

Dates for Your Diary

June 2015

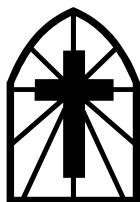
3.6.15	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
4.6.15	Creaton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
6.6.15	Long Buckby	10.30 am-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
6.6.15	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee Morning
9.6.15	Kilsby	Guild - Out to Lunch leaving at 12.15
11.6.15	Long Buckby	Ladies Circle to Weedon for Coffee
17.6.16	Long Buckby	7.00 pm 308th Anniversary Service
17.6.15	Crick	7.00 pm 195th Anniversary Service
17.6.15	Long Buckby	Open Day for Church & Hall
18.6.15	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
23.6.15	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild Mrs Dorn Margetts - Street Pastors

July 2015

1.7.15	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
2.7.15	Creaton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
4.7.15	Long Buckby	10.30 am-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
4.7.15	Crick	10.30 am-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
4.7.15	Crick	3.00 pm-5.00 pm Strawberry Teas
7.7.15	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild - Mrs. Brenda Glew
11.7.15	Crick	Scarecrow weekend
14.7.15	Long Buckby	6.30 pm Elders Meeting
16.7.15	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
21.7.15	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild—Mrs Brenda Glew
22.7.15	Kilsby	Summer Barbecue

August 2015

1.8.15	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
1.8.15	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
4.8.15	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild—Mrs. Ann Townsend
6.8.15	Creaton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
7.8.15	Long Buckby	6.00 pm Beetle Drive with Fish & Chip Supper
16.8.15	Long Buckby	Church meeting 12.00 noon after Church Service
18.8.15	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild—TBA
20.8.15	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch.



The Good News

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



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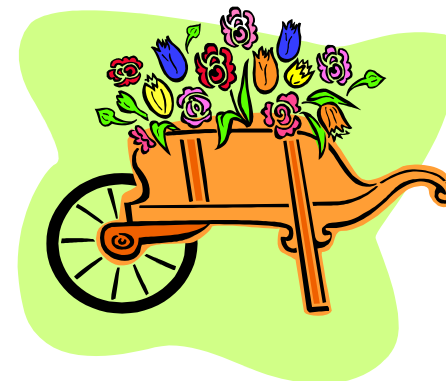
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A Message from the Synod Pastoral Convenor

Dear Friends,

In the absence of our own minister, I have been invited to write "the minister's letter". Now that the excitement of the General Election is dying away, if there ever was any, we're left with the struggles for leadership of several of the parties, as it comes close to mirroring several episodes of a soap opera.

To me one of the more interesting sidelines to the Election was the survey carried out by Christian Research among Church leaders, where they were asked which Biblical character matched each of the party leaders. It was perhaps started when Ed Milliband appeared with his manifesto carved into a block of stone, which naturally led him to be compared to Moses. Once the survey began he was then compared to Jacob, who had usurped his brother's birth-right.

Interestingly David Cameron was compared with the troubled King Saul, who was eventually succeeded by a younger and more popular activist after much infighting and betrayal. We can only wait and see.

Nick Clegg was compared with Judas, who had betrayed for money, whilst Nigel Farage was compared with King Herod who the Wise Men were told to avoid on their way home.

Highest of all in the poll was Nicola Sturgeon who was compared with the Old Testament prophet Deborah who led her people against another nation. (Judges 4 & 5). The leader of Plaid Cymru, Leanne Wood, was compared to Esther, who rose to power in a foreign land, and used diplomacy to seek freedom for her people, while the leader of the Green Party, Natalie Bennett, was not surprisingly compared to Eve.

The Director of Research at the Bible Society commented "These are all cracking stories of betrayal, power, love, honour and justice and-although ancient-they still connect and inform these very same issues today."

Yours in Christ,
Rev Geoff Townsend

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 10.30am—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 9.00am 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

Creton'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 (**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,

May is quickly travelling by and what a variation in weather we have had—starting off in April with some lovely sunshine and then came the winds; they came with a vengeance and unfortunately the blossom trees were shaken until most of the blossom was blown off, swirling around like snow.

A few weeks on and the next trees to open their green leaves are looking beautiful, the fields are like a patchwork quilt of green and yellow with the brightness of the rape fields.

God still gives us the most wonderful rainbows following a shower and sunshine, as I write this the lilac is in bloom and the fruit trees are looking good. Many of you will be looking forward to taking a holiday with some sunshine, I'm not predicting anything but it would be nice to fetch some summer clothes out of the wardrobe! The cricket season has started and also the tennis which is a good sign; or is it?

What a lot has happened since I last wrote for the Newsletter. We have remembered the end of both World Wars and all who gave their lives fighting for our country. Then there was the Election and all the news coverage for that. However the best news has been the birth of Princess Charlotte, a daughter for William and Kate and a sister for George. They are a very happy family and we wish them well and God's blessing.

To those of our Church family who haven't been well recently, I send you all best wishes and better health in the future. God Bless you all.

Gwennie Wilkes

GIFT DAY

Many thanks to all who gave so generously this year. The Grand Total was **£740**. Of which £515 was Gift Aided.

Puzzle Time

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CALM DOWN, CATNAP, CHILLOUT, COMFORT,
COOL OFF, DAYDREAM, DOZE, EAZE, FREEDOM,
HOLIDAY, LEAVE, LEISURE, LOOSEN UP, LUXURIATE,
PEACE, PICNIC, QUIETEN, RECESS, RELAX, RELIEF,
REPOSE, REPRIEVE, RESPITE, REST, SABBATICAL,
SERENITY, SETTLE DOWN, SIESTA, SIMMER DOWN,
SIT BACK, SLACKEN, SLEEP, SLUMBER, TAKE A BREAK,
TAKE IT EASY, TIME OFF, TIME OUT, UNCOIL,
UNWIND, VACATION

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

An Extract from 'Christian Crackers'

The visiting Baptist preacher had travelled from his home by train and the Sunday timetable made it imperative for him to make a quick departure after the service was over. By prior arrangement he had left his coat in the front pew, so after the benediction, he quickly left the pulpit, picked up his coat and joined the members of the congregation leaving the church. The steward on the door suffered from short-sightedness but did recognise that the man in the queue was not a 'regular'.

'You're not a visitor here today then?'

'Yes indeed'.

'Then come back next Sunday and hear a real sermon from our Minister'.



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

Long Buckby News

What's Going on?

Do we have vandals? Large mice? A priest hole? Structural problems? None of the above!

We live in exciting times with the last phase of Church modernisation and renovation nearing completion. Come and see the work in progress for yourself, use of paint brushes are an optional extra. Watch this space for future developments.



Church & Hall Open Day - 17th June

Are you looking for somewhere to hold a party, run craft/art classes, a concert or just some quiet time? Then our newly refurbished halls or Church could accommodate all of these.

Come along and view the venue without any obligation and enjoy a complimentary cup of Fairtrade coffee.

Tell all your friends to come otherwise we will be lonely!

For bookings contact Eva Brownlie 01327 844056.

From the church registers

Mary Davies 1925-2015

The funeral has taken place of Mary at Milton Crematorium on the 12th May.

Mary died peacefully on the 24th April in Cliftonville Care Home after a very short illness. We are grateful for the care shown by the staff at the Home who we know will miss Mary's interesting character.

We remember her as a private person; for her keenness to see the Church grow; and her interest in the family of the church. A long term Elder we are glad that she is now at peace with her Lord.. We pray that her family Susan and Chris and the grandchildren will also know the peace of the Lord as they remember their mum in days when she had a clearer memory than she had in recent times.



Emily Faulkner baptism.

Lucy, James, Abbey and the family will be joining us for worship on the 5th July for the baptism of Emily Josephine.



Rag Bag

We are raising extra funds by collecting unwanted clothing in our "Rag Bag".

If you have any unwanted textiles or shoes please bring them to our "Rag Bag", which is located in the large hall foyer by the toilets. If you are unable to access this area please leave your disposable bag in the small hall foyer and we will move it for you

No filled items such as pillows, duvets, or puffer jackets as our trader cannot accept them.

Thank you

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

9th June**	Out to lunch leaving at 12.15
23rd June	Mrs. Dorn Margetts - Street Pastors
7th July	Mrs. Brenda Glew
21st July	Games afternoon
4th August	Mrs. Ann Townsend
18th August	TBA



Dates for your Diary

Anniversary Service 24th June at 7pm and the speaker will be Rev Martha McInnes from Wellingborough. All are welcome



Summer Barbecue at Chapel on 22nd July

This year it will be a **TICKET ONLY** Event. Tickets will be available from Val & Frank on 01788 822751 at £8 each.



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.

Thanks to the generosity of our 'regulars' we have just sent £100.00 each to Headway a charity for people with head injuries and to Youth Cancer Trust, which provides holidays and treats for young cancer patients.

We sent £165 to the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund from our May Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy stall.



Birthdays

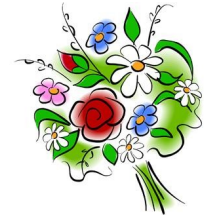
4th June	Margaret Sinclair
28th July	Mary Whitty
26th August	Gwyneth Nisbet



Long Buckby News

Flower Rota

7th June	Mr. Alan Ketley
14th June	Mr. & Mrs. P Colton
21st June	Mr. Don Bird
28th June	Mrs. Wendy Baker
5th July	Mrs. Gwennie Wilkes
12th July	Mrs. Lucy Faulkner
19th July	Long Buckby Garden Club
26th July	Mrs. Eva Brownlie
2nd August	Mrs. Janet Wastnage
9th August	Mrs. Myra Griffiths
16th August	Mrs. Betty Strains
23rd August	Mrs. Edna Curtis
30th August	Group Service Crick



Hope Centre

We are still collecting for the Hope Centre.

Tea or coffee are greatly Appreciated, as are tins of food and dried goods.

The box for these items is at the back of the Church.

Many Thanks

Gwennie Wilkes.

Mite Scheme - April 2014—March 2015

This last year we have sent £200.00 to UNICEF for the Mite Scheme.

Bible Study

Bible Study will be held at 25 Wright Road Long Buckby at 10.00am on the following dates:-

12.6.15
19.6.15
3.7.15
17.7.15
31.7.15

No Bible Study in August.



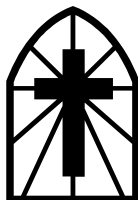
Website

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 308th Anniversary Service

17th June 2015 at 7pm

Conducted by the Rev. Dr Deborah Baird
East Midland Training & Development
Officer



There will be refreshments and social time in the
Large Hall afterwards.

A Warm Welcome is extended to everyone.

Birthdays

9th June	Rachel Cole
25th June	Sue Cross
26th June	Alan Ketley
2nd July	Eva Brownlie
6th July	Wendy Baker
8th July	Myra Griffiths
13th August	Beryl Chapman
26th August	Sophie Ellison
31st August	Mary Bignell



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.
- Elders Meeting 14th July at
6.30pm
- Harvest Festival
Sunday 20th September
conducted by Alan Fox.



**Friday 7th August at 6pm
Beetle Drive &
Fish & Chip Supper.**

Please let Wendy know if you wish
to come as the Fish & Chips need
to be ordered.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Crick URC Anniversary 17th June at 7pm
Speaker Barry Osborne



Strawberry Teas

Saturday 4th July 3pm—5pm

Scarecrow Weekend 11th and 12th July
Refreshments & books

The above events will be on all weekend except for
Sunday Service



Jenny

'Dead End' from Christian Crackers

Two American tourists were staying in a small village in
the heart of rural England. Come Sunday they attended
the village church. The service was long, uninspiring and
the music rather dull. After the service the vicar
greeted his two visitors and offered to show them
around the church. As he pointed out various items of
interest they came to a plaque on the wall with a list of
names on it. 'Whose are all these names?' asked one of
the visitors. 'Oh, those are the names of the
Parishioners who have died in the services' said the
Vicar. 'And how do you intend to rectify it for those
who are here now?' asked the other visitor.

NW NORTHANTS, PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY - June, July, August 2015

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 7th June	Mrs Wendy Pittman	Rev. Michael Heighton with Holy Communion	Jon Heard	Mrs Mary Barrett with Holy Communion
Sunday 14th June	Rev. Derek Redfern	TBA	Rev. Geoff Townsend with Holy Communion	Mr Wally Mular
Wednesday 17th June	308th Anniversary Service 7.00pm Rev. Deborah Baird	195th Anniversary Service 7.00pm Barry Osborne		
Sunday 21st June	Rev. Geoff Townsend with Holy Communion	9.00am David Biddle	Pilots	Rev. Conrad Husk
Wednesday 24th June				Anniversary Service 7.00pm Rev. Martha McInnes
Sunday 28th June	Mr Clive Leakey	Lay Preachers Sunday	Claire Ette	Mrs Dorn Margetts
Sunday 5th July	Rev. Michael Bond	Mrs. Barbara Heighton	Rev. Malcolm Deacon	Mr Jon Heard
Sunday 12th July	Mrs Barbara Heighton	Rev. Conrad Husk with Holy Communion	Jon Heard with Holy Communion	Rev. Michael Heighton with Holy Communion
Sunday 19th July	Mr Alan Fox with Holy Communion	9.00am Louise Wilkin	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Mr Keith Bishop
Sunday 26th July	Mrs Margaret Hooper	Tony Cervantes	Bryan Heard	Rev Norman Barr
Sunday 2nd August	Mr Ian Harrison	Rev. Michael Heighton with Holy Communion	Alan Thompson	Rev Michael Bond with Holy Communion
Sunday 9th August	Rev. Derek Redfern	Andrew Howes	Rev. Peter Meek	Rev. Conrad Husk
Sunday 16th August	Rev. Geoff Townsend	9.00am Wally Mular	Jon Heard	Mr Mike Hoyer
Sunday 23rd August	Rev. Conrad Husk with Holy Communion	Ian MacIntosh	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Mr Wally Mular
Sunday 30th August	JOINT SERVICE AT CRICK	JOINT SERVICE Rev. Michael Bond	JOINT SERVICE AT CRICK	JOINT SERVICE AT CRICK