

Dates for your Diary

March 2020

- 4.3.20 Long Buckby 2.15 pm Ladies Circle
- 5.3.20 Creaton 12.00 noon Nosh & Natter (men's lunch)
- 7.3.20 Crick 10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee Morning
- 7.3.20 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
- 13.3.20 Long Buckby 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
- 22.3.20 Long Buckby 12.00 noon AGM
- 29.3.20 Creaton 11.00 am Pastorate Joint Service

April 2020

- 1.4.20 Long Buckby 2.15 pm Ladies Circle
- 2.4.20 Creaton 12.00 noon Nosh & Natter (men's lunch)
- 9.4.20 Long Buckby 6.45 pm Maundy Thursday
- 10.4.20 Long Buckby 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club

May 2020

- 6.5.20 Long Buckby 2.15 pm Ladies Circle
- 7.5.20 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
- 7.5.20 Crick 10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
- 7.5.20 Creaton 12.00 noon Nosh & Natter (men's lunch)
- 8.5.20 Long Buckby 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
- 15.5.20 Long Buckby 7 pm Joint Elders
- 31.5.20 Long Buckby 11.00 am Pastorate Joint Service with Rev. Geoffrey Clarke

Finally:

I'm sure that we would all like to offer a big thank you to Chris Berry for the hard work she has done during her time in editing this magazine.

And indeed all those who have contributed.

The Good News

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



March 2020 — May 2020

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Creaton News

Notice:

There will be a Lent Course here for 5 weeks starting on Wednesday 26th February at 2pm, using the latest York Course "Superstar." The first week looks at "Who is Jesus?", followed by "Miracles", "The Psalms", "The Church" and "Cross Purposes."

Poppies Coffee Shop is open from 9.00 am to 12 noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Poppies is **closed on** Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Everyone is very welcome.



For the Men

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



'Pilots' meets on a Monday night in term time from 7.00pm.

Details are available from the Church Secretary.

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



What's Going on in the Pastorate

Kilsby:

If you fancy a coffee a warm welcome awaits you Kilsby is open for coffee and snacks every Monday and Thursday from 9am until midday.

Long Buckby:

Come along to a charity Coffee Morning run the 1st Saturday morning in every month 10.30 am — 11.30 am (except January).

Long Buckby:

The world famous Lunch Club runs on the second Friday at 12.30 pm each month.

Crick:

Come along to a charity Coffee Morning, the 1st Saturday morning in every month from 10.30 am to 12 noon (except January).

Creaton:

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

FELLOWSHIP

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.

Creaton 'Pilots' meet on a Monday night in term time from 7.00 pm details from the Church secretary.

Long Buckby News

February was the first Coffee Morning of the year;

£90 was raised on the Northamptonshire Health Charitable Fund

Many thanks to all involved!

Summary of funds raised during 2019 and the charities you chose;

MIND £68

Guide Dogs £190

Toilet Twinning £180

Air Ambulance £86

Air Ambulance £105

Children's Recreation Ground £82

Water Aid £100

MacMillan Nurses £122

Cancer Research UK £109

Toilet Twinning £183

Long Buckby Library & Hub £172

(£1397 to end of year)

Many thanks to all who helped and contributed!

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.



Community café

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. Held every Monday and Thursday from 9.00am until mid-day.



Sewing Group

The sewing group meets at 2pm every other Friday, contact Val for details.

Scrabble Club on Wednesdays at 1.00pm



A Message & News from the Minister

A book is just a book...Or is it?

I love a cookery book with tempting coloured photographs ("So someone actually has made this, and it looks OK"). Will the future bring us olfactory recipes so that we can be lured to get creative with a tempting smell?

I enjoy reading novels on my electronic device, but reference books need to be able to have bookmarks sticking up throughout, so that I can flip from tempting starters to tasty desserts. Having a lively cookery book which shares secrets, rather than talking down to readers, is more than half-way to actually creating the meal. Sometimes just reading the recipe is sufficient to comfort and refresh the taste buds.

A friend of mine used to laugh at herself and say once she'd read about something once in a book, she thought she had become an expert in the matter. In reality she discovered that just reading the book did not give her expertise!- She'd missed out on all the failures and errors in the learning and practice attempts.

One of the Elders from a church where I used to be, is an expert breeder of orchids. During February, she returned a book to me by post, and in with the book was an orchid cutting. I had no instructions, just a plastic bag containing a living plant.

In order to fully enjoy the gift, I had to ask her for help as to the needs of this cutting. Then it was a trip to the garden centre to locate the correct potting medium and a suitable pot. I think I've found a good location for this orchid to grow but only time will tell. To thrive the cutting will demand care and attention.



Long Buckby News

Hope Centre

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

We were pleased to be able to send the Hope Centre £80 as a result of the collection at our Christmas Brass Band Service.

Dates for Your Diary

- 6th March** **St Lawrences** World Day of Prayer 2 pm
- 22nd March** **Long Buckby** AGM 12.00 noon
- 9th April** **Maundy Thursday** Joint Buckby event 6.45 for 7
- 10th April** **Walk of Witness** 10 am.
- 31st May** **Joint Pastorate** Service with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp



Regular Events

- ♦ **Charity Coffee Morning** on the first Saturday each month, 10.30 am—11.30 am (Not January)
- ♦ **Ladies Circle** first Wednesday each month at 2.15 pm.
- ♦ **Lunch Club**—2nd Friday each month 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm



Long Buckby News

Flower Rota

1 st March	Peggy Bond
8 th	Diana Osborne
15 th	Don Bird
22 nd	Lucy Faulkner
29 th	Group service at Creaton
5 th April	Sue and Kath for Grace Mawby
12 th	Marion Boucher
19 th	Kath Packer
26 th	The Bruce Family
3 rd May	Mary Bignell
10 th	Rita Stowe
17 th	Gill Best
24 rd	Norman Chandler
31 st	Sian Ellison

Birthdays

March	No Birthdays this month
April	Don Bird
May	Diana Babb James Faulkner Richard Bignell David Boucher Mark Ellison

For Prayer This quarter we asked to remember:

- Youngsters who are feeling the pressure of life
- Those known to us who are in Care homes
- Remember that we are in a group of four churches. Please pray for vision for our church and the other three churches. May work not become too great a burden

A Message & News from the Minister cont'd

So, you have a Bible in the house? Does that mean you read it? Refer to it? Let it guide you? Or does it have to influence you from its constant place on the bottom shelf of a bookcase? Years ago I was trying to include people who didn't normally come to Bible study groups: "Would you perhaps like us to meet in your home?" She looked at me and replied, "Oh no, I had a Bible, I read it once and didn't like it!"

The Bible... Sorry, the only photos are of deserted streets and countryside- no people included. Is the paper thin and the print too small for comfortable reading? Is the language somewhat old-fashioned? Does the writer seem to be writing for an audience you are not part of? Is it like a book in a foreign language where you need to refer back to remind yourself who the characters are?

A plant requires nurturing in order to flourish. We too require input in order to flourish.

Just having a book doesn't mean it is of value to you. Just reading an odd passage of a book once many years ago, does not allow it to be understood.

This Lent invite yourself to get to know an old friend better. Read a book, let yourself be challenged. Dare to ask questions. Use these 40 days as a time to explore your faith alongside others.

Shalom, Salaam,

Elizabeth



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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 and Donations

Coffee mornings to raise money for charity will continue on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30 am until 12 o'clock. 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.



Our charitable donations last year totalled £1,058.55, which makes an impressive £17,549.55 since fund raising started in 1999. Charities are chosen by 'the regulars', often a charity with a personal connection.

Chapel Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes to Joan Saunders and Beth Stanley, who have birthdays during this edition's time frame.



Date For Your Diaries

Friday, March 6th at 7:15 pm

World Day of Prayer
(in the schoolroom)

Jenny Goodger



Lent Study Group will be meeting on Monday afternoons at Crick at 2pm from March 2nd

May 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2020

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 10, 2020

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 17, 2020

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 24, 2020

(If Ascension not observed here)

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Day of Pentecost - May 31, 2020

Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
or
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23



Lectionary Readings contd.

April 2020

Sixth Sunday in Lent - April 5, 2020

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

Easter Day - April 12, 2020

Resurrection of the Lord

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Second Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2020

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2020

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35



Lectionary Readings

March 2020

First Sunday in Lent - March 1, 2020

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2020

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

or

Matthew 17:1-9

Third Sunday in Lent - March 15, 2020

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 22, 2020

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 29, 2020

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11



NW NORTHANTS PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY - March 2020, April, May 2020

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 1st March	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Cecil Gill	Jon Heard	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
Sunday 8th March	Magnus Ramage	Ray Smith	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Tony Cervantes
Sunday 15th March	Rev. Michael Houghton With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Rev. Geoff Townsend	John Perkins
Sunday 22nd March	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Trevor Boys	Suzie James	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion
Sunday 29th March	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Joint at Creton	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Joint at Creton	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Joint at Creton	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Joint at Creton
Sunday 5th April	Andrew Howes Psalm Sunday Family Service	Rev. Michael Bond	Jon Heard	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion
Sunday 12th April Easter Day	Ian Harrison	Jon Heard	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Trevor Boys
Sunday 19th April	Eric Nixon	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Cecil Gill
Sunday 26th April	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Rev Nancy Cervantes With Holy Communion	Elders	David Biddle
Sunday 3rd May	Martin Buckby	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Magnus Ramage	Vaughan Griffith
Sunday 10th May	Margaret Hooper	Ray Smith	Jon Heard	Wally Mular
Sunday 17th May	Rev. Michael Bond With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Cecil Gill
Sunday 24th May	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Ian Mair	Lindsey Cole	Rev. Michael Bond With Holy Communion
Sunday 31st May	Rev. Geoffrey Clarke Joint at Long Buckby	Joint at Long Buckby	Joint at Long Buckby	Joint at Long Buckby