

Dates for Your Diary

March 2014

1.3.14	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning
1.3.14	Crick	10.30-12.00	Charity Coffee Morning
4.3.14	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild—Christine Lomas
5.3.14	Long Buckby	2.15 pm	Ladies Circle
6.3.14	Creaton	12.00	Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
7.3.14	Long Buckby	2.30 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer
7.3.14	Crick	7.15 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer
15.3.14	Creaton	4.00 pm	Farewell Faith Tea for Rosemary & Jeff.
18.3.14	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild - Philip & Monica Pinfold
20.3.14	Creaton	12.30 pm	Over 70's Lunch
30.3.14	Creaton	11.00 am	Joint Pastorate Service

April 2014

1.4.14	Kilsby	2.15pm	Tuesday Guild - Surprises
2.4.14	Long Buckby	2.15pm	Ladies Circle
3.4.14	Creaton	12.00	Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
5.4.14	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning
5.4.14	Crick	10.30-12 noon	Charity Coffee Morning
15.4.14	Crick	7.00 pm	Vacancy visit for Elders.
17.4.14	Creaton	12.30 pm	Over 70's Lunch
18.4.14	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild - Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones
24.4.14	Long Buckby	6.00 pm	Elder's Meeting
28.4.14	Long Buckby	10.00 am	Ladies Circle visit to Kilsby for breakfast
29.4.14	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild - Brenda Cuthbert

May 2014

1.5.14	Creaton	12.00	Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
3.5.14	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am	Charity Coffee Morning
3.5.14	Crick	10.30-12 noon	Charity Coffee Morning
7.5.14	Long Buckby	2.15 pm	Ladies Circle
13.5.14	Kilsby		Lunch out
15.5.14	Creaton	12.30pm	Over 70's Lunch.
29.5.14	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild - Favourite Keepsakes.

The Good News

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



March 2014 - May 2014

Long Buckby

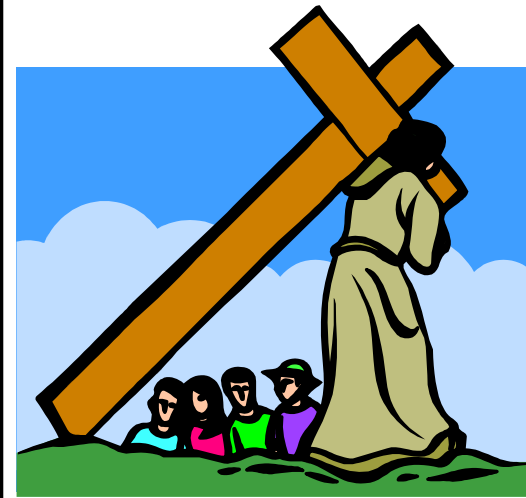
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Rosemary's Ramblings - March 2014

I'm guessing most of you know by now that Jeff and I are moving. I've accepted a call to a two church pastorate in Chesterfield, which officially starts on 1 April. And you know what it's like when you move house. In preparation for packing and moving there is generally a period of "sorting out". Various bags have appeared in the Manse destined for Kilsby's next jumble sale, one of the Church's Rag Bags, the charity shop and the tip.

Because I work from home I have gathered together quite a volume of paperwork, so this time I'm trying hard to sort stuff out and clear the cupboards and the shelves of things I no longer need.

In amongst the paperwork and the sorting I came across papers which went back to the mid-1990s, before I even started to train for Ministry. And I found what I think is probably my first "Ramblings". Well actually it is a "pre" Rambling because it was written for a Christian Comment slot in the local newspaper long before the concept of my Ramblings was born.

I mention it particularly because it talked, amongst other things, about my youngest daughter Anne and the fact that it was the occasion of her birthday and she was away on a school trip in Germany. So what, you might ask? Well, I must have written it about this time of year because Anne has just celebrated her 32nd birthday, not away in Germany but running a half marathon, along with her dog Murphy, to raise money for the dog rescue centre. I admire Anne for all sorts of reasons, but particularly because she was willing to spend her birthday doing something for other people; raising awareness, raising money and offering a "gift" to someone else, as well as receiving her own birthday gifts.

Rosemary

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 10.30-11.30 am (not in January).

Crick also 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 12.00 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 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 (Not during December and 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.



Letter from Gwennie Wilkes

Dear Friends,

The Christmas and New Year greetings cards have long since been put away or re-cycled, some contained good news, some not so good, but I always love to receive them. Every year I have a handmade one from a relative in Australia and I really can't part with them. She also makes one for my birthday and Mothering Sunday and although we are so far apart I'm sure she thinks of me as an 'adopted' mum. I sincerely hope that letter and card writing never ends.

I still hear from one of our past ministers Rev. Leslie Ivory and I send him one of our newsletters. He recently told me that he and his wife and son moved to our church in February 1954 and he was then in his early 30's, he is now 92! He keeps in fairly good health apart from deafness but is still active and does all his own shopping. I say good luck Leslie, long may you continue and to all who remember him he sends his good wishes.

As I write this the weather does not look very promising and I am reminded on the TV news of the devastation around our coastline. One gentleman said yesterday that it takes a disaster to bring people together. Neighbours who didn't really know one another were chatting whilst filling sandbags! Let us remember them all in our prayers.

Coughs and colds are rife at this time of year and I can sympathise with anyone who is suffering as I came into that category myself having suffered with a sore throat and cough which thankfully is vastly improved.

Next month is 'Women's World day of Prayer' and this year we will meet at St Lawrence Church. I hope that some of our ladies will be able to attend to meet with those from the other churches in our village.

Yesterday the sun shone for a couple of hours and it was lovely to see the snowdrops and primroses popping through the ground. The spring flowers are always such a pleasure to see and I am looking forward to warmer days and happy faces. Keep well, keep smiling!

Gwennie Wilkes

Rosemary's Book

"Rosemary's Ramblings" - the book, is a collection of 45 "Ramblings" and is available for purchase at £5 per copy.

If you would like to buy a book, please contact Rosemary on 01788 511651 or rev_ro@hotmail.com

Something new for you to try!

SUDOKU

How to solve Sudoku

Simply place number from 1-9 in each empty cell so that each row, each cell, each column and each 3x3 block contains all the numbers from 1-9.

(This means that no number can appear twice in any row, column or 3x3 box.)

Solution on Page 5

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	5		2	7	3		9	
2				9				1
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		9	4		7	5		
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		4	3	8	2	7		
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Creaton News

30th March Joint Pastorate Service with Anglican Church and URC's for Mothering Sunday.



15th March Farewell Faith Tea at **Creaton 4pm**. All are welcome, so please come along to say goodbye to Rosemary & Jeff and bring something to share for the tea table.

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



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 Click on Churches and then click on United Reformed Church

Something to make you chuckle!

Small boy to his father during an over-long sermon: "Daddy if we give him the money now, do you suppose he will let us go home?"

From Christian Crackers by Phil Mason

Long Buckby News

Hilary Ketley 1941–2014
Funeral 22nd January 2014



In November Hilary discovered that she had cancer and that treatment would have no lasting value and that she was likely to die nearer to Christmas than Easter. In the event things moved on a pace and she died peacefully 9th January in Danetre Hospital.

Knowledge seemed to empower her to look forward with confidence and a desire to help people (especially Alan and her family down to the Grandchildren), to journey with her in the planning for the new beginning of her life in Jesus care! These last weeks were explored at the Crematorium. Later at Bugbrook at the church of St Michael's and all Angels we heard of her life from childhood to hairdressing to nursing. Journeying through family activity and her enormous love and care for so many people. Hilary very much wanted to be at Bugbrook Church because she had so many memories through some 50 years of life.

Perhaps more than anything else was the unspoken testimony of the presence of so many people at the Crematorium and the church.; Hilary's networking must have been immense. One person was heard to say "she was such a lovely person and we were only one family who were touched by her nursing as mum was in Brownlands for 6 years whilst Hilary was in charge".

We are conscious of Alan and the three children and families needing to adjust to the loss of a wife, a mother and a grandmother. We wish them well and pray that in seeing how Hilary managed her approaching journey to life with Jesus, their eyes will be lifted from the sadness to the joy of resurrection. She has been promoted to Glory.

Thank you Hilary it was good to know you

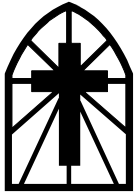
Long Buckby News

Farewell Rosemary

Our Minister Rosemary leaves our Pastorate on 14th March 2014. We wish her all the very best in her new venture as Minister at Chesterfield and sister church.

A farewell social event has been arranged at **Creton URC** on Saturday 15th March 2014. The nature of this event will be " A FAREWELL FAITH FINGER TEA" AT 4PM.

All are welcome, so please come along to say goodbye to Rosemary & Jeff and bring something to share for the tea table.



Induction Service of Rev. Solomon at Chesterfield.

It is planned to order a Coach to transport anyone to the Service. This will be on **Saturday 5th April, at 2.30pm.** Please let your Church Secretary know if you intend using the coach, as we need to know numbers. We do not know the departure and arrival times at this point in time.



Saturday 17th May
at 7.00pm
Concert by the
Cantare Singers

Friday 30th May
At 6.00pm
Beetle Drive &
Fish & Chip Supper



Long Buckby 307th Anniversary—11th June at 7.00pm
Roberta Rominger will conduct the service and refreshments will follow in the Large Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Kilsby News

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

March 4	Christina Lomas
March 18	Philip & Monica Pinfold
April 1	Surprises
April 15	Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones
April 29	Brenda Cuthbert
May 13	Lunch Out**
May 27	Favourite Keepsakes

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

7.00pm on Wednesday 25 June - Rev Michael Bond

Sudoku Solution from Page 3

3	4	2	9	5	1	6	7	8
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5	2	6	7	4	9	8	1	3
9	1	4	3	8	2	7	5	6
8	3	7	6	1	5	2	4	9

COLLECTIONS Written by Beryl Lees

Collecting can mean many things to lots of different people, collecting for a hospital wing or funds to mend the steeple.

Accumulated articles just put out on display can arouse our curiosity when shown in fine array.

Furniture and porcelain in stately homes are found, while museums whisk us back in time with relics from the ground.

Whether Toby jugs or thimbles, the choice is very wide, how much space can be allowed is what you must decide.

One friend has owls large and small, another one likes frogs, and then of course there are teddy bears dressed in all kinds of togs.

Just what exactly is a zoo but an animal collection? "Ought not to be allowed" say some when raising their objection.

Collective names I sometimes find are really quite amazing, a flock, a gaggle, shoal or kind, pride or herd it is so confusing.

Collections can be found until becoming an obsession, your life is taken over for the sake of their possession.

The bible teaches us beware of worshipping our pleasures, when what we should be aiming for are all those heavenly treasures.

Far better than collecting things admired by worldly fashion, would be the quality of life when aiming for perfection.

Instead of collecting this or that, gathering dust upon the shelf, gain humility, patience, wisdom, tact, collect for others not yourself.

The greatest gift that you can find is offered free to all, salvation bought upon a cross is yours when you answer God's call.

Bible Study

Bible Study will start again for another season on the 14th March at 25 Wright Road Long Buckby.

Three of us met in the past and we have decided to start again. We shall be following a book published by the Scripture Union looking at what the Union regards as the essential 100 readings in the Bible. We are starting in the New Testament looking at the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount Matthew chapters 5 and 6. Would you like to come along, if yes why not speak to Peggy or Michael before hand or just come along. If you find Friday unhelpful tell us when you would like to meet, we are quite adaptable as a group and may well be able to reorganise the date and or the time. We do not discuss the Bible for more than an hour. We mostly finish with refreshments.

We mostly meet fortnightly, you would be welcome!

Elders Ordained and Inducted

Following their election in October Richard and Norman were Ordained and Inducted at the Communion service. It was a great pleasure to know that following the death of Alastair we have men back on the Eldership. We hope that both will know the leading of the Holy Spirit in the coming weeks and months as very important decisions have to be taken in 2014

By the time this news letter is distributed, Donna Cooper will have become a Member of our Church. God Bless you Donna and All good wishes. We love to see you and Clive in Church with us.

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

Long Buckby News

Flower Rota

2nd March	Gretta Davis	13th April	Mary Bignell
9th March	Liz Osborne	20th April	Kath Packer
16th March	Mr & Mrs A Howes	27th April	Grace Mawby
23rd March	Janet Wastnage	4th May	The Bruce family
30th March	Joint service Creaton	11th May	Rita Stowe
6th April	Gwennie Wilkes	18th May	Gill Best
		25th May	Diana Babb

Birthdays

No birthdays in March

8th April	Janet Wastnage
17th April	Alan Wastnage
18th April	Moira Hodgkinson
25th April	Don Bird

6th May	Diana Babb
12th May	James Faulkner
13th May	Richard Bignell
23rd May	Mark Ellison



Concert by the
Cantare Singers
17th May— 7.00pm.

Dates for your diary

- ◆ Charity Coffee Morning on the first Saturday each month, 10.30am—11.30am.
- ◆ Ladies Circle first Wednesday each month at 2.15pm.
- ◆ 7th March—Women's World of Prayer 2.30pm at St Lawrence Church.
- ◆ 15th March—Farewell Faith Tea at Creaton 4pm.
- ◆ 5th April Rev. Solomon's induction service at Chesterfield.
- ◆ 19th April Wedding of Jodi & Steve
- ◆ 27th May—AGM and Church Meeting at 7.00pm.

Spring Coffee Morning
24th May
10.30am—12 noon



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

We continue to hold our coffee mornings from 10.30 am to noon on the first Saturday of the month.

Dates for your Diary

Women's world day of prayer

Friday March 7th 7.00 for 7.15 pm



Our service this year will be lead as usual by Jean Buxton and followed by coffee and biscuits.



March - May birthdays

7th March	Joan Saunders
26th April	Beth Stanley
27th April	Joy Cawker



Goodbye and Good Luck

We bid a fond farewell to Rosemary and Jeff, and wish them much happiness in their new life in Chesterfield.
We will miss you both.

Jenny

NW NORTHANTS. PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY - MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2014

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 2nd March	Mrs Wendy Pittman Family Service	The Minister with Holy Communion	Alan Thompson	9.00 am The Minister, With Holy Communion
Friday 7th March	2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer at St Lawrence Church	7.15pm Women's World Day of Prayer		
Sunday 9th March	9.00am The Minister Family Service	11.00 am Barbara Heighton	The Minister with Holy Communion	Mr. Jon Heard
Sunday 16th March	Mr Alan Fox Family Service	9.00 am Jenny Goodger	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Sharing together
Sunday 23rd March	Mrs Margaret Hooper Family Service	11.00 am Tom Nisbet	Jenny Theairs & Marion Heard (Café style)	Rev. Michael Bond
Sunday 30th March	Joint Service At Creaton	Joint Service At Creaton	Jon Heard—Joint Mothering Service with the Anglicans & URC	Joint Service at Creaton
Sunday 6th April	Mr Martin Buckby	11.00 am Brenda Morgan	Lindsey Cole	Mrs. Mary Bennett With Holy Communion
Sunday 13th April	Mr Vaughan Griffiths	11am Rev. Conrad Husk	Rev. Pat Nimmo	Mr. Mike Hoye
GOOD FRIDAY		7.00 pm TBA		
EASTER SUNDAY 20th April	Rev. Conrad Husk With Holy Communion	9.00 am TBA	Rev. Geoff Townsend with Holy Communion	Beryl Lees
Sunday 27th April	Rev. Michael Bond With Holy Communion	6.00 pm Tom Baird Visit from Foleshill Church	Jon Heard	Mr. Clive Leakey
Sunday 4th May	The Elders	11.00 am Rev. Conrad Husk With Holy Communion	Mary Bennett	Rev. Malcolm Deakin With Holy Communion
Sunday 11th May	Mr Andrew Howes	11.00 am Alan Fox	TBA	Mr. Martin Buckby
Sunday 18th May	Mr Alan Fox	9.00 am TBA	Rev. Leonard Bhagwandin	Mr, Keith Wheeler
Sunday 25th May	Rev. Crane With Holy Communion	11.00 am Rev. Michael Bond	Rev. David Dean with Holy Communion	To be confirmed