

Dates for your Diary

September 2017

2.9.17	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
2.9.17	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
2.9.17	Long Buckby	Gift Day
6.9.17	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
7.9.17	Creton	12. noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
8.9.17	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
10.9.17	Creton	3.00 pm Pet Service
12.9.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
21.9.17	Creton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
26.9.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild

October 2017

4.10.17	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
7.10.17	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
7.10.17	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
10.10.17	Creton	12 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
13.10.17	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
17.10.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
19.10.17	Creton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
24.10.17	Kilsby	11.00 am Joint Service
27.10.17	Long Buckby	7.00 pm Buskers evening

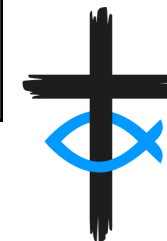
November 2017

1.11.17	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
2.11.17	Creton	12 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
4.11.17	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
4.11.17	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
7.11.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
10.11.17	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
16.11.17	Creton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch.
21.11.17	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
28.11.17	Long Buckby	7.00 pm Elders Meeting



The Good News

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



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Church

September — November 2017

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A Message & News from the Minister

I wonder if you recall learning to execute a "three-point turn"?

It's a good move to master so that with minimum hassle the vehicle faces in the opposite direction; although perhaps you know some people who turn their car in about in a 19-point turn!

The manoeuvre demonstrates that you can handle the gears sufficiently to be able to turn the car around in a normal width road without touching the kerb on either side. The secrets are to turn the wheels fully and not to let them touch the kerb.

In life changes in direction maybe one we choose- to seek out a view, or avoid a steep hillside- or the path may be blocked by a land-slip or a farmer has closed off a path we expected to follow. Sometimes our journeys feel like a pleasant meander. We may come to a fork in the path and need to choose between two or three courses of action.

It seems that one is seldom "absolutely right" or another "absolutely wrong". There may be some choices which will be tougher for us and some which appear to be more filled with happy rewards; but the bottom line is that God stays with us whatever choices we make and enables us to turn bad decisions into ones where good may come.

Our decisions in life are many: to accept or reject parental advice; which friends to choose; what work to pursue; where to live and work; how to spend money; whether to give up security for a dream; to risk all for an uncertainty; to move from home into sheltered housing...

Each decision brings with it a sense of loss, for the options we couldn't make; the opportunities we missed.

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 (**not in August**).

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).

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 August**)

For the Men - Creton host "Nosh and Natter" (Men's lunch) on the 1st Thursday of every month at 12 noon.

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



Letter from Gwennie Wilkes

Dear Friends,

It's really got to be the weather again and what a variety we have had indeed!

A week ago it was torrential rain with thunder and lightening and rain kept on coming. Our roofs gather moss because of the rough surface of the tiles, then the birds peck at it and down it comes and fills the gutter; we had it all didn't we including hailstones. My patio was about 3" deep in water Oh dear!!!

The odd thing was that my daughter in Harlestone had just a shower, I guess it was good for the gardens and it has certainly made the beans grow, the flowers are looking good too and also the weeds!

If like me your eyes aren't as good as they used to be, I put the lights on when the sky is grey and there is no sunshine, we have to be grateful for opticians and spectacles!

There are lots of lovely flowers around now, I have some beautiful dahlias in the garden and today I spotted some little cyclamens in flower; the kayfer lily is coming out too and yesterday I had a woodpecker in the garden. It was nice to see something different from the sparrows, pigeons and magpies! There is so much to chat about in the garden.

I hope you are all keeping reasonably well and can enjoy the sunshine when it is out.

Best wishes to you all and good health for the months ahead.

God Bless you all with love

Gwennie Wilkes



A Message & News from the Minister

This autumn as colleges and schools begin a new year and many people find themselves facing fresh choices, give thanks for the turning points we can choose and rejoice that making one wrong turn will not lead to us being told: "You are the weakest link- Goodbye!"

Ask God to guide your decision-making and then know that whatever you choose to do or not do, God is with you and will be with you, always.

May you be blessed with good companions on life's journey

Shalom,
Elizabeth

From Elizabeth's diary September to November 2017

St Francis of Assisi was born 4th October 1181 and famously chose the company of animals to that of people. He was named Patron Saint of Ecology in 1979 by Pope John Paul II. A month before his Patronal feast,

Creaton will be holding a "Pet Service" on September 10th at 3.00 pm, inviting well-behaved pets to bring their owners to church.

Look out for **Harvest Festival** arrangements in each of our congregations this year.

Starting In October, there will be a five session course: What is the URC. This is an interesting course that long-time members and exploring friends alike will find worth while. I am offering to lead this in two venues -not necessarily Crick and Creaton- depending on whichever congregation lets me know they're willing to host.

The Future for Our Area?

On Wednesday 16th August there was a meeting at Headlands URC to discuss the likely shape of the Northampton area.

The meeting had been called because our moderator Peter Meek foresaw difficulties in the near future and wished the Churches to be aware of these potential problems.

The problems outlined were that most of our current stipendiary ministers were reaching the end of their ministry and therefore due to retire, also if current trend continue there was likely to be both insufficient new ordinands coming through the system to fill the vacancies or the money to support them. The situation in 2020/2025 could be that there are only 3 full time stipendiary ministers in Northamptonshire.

Not wishing the Church to arrive at this situation without either forewarning or planning the following options were tabled.

Spread out the remaining ministers thinly giving them 9 or 10 Churches to serve.

Have one minister for 3 Churches and leave the other 6 or 7 with no access to a minister.

Have a minister half time at one large Church and use that Church to resource the other 8 or 9 Churches in the grouping.

It was stressed that these are not the only options and that the predictions may change as time goes on. The whole matter will be discussed in March at Synod.

It would seem to me that whatever happens all the Churches have to work together supporting one another if we are to survive and hopefully grow in the future

If you have views or suggestions on any of this please discuss it with your elder so that views can be fed back to the Synod.

Norman Chandler

Word Search—Autumn

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 FALL FEAST FARMING FROST HALLOWEEN HARVEST
 HAYSTACK HICKORY NUTS LONGER NIGHTS NOVEMBER
 OCTOBER ORANGE LEAVES PUMPKIN PIE RAKE RED LEAVES
 SCARECROW SCHOOL SEASON SEPTEMBER SHORTER DAYS
 SQUASH SWEET POTATOES THANKSGIVING TURKEY
 WINDY YELLOW LEAVES

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Long Buckby News

Birthdays

13th September	Andrew Howes
15th September	Gretta Davis
16th September	Donna Cooper
30th September	Norman Chandler
1st October	Michael Bond
2nd October	Peggy Bond
17th October	Joy Patterson
1st November	Emily Faulkner
1st November	Lucy Faulkner
17th November	Gwennie Wilkes
20th November	Grace Mawby
23rd November	Sian Ellison
24th November	Ruth Collins
27th November	Betty Strains
29th November	Abby Faulkner
30th November	Yvonne Howes



Yet another of the vicar's money-raising wheezes, I see

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

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

For the Men

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



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

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 at 2.15 pm (unless shown otherwise**)

Dates are as follows:-

12th September	26th September
10th October	24th October
7th November	21st November



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 9.00 am until 12 noon.**

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 1.00 pm

Beryl Lees

We do pray for Beryl who is very ill and been a pillar of our chapel for many years,

Long Buckby News

Flower Rota

3rd September
10th September
17th September
24th September
1st October
8th October
15th October
22nd October
29th October
5th November
12th November
19th November
26th November

*Mr & Mrs B Colton
*Diana Osborne
Mr & Mrs A Howes
Mrs Joy Patterson
Mr Norman Chandler
*The Bruce Family
*Mr Alan Ketley
*Mrs Gwennie Wilkes
Group Service at Kilsby
*Mrs Kath Packer
Remembrance Service St Lawrence
*Diana Osborne
*Mrs Grace Mawby



Dates for your Diary:

2nd September — Gift Day

24th September
Harvest Festival Service

29th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning
10.00 am til 12 noon

14th October
Guide Dog Coffee Morning
10.00 am til 12 noon

28th November
Elders Meeting at 7.00 pm

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

Regular Events

- ♦ Charity Coffee Morning on the first Saturday each month, 10.30 am—11.30 am



- ♦ Ladies Circle first Wednesday each month at 2.15 pm.

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

On Saturday September 16th Helen Brindley and Charles Thompson will be married at our church.

We offer them congratulations, and wish them much happiness in their life together.



Dates for Your Diary

Harvest festival Sunday September 17th at 11.00 am
Followed by lunch - please let us know if you want to come.



Grand Coffee Morning for church funds
Saturday December 2nd 10.30 am - 12 noon



Birthdays

1st September	Tom Nisbet
18th September	Brenda Morgan



*Jenny
Goodger*

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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 10.30 am 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.

Thank you for all your generous donations.



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all our visitors at our fund raising events during the summer.

We raised £300 for the survivors of the Grenfell Tower fire from sale of tea and cakes on Open Gardens Sunday.

We were super busy at both Strawberry Teas and through Scarecrow Weekend: the church will put your generous donations to good use.

NW NORTHANTS. PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY - September, October, November 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 3rd September	Mrs Barbara Houghton	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Mr Jon Heard	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
Sunday 10th September	Mrs Jill Coe	Mr Jon Heard	11.00 am Elders 3.00 pm Pet Service Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Mr Cecil Gill With Holy Communion
Sunday 17th September	Mr. Andrew Howes With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Harvest Festival	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion and enrolment/parade	Mr John Perkins
Sunday 24th September	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Harvest Festival	Mrs Mary Barratt	Mr Bryan Heard	Mr Keith Bishop Harvest Festival
Sunday 1st October	Mrs Lucy Faulkner	Mr David Biddle	Mrs Carolyn Wilson Tear Fund Lunch after	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion
Sunday 8th October	Mr Ian Harrison	Mr Ray Smith	Harvest with Anglicans and lunch at URC Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Mr Magnus Ramage
Sunday 15th October	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Mr Jon Heard With Holy Communion	Rev. Michael Bond
Sunday 22nd October	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Mr Alan Fox	Rev. Malcolm Deacon	Mr Trevor Boys
Sunday 29th October	Joint Service at Kilsby With Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Joint Service at Kilsby With Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Joint Service at Kilsby With Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Joint Service at Kilsby With Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
Sunday 5th November	Mr Clive Leakey	Rev. M Houghton With Holy Communion	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Church Meeting
Sunday 12th November	10.45 am Remembrance Service at St Lawrence Church	Remembrance Service Rev. Michael Bond	10.50 am Remembrance Sunday Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Mr Cecil Gill
Sunday 19th November	Mr Alan Cox	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Mr Jon Heard With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion
Sunday 26th November	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Rev. N Cervantes	Mr Alan Thompson	Songs of Praise