

Dates for Your Diary

August

3.8.11	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies' Circle
4.8.11	Creaton	12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
5.8.11	Long Buckby	10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
6.8.11	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
6.8.11	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Coffee Morning
9.8.11	Kilsby	12.45 pm Tuesday Guild - Shoe Box Scheme
18.8.11	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
19.8.11	Long Buckby	10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
23.8.11	Kilsby	2.15 pm Tuesday Guild - Memories of Grace Hall
26.8.11	Long Buckby	3.30 pm Wedding of Lucy and James

September

1.9.11	Creaton	12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
2.9.11	Long Buckby	10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
3.9.11	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Coffee Morning
3.9.11	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
6.9.11	Kilsby	2.15 pm Tuesday Guild - Egypt and Israel
7.9.11	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies' Circle
8.9.11	Long Buckby	6.00 pm Elders' Meeting
15.9.11	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
16.9.11	Long Buckby	10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
19.9.11	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Harvest sale
20.9.11	Kilsby	2.15 pm Tuesday Guild - to be arranged
29.9.11	Long Buckby	7.00 pm Church meeting
30.9.11	Long Buckby	10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road

Contributions for the Newsletter

If you have an article, events or thoughts you would like in the October/November issue of "Good News", please forward it to Gretta Davis, 12 East Street, Long Buckby, NN6 7RA or e-mail her on gretta@longbuckby.com Any items for the next newsletter are required by 20th September.

The Good News

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



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Rosemary's Ramblings - August 2011

One of the problems with the ageing process, as I am beginning to discover, is bits start to wear out. Hearing decreases, eyesight isn't quite as sharp as it was and knees and hips twinge on a regular basis.

Of course, medical science has moved on substantially and many of our bits and pieces can be either replaced (knees and hips) or at least helped (glasses and hearing aids). But unfortunately, as far as I am aware, science hasn't yet developed the capacity to improve my diminishing muscle tone and suppleness.

You know it's happening when getting up from a chair takes more effort than it used to and when you bend down to retrieve something from the floor, you have to enlist the help of someone else to bend down and retrieve you!!!

But I refuse to give in, well not yet anyway, so I am working with a combination of swimming and some general stretching exercises. And it's making a difference. My back and shoulders are much more supple and just a few gentle exercises a day mean I can stretch further than I used to.



Every little helps. Yes, I know, that's the Tesco's phrase but I think it's true. Even just a little exercise every now and then makes a difference to your overall health and feeling of wellbeing.

And so it is with God. Just a little bit of God every day will make a difference, a positive difference, to your life and your general wellbeing.

Of course, I don't always feel like swimming and sometimes I'm really too busy to be bothered with my exercises but I always feel better for them and I miss them when they don't happen. In the same way, it can be hard to find time for God, but God in your life does make a difference and skipping God will leave an emptiness that is impossible to fill with anything else.

Rosemary Pullen

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 9.00 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.

Creton has Poppies Coffee Shop - open from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (closed Thursday). Closed 22.8-2.9 inclusive

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.



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

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.

Long Buckby News

Christian Aid Week 15th to the 21st May 2011

I write to confirm that the members of the three Churches in Long Buckby contributed £160 in the week. I am grateful for the sum raised. The URC raised £117 of the total. Thank you all for your efforts.

Peggy Bond

From the Church Registers

Baptism of George Christopher Bovington Berrill

It was good to have the family of George in church with us on the 22nd May alongside his older sister Alice, whom we baptised in 2009. We wish his parents Victoria and Christopher much happiness. We pray that they will all know God's learning as the children grow in stature and Christian leading over the years.

May God be with you all where ever he leads you.

Answers to "Know Your Hymns"

1. Brightest and Best are the Sons of the Morning; 2. Come ye thankful people come; 3. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind; 4. Ere I sleep for every favour; 5. For all the saints who from their labours rest; 6. Guide me O thou great Jehovah; 7. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided; 8. In heavenly love abiding; 9. Joy to the world, the Lord has come; 10. King of glory, King of peace; 11. Love divine, all loves excelling; 12. Make me a channel of your peace; 13. New every morning is the love; 14. Oh sacred Head sore wounded; 15. Peace perfect peace is the gift of Christ our Lord; 16. In the cross of Christ I glory; 17. Rock of Ages cleft for me; 18. At evening when the sun was set; 19. Take my life and let it be; 20. Oh happy day that fixed my choice; 21. Unto us a boy is born; 22. Christ the Lord is risen today; 23. Who would true valour see; 24. You are the King of Glory

Creaton News

Poppies Coffee Shop - is open daily from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Poppies is Closed on Thursdays. *Everyone is very welcome.*



Please note that Poppies Coffee Shop will close for the August holiday from 12.00 noon Friday, 19th August and re-open at 9.00 am Monday, 5th September.

Sylvia and her team are very encouraged with the way that Poppies is developing into a focal meeting point in the village. Two new helpers from the village have joined the team recently and are willingly to work as and when required to cover for holidays etc.

The team would like to thank all who support Poppies both the regulars and those who drop in from time to time. They look forward to welcoming new friends for Autumn/Winter session following a short break over the August Bank holiday period.

Sylvia Watt.

Pilots - Pilots celebrated its 75th Anniversary during the week commencing the 3rd July. Creaton Pilots Company had a party on 12th July to celebrate this event. In September our own Pilots Company will be celebrating its 20th year; the party on 12th July celebrated both events.

Marion Heard

Congratulations to Marion and her team on this great achievement. We pray that this important work with the youngsters may go from strength to strength and be a means of helping children to come to faith in Christ.

Reg Thomas

You are warmly welcome to join us for Sunday Worship & Junior Church

Creaton News

Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; John 14:27

In a noisy and troubled world these words from Jesus and thoughts by **H.G. Spafford** may help us to reflect on that peace that passes all understanding:

"When peace like a river attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know,
It is well; it is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come;
Let this blest assurance control.
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul"

Spafford was born in 1828 in New York. He was a successful lawyer in Chicago who maintained a keen interest in Christian activities. Sometime in 1871, a fire in Chicago devastated the city. The disaster wiped out Spafford's many holdings. Before the fire, he had also experienced the loss of his son.

Two years after the fire, Horatio Spafford planned a family trip to Europe. He wanted a rest for his wife and four daughters, and also to assist with evangelistic campaigns in Great Britain. The day before departure, Spafford had an urgent business transaction and had to stay behind in Chicago. Nevertheless, he still sent his wife and daughters to travel as scheduled on the S.S. *Ville du Havre*, expecting to follow in a few days. The ship was struck by an English vessel, and sank in few minutes.

When the survivors finally reached Wales, Spafford's wife cabled her husband with two simple words, "Saved alone." Shortly after, as planned, Spafford left by ship. On his way, where his beloved four daughters had drowned, he wrote this most poignant text so descriptive of his own personal grief - "*When sorrows like sea billows roll.*" The hymn "*It is Well with My Soul*" was born.

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

Birthdays

August

13th August Beryl Chapman
26th August Sophie Ellison
30th August Rosemary Pullen
31st August Mary Bignall

September

15th September Gretta Davis
30th September Norman Chandler



Flower Rota

7th August Janet Wastnage
14th August Myra Griffiths
21st August Mary Davies
28th August Edna Curtis
4th September Mr. & Mrs. B. Colton
11th September Liz Osborne
18th September Wendy Baker
25th September Norman & Dawn Chandler

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

Cantare Singers' Concert

On the 15th October at 7.00 pm Long Buckby URC will be holding a Concert in the Church with The Cantare Singers from Northampton. There will be a varied programme including solo's, duets, and the whole Choir singing old favourite songs, more modern popular songs, and songs from the shows. Something for everyone.

The Choir has been running for 40 years and have enjoyed singing at our Church over more recent years. Tickets will be on sale in the near future at a price of £5 which will include wine and nibbles. Please support our Church and the Choir. All proceeds will be for Church Funds.

The Hope Centre

During the next two months we will collect baked beans and tea for the Hope Centre.

Mission Statement

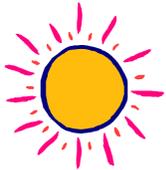
At a recent Elders' meeting it was agreed to change the Mission Statement to:-

**ENCOURAGING ALL PEOPLE TO
KNOW JESUS**

Dear Friends

Since I last wrote to you I have been visiting the eye clinic myself and with the help of the doctors and the care and prayers of family and friends, I am certainly feeling better than I did two months ago, and I give thanks for this.

There are friends of the church who need our prayers and support. Dawn Chandler, Moira Hodgkinson, Mary Bignall, Grace Mawby, Mary Davis (who has recently moved to the Cliftonville Home) and anyone who is feeling poorly; best wishes to you all.



I hope you have all enjoyed the sunshine and warm weather that we have had recently. Perhaps it was too hot for some, but at least we can sit in some shade, or have the air conditioning or a fan on if needed. I hope this fine weather continues as the holiday season draws near and some families are hoping for a good break with some sunshine.

When we see what is happening in East Africa and the terrible conditions the drought has caused, we are very lucky to live here where tap water is always on hand.

Here in Northamptonshire we have had some rain, which is good for the gardens and I am amazed at how well the vegetables are growing. The flower gardens are looking good too. Perhaps we should be aware of the concern of the farmers who grow and provide the crops which go towards our food. We go shopping at the supermarkets and take it for granted that the shelves will be filled with all the good things we usually buy.

Best wishes to you all. Keep well and happy.

Gwennie Wilkes

Here is a prayer request from John Titlow - his daughter's name is Naomi. Please pray as you are led and keep pressing on.

Please pray for the people of New Zealand, I feel that now is an appropriate time to remember the folks, especially the churches, who have been subjected to a continuous series of quakes and after-shocks since September last year. One of our daughters was living in Christchurch, 10 minutes from the Cathedral, until early 2010. She moved out to Leeston, some 25 miles away and thus escaped the worst of the two main shocks. Yesterday two small tremors were centred on her township but they did not greatly affect her.

Churches are attempting to help by organising twinning of less affected congregations with those closer to the epicentre. My main concern, however, is the sheer length of time that this episode has gone on. They start rebuilding after one 'quake only to have further damage caused a few weeks later.

The effect that this must be having on the morale of those involved can only be imagined. Our two grandchildren were greatly distressed by the main shocks yesterday. Our daughter's brother-in-law was, for a long time, haunted by the screams he heard coming from the collapsed television building - where our daughter's former GP was killed.

Comfort and wisdom, not to mention hope, are the main needs for the people involved. I believe, though, that this is a time for the Christians of the area to know what God is saying to them about this revolt going on under their feet.

By the way, our other daughter in New Zealand lives in the relative safety of an extinct super volcano (Rotorua) where a nearby smaller volcano erupted in the 19th Century! And we think we have problems.

Coffee Mornings

Having taken a break on the morning of Strawberry Teas, we are now back as usual on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30 til noon. We have just sent a cheque for £100 to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Nice to see you.....

What a pleasure to see so many old and new friends at both our 191st anniversary service and Strawberry Teas. Everyone enjoyed sitting in the sunshine eating strawberries - a perfect summer afternoon! We raised over £360 for church funds.

Crick Feast

Crick History Society is reviving the tradition of Crick Feast on the first weekend of October. It was a celebration of harvest, and payment of rent by tenant farmers, with a feast provided by the landlords.

Crick URC and St. Margaret's Church will celebrate Harvest that weekend; there will be a Feast Pudding competition, and all manner of activities, including refreshments in the schoolroom. Come and visit us to join in the fun!

Birthdays

August	28	Gwyneth Nisbet
September	1	Tom Nisbet
	18	Brenda Morgan



Jenny Goodger

Just as the swallow finds summer
 And avoids the winter snow;
 And the salmon finds its spawning ground
 And knows just where to go:
 So we all have within us
 A God-like 'Sat Nav' for good -
 But we have to learn to listen
 To the guiding word of God.
 We can see His work in Nature
 We can see new life in Spring
 And His Easter resurrection
 Makes all creation sing.
 We all have been created
 In the image of our God,
 But can be recreated
 If we wander from His road.
 Just stop and look and listen
 To what life's teaching you:
 Learn from life's experience
 And don't just muddle through.
 So don't be like the prodigal
 And run away from home:
 Turn round and see your Father
 Watching out for your return.
 He's ready and He's waiting
 To reclothe and comfort you
 To bless you with His wisdom
 And the grace to live anew.



MISSION STATEMENT

- ◆ We welcome people into our church from any background to share in our spiritual journey
- ◆ We want to share the love of God in the wider community

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday Guild at 2.15 pm except where stated otherwise

Tuesday, 9th August Brenda Cuthbert—The Shoe Box Scheme

Tuesday, 23rd August Memories

Tuesday, 6th September Clive Leakey—Egypt and Israel

Tuesday, 20th September To be Arranged

Your Prayers are asked for: Val Janes as she recovers from her recent operation and also Ann Tailby as she continues to make good progress with her new hip.

Beryl Lees

How to be Cheerful - some tips to improve wellbeing

- ◆ Find three things to feel good about each day
- ◆ Get a good balance between work and life
- ◆ Look for the good in those around you
- ◆ Find your strengths and focus on using them
- ◆ Use positive parenting techniques
- ◆ Help out a friend in need
- ◆ Get outside and enjoy the natural world
- ◆ Volunteer your time, energy and skills
- ◆ Set your goals and make them happen
- ◆ Try out something new or different
- ◆ Create a happier environment at work
- ◆ Get to know your neighbours better
- ◆ Have tactics for the tough times
- ◆ Enhance your relationship with your partner
- ◆ Find a way to make exercise fun
- ◆ Make sure you get enough sleep

For Example - A T B A B (All Things Bright and Beautiful)

1. B A B A T S O T M +
2. C Y T P C =
3. D L A F O M
4. E I S F E F *
5. F A T S W F T L R
6. G M O T G J
7. L F T Y Y L H K A G
8. I H L A
9. J T T W T L H C +
10. K O G K O P
11. L D A L E %
12. M M A C O Y P
13. N E M I T L
14. O S H S W
15. P P P I T G O C O L
16. I T C O C I G
17. R O A C F M
18. A E W T S W S *
19. T M L A L I B
20. O H D T F M C
21. U V A B I B +
22. C T L I R T ^
23. W W T V S
24. Y A T K O G

NOTES

- + Associated with Christmas
- * Associated with Evening
- = Associated with Harvest
- % Associated with Marriage
- ^ Associated with Easter

(Answers are on p.14)

Devised by Wendy Baker

PREACHING DIARY - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2011

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 7 th August	Pamela Taylor Family Service	The Minister with Holy Communion	Rev. Geoffrey Townsend	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
Sunday	9.00am Margaret Hooper	Rev. Conrad Husk	Jon Heard	Wally Mular
Sunday	Rev. Conrad Husk	9.00 am The Minister	Rev. Pat Nimmo	The Minister
Sunday 28 th August	The Minister with Holy Communion	Kath Paxton	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion	Sharing together
Sunday 4 th September	David Carter Family Service	The Minister with Holy Communion	Jon Heard	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
Sunday	9.00 am Rev. Michael Bond	Tony Cervantes	Rev. Michael Bond	The Gospel Messengers
Sunday 18 th September	Rev. April Richards Harvest Festival	9.00 am The Minister	Rev. Geoffrey Townsend <i>Café Style</i>	The Minister
Sunday 25 th September	The Minister with Holy Communion	Ian Mackintosh	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion	Clive Leakey Harvest Service

Listen

The best part of praying is being still long enough to listen

Psalm 17:6

Look Out

Whatever you're facing today, never for one minute think that you can't cope. When you've run out of strength and can't fight on, God will send reinforcements so start looking for them.

Psalm 16:8