?" Oh, they were really nice, friendly and helpful, always happy to pass the time of day.". "I think you'll find they are pretty much like that here" she smiled.

Some days later, another newcomer to the town sat on the same bench, next to the same elderly lady. They began chatting and the man asked her, "What are the people like here?" "What were they like where you lived before?" she asked. "Oh I couldn't wait to get away. They were miserable, rude and very unhelpful," he replied. "Well", she replied, "I think you'll find they are pretty much the same here."

Bonnie Shortt

Could it be our attitude of mind when we go to worship? Worship is like a lot of things in life - we will get out of it only what we are prepared to put into it.

Reg Thomas

Crick News

- ♦ **Scarecrow Weekend July 14th/15th** - We will serve tea and cakes all weekend, except for our usual Sunday service at 9.00 am.

We would love to see you at any, or all! of these events and we look forward to hosting our joint pastorate service on July 29th.

Jenny Goodger

Kilsby News

Tuesday Guild meetings at 2.15 pm

June 5	TBA
June 19	Mrs Carolyn Wilson
July 3	TBA
July 17	TBA
July 31	TBA

Our **350th Anniversary** will take place on Wednesday 20th June when we will hold a Re-union tea at 4.30 pm onwards. The Anniversary Service is at 7.00 pm when the speaker will be Rev Roberta Rominger.

Get ready for a sizzling summer with our **Barbecue** on Wednesday 18th July at 12.00 noon

Here are some other dates for your diary:

Our **Summer Garden Fete** is on Saturday 11th August at 2.00 pm

Our **Harvest Festival** has been arranged for Sunday 23rd September at 11.00 am when the speaker will be Mr Mike Hoyer.



Come along and enjoy a **Jazz Night** on Friday 5th October at 7.30 pm



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5th June Margaret Sinclair



28th July Mary Whitty

HOME AGAIN - We are all pleased to see Tom Nisbet back at church and well on the way to recovery after his recent stay in hospital.

COFFEE MORNINGS - We continue to hold our coffee mornings at 10.30 am - 12.00 on the first Saturday of the month. Our one exception is in July, when we host Strawberry Teas in the afternoon (see below).

We have sent £100 each to Brainwave, (for children with brain disease) Motor Neurone Disease, and Children with Cancer UK so far this year.

MONICA BEVIN - We give thanks for the long and happy life of Monica Bevin, a regular worshipper at our church for many years. We shall miss her cheerful laugh, her sense of fun and her contribution to life at Crick URC. The church was full of family, friends and spring flowers for her funeral.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ◆ **On Wednesday, June 6th at 7.30 pm** we are having our 192nd Anniversary, when our speaker will be the Rev. Peter Meek, the moderator of the East Midlands Synod. The service will be followed by light refreshments.
- ◆ **Sunday, June 10th 6.00 pm** we look forward to our annual visit from Foleshill Church, Coventry. Our visitors have a picnic in Crick, and Tom Baird will lead an evening service.
- ◆ We are already looking forward to our annual **Strawberry Teas on Saturday, July 7th**. The best Saturday afternoon of the year! All your usual favourites from 3.00-5.00 pm.



This summer sees the UK hosting the 104th Olympics. There will, of course, be plenty of media coverage of the events, but here are a few facts about the Olympics Games that may not be so well documented.

The original purposes of the Olympic Games are to foster the ideal of a "sound mind in a sound body" and to promote friendship among nations. The first ancient Olympic Games can be traced back to 776 BC. They were dedicated to the Olympian gods and were staged on the ancient plains of Olympia. They continued for nearly 12 centuries, until Emperor Theodosius decreed in 393 AD that all such "pagan cults" be banned.

The modern Olympic Games were revived in 1896 when the Games were held in Athens and 14 countries were represented by about 245 men, competing in 43 events.



The Winter Games were added in 1924. The two World Wars forced cancellation of the Olympics in 1916, 1940, and 1944, but they resumed in 1948 in London and these were the first Games to be shown on television. Germany and Japan weren't invited, but a record 59 other countries attended.

In 1988 the Seoul games drew entries from a record total of 160 countries. While the number of athletes who competed in Los Angeles in 1984 did not surpass the high of 10,000 (set at Munich in 1972), the Los Angeles games set records for the largest total attendance - almost 5.8 million people - and the most gold medals for one country - 83 for the United States. The centennial Olympic Games in 1996 opened in Atlanta with more than 10,000 athletes from a record 197 nations in attendance.

When, in 2005, London won the bid to host the games, it became the first city to officially host the modern Olympic Games three times, having previously done so in 1908 and in 1948. The 2012 London games will take place between 27 July to 12 August and at present 181 countries have qualified to send at least 1 participant to the games. Let's see what records are broken over the summer.

PREACHING DIARY - JUNE & JULY 2012

Date	Long Buckby <small>(All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 2nd Sunday in month)</small>	Crick <small>(All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 3rd Sunday in month)</small>	Creaton <small>(All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 4th Sunday in month)</small>	Kilsby <small>(All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 1st Sunday in month)</small>
Sunday 3rd June	10.00 Diamond Jubilee service at St. Lawrence's Church NO service at URC	The Minister with Holy Communion	Rev. Geoff Townsend	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
Sunday 10th June	9.00 am The Minister	6.00 pm Tom Baird Visit from Foleshill Church	The Minister	Sharing Together
Sunday 17th June	Jill Coe	9.00 am The Minister	John Horrocks	The Minister
Sunday, 24th June	The Minister with Holy Communion	Ray Smith	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion	Rev. Conrad Husk
Sunday 1st July	Vaughan Griffiths	The Minister with Holy Communion	Rev. Geoff Townsend	9.00 am The Minister
Sunday 8th July	9.00 am The Minister	Participation Service	The Minister	John Perkins
Sunday 15th July	Alan Fox	9.00 am The Minister	Jon Heard	The Minister
Sunday 22nd July	Jim Griffiths	Kath Paxton	Rev. Pat Nimmo with Holy Communion	Clive Leakey
Sunday 29th July	Joint Pastorate Service at Crick			

Items for the Newsletter

As usual, if you have an item or thoughts you would like included in the August and September edition of *Good News*, please let Gretta Davis have it by **20th July**. Articles can be sent via post (12 East Street, Long Buckby NN6 7RA) or via e-mail gretta@longbuckby.com

Begin With Prayer

Begin the day with prayer. Your mind will be refreshed and you will be braced to face the day's challenges

Isaiah 55:6

