

# The Good News

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



The  
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## December 2013 - February 2014

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As many of you will know, Jeff and I got married in September. We had an amazing day, surrounded by our families and our friends, as well as our friends from the four pastorate churches. The day was fun; the reception included Afternoon Tea as well as a Jazz Band and early on the morning after the wedding, we set off on our honeymoon.

We wanted to visit a place where neither of us had previously been so we chose Indonesia. We flew to Lombok and after 5 days transferred to Bali, where we spent the remainder of our 2 weeks.



Of course, we always knew it would be special. Not just because it was our honeymoon, but because it was an amazing opportunity to travel to and experience cultures and ways of life far different from our own. (As well of course, as temperatures in the upper 30s which was also a lot different to the temperature we had left behind in England.)

It soon became clear that because we were on honeymoon we received various gifts from the different places where we **stayed. These gifts ranged from a bottle of bubbly, a "honeymoon cake" a wooden figure, beautiful flower arrangements on our bed to towels shaped into animals.**

My favourite had to be the two swans, one male and one female, placed beak to beak on our bed, such that the two heads and necks formed a heart shape.

**I didn't really want to disturb them but as I gently tried to move them it became clear that the one was supporting the other. Without each other's help, they simply fell apart.**

In any relationship, but particularly in marriage the one partner needs to support the other. However, whether we are married or not, we are in a relationship, a partnership with God and just like the swans, if we move away from God, we fall apart.

Rosemary

## Welcome Back!

We welcome the return of the Pastorate 'Good News' magazine and thank Chris Berry for becoming the editor. We are very grateful to Chris and look forward to the news etc each quarter.

## A Message from your New Editor

Thank you for your all your emails welcoming me as your new editor. Gretta did such a good job for 10 years, she is a hard act to follow!

If you have an article, event or thoughts you would like to be included in the **March, April, May issue of 'Good News', please forward it to:-**

Chris Berry, 17 Berryfield, Long Buckby, NN6 7RQ or email to [berry-christine@sky.com](mailto:berry-christine@sky.com). Any items for the next magazine are required by 14th March.

Thank you  
Chris Berry



**To All Readers of our 'Good News' magazine, very best wishes**  
for a peaceful Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.



## Christmas Services

- ◆ 22nd December Candlelight Carol Service at 6.30pm with the Minister (No morning service)
- ◆ Christmas Day at 10.30am Family Service with the Elders



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](http://www.creaton.org.uk) Click on Churches and  
then click on United Reformed Church*

## A Quote for Christmas

It is the personal thoughtfulness, the warm human awareness, the reaching out of the self to one's fellow man that makes giving worthy of the Christmas spirit."

*~ Isabel Currier.*



*Tuesday Guild meetings at 2.15 pm*

- 3rd December 12.15 Out to Lunch
- 17th December Favourite Carols
- 7th January Looking Forward
- 21st January Just a Minute
- 4th February Fun & Games
- 18th February to be arranged.

Salvation Army Concert — **Don't forget to buy** your tickets for this popular event on Tuesday 10th December at 7pm.  
Tickets are £4.00.



Concert by the Woodland Singers  
Saturday 8th February at 7pm.  
Tickets £4.00.





### 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.

This year, we made the following donation:-

**£100 for Children Today, Clic Sargent, Alzheimer's Society, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Comic Relief, Brownland's Nursing Home and Crick Primary School.**

£115 to Cancer Research and £150 to Northants and Warks Air Ambulance—a Grand Total for the year of £965.

Total donations to various charities since the coffee mornings started in 1999 now come to £12,339.05. Thank you for all your generosity.

Our December Coffee Morning will raise money for our church.

Dates for your Diary

We invite you all to join us at our Christmas events and wish you all the blessings of Christmas and a successful year in 2014.

- ◆ December 7th Grand Coffee Morning 10.30 til 12 to raise money for church funds.  
**Coffee, cakes, tombola... and more!**  
A good time to meet friends old and new.
- ◆ December 19th Carols by Candlelight at 7pm  
Followed by coffee and mince pies—the very best start to Christmas week.
- ◆ Christmas Day 9.30am  
Rev. Michael Bond will lead our morning worship.
- ◆ Friday January 10th 3 til 5pm Pastorate social event.  
Come and join us for tea and cakes at Crick URC.  
Numbers please by 3rd January 2014.

*Jenny Goodger*



## Crick News

December - February birthdays

5th December Louise Wilkin

16th January Brenda Tomalin

27th January Jenny Goodyer

5th February Steve Wilkin



### A New Venture

What a pleasure to have our Pastorate magazine back in print.  
Good luck Chris and thank you for your hard work on our behalf.

Something to make you chuckle!



# NW NORTHANTS. PASTORATE'S PREACHING DI

Date	Long Buckby (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month)	Crick (All services at 11.00 am 9.00 am on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Pamela Taylor Family Service	Brenda Morgan
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am The Minister Family Service	Rev. Michael Heighton
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Sian Ellison Family Service	9.00 am The Minister With Holy Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>rd</sup> December	The Minister -Family Service with Holy Communion	Beth Stanley
Christmas Eve	2. 30pm with Soloist	
Christmas Day		
Sunday 29th Dec	Margaret Hooper	Wally Mular
Sunday 5th Jan		
Sunday 12th January	9.00 am The Minister, Rev. Rosemary Solomon	Ray Smith
Sunday 19th January	The Elders	9.00 am The Minister
Sunday 26th January	The Minister with Holy Communion	Louise Wilkin
Sunday 2nd February	Martin Buckby	The Minister with Holy Communion
Sunday 9th February	9.00 am The Minister, Rev. Rosemary Solomon	Rev. Michael Bond
Sunday 16th Feb	Ian Harrison	9.00 am The Minister
Sunday 23rd Feb	The Minister—with HC	Ian Mackintosh



# JANUARY - DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014

n. except in month)	Creaton (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in month)	Kilsby (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in month)
	Jon Heard	9.00 am Mrs B Lees with Holy Communion
	The Minister with Holy Communion	Mr Wally Mular
	Rev. Geoff Townsend Gift Service	The Minister Carol Service
	6.30 pm The Minister Candlelight Carol Service	Rev. Michael Bond
	10.30 am The Elders	
	No Service	Sharing Together
		The Minister, Joint Service
	The Minister With Holy Communion	Mr Wally Mular
	9.30 am Joint Service St. Michaels & All Angels	The Minister With Holy Communion
	9.00 am The Minister	The Gospel Messengers
	Rev. Geoff Townsend	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
	The Minister With Holy Communion	Mrs Dorn Margetts
	John Heard	The Minister
	9.00 am The Minister	Mr John Perkins

# Long Buckby News

## Dates for your December Diary

- ◆ 7th December Christmas Coffee Morning 10.00 am til 12 noon.  
We will be having some Christmas stalls and a raffle, so please come along to join us.
- ◆ 12th December - Ladies Circle Lunch  
Meet at Long Buckby at 12.30pm.
- ◆ 14th December - Decorating the Church for Christmas
- ◆ 15th December - Daventry Brass Band Carol Service at 6 pm.
- ◆ 24th December - Christmas Eve Service at 2.30 pm.



## Birthdays

9 <sup>th</sup> December	Len Babb
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Harry Ellison
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Dawn Chandler
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Edna Curtis
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Hilary Ketley
17th February	Clive Cooper
21st February	Kath Packer
28th February	Mary Davies



## Dates for January & February

18th January
Christian Unity Prayer Walk (Details not yet known)
30th January
Elders Meeting at 6pm
2nd February
Charity Coffee Morning 10.30am -12 noon In aid of the Phillipine Disaster Fund
4th February
Church meeting at 7pm
5th February
Ladies Circle at 2.15pm
No Ladies Circle in January

## Long Buckby News



Come along and join us at our popular Band Service on 15th December at 6.00 pm.

Listen to the band, sing Carols and enjoy seasonal refreshments afterwards.



By the time you read this newsletter we will have celebrated the Baptism of Abbey Faulkner. We welcome you to our Church Abbey and look forward to watching you grow up.

At our last Church meeting we Richard Bignell and Norman Chandler were welcomed to serve as Elders. We welcome you both and look forward to your ordination service.

We are saddened by the sudden death of our Life Elder Tony Hodgkinson. Tony and his wife Moira worshipped in our Church for the last fifteen years and are already missed by our congregation.

Moira is now in a nursing home in Devon, near her daughter Elizabeth.

Very best wishes to Moira and her daughter Elizabeth and son Gareth and families.



### 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](http://www.longbuckbyurc.org.uk)

Special Charity Coffee Morning 2nd February



Having watched the terrible plight of the people in the Phillipines after the typhoon, our first Charity Coffee Morning of the year will raise funds for this very good cause.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Phillipino people at this time.

Take shelter with God

In the stormy periods of life God promises,  
**'When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and  
through the rivers they shall not overflow you.'**

With Him you can weather any storm.

I saiah 43:2

**I found this quote in a book, 'God's little book of Calm'** and watching the suffering and resilience of the Phillipono people it seemed so appropriate.

Chris Berry

The Hope Centre

Many thanks for all the donations we have received this past year that have been sent to help provide a meal for the homeless. For the next two months we will collect any tinned goods you feel able to donate, such as soup, baked beans, spaghetti, etc. Thank you.

## Letter from Gwennie Wilkes

Dear Friends,

**How lovely to be able to say 'Hello' to you all once more and I must** thank my dear friend Chris for making this possible. Also a very big thank you to Gretta for her work during the last 10 years.

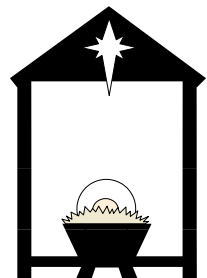
During the time we have had a rest some of our members have been ill or moved away from the district and a few have gone to join their Lord.

Not long now before we celebrate Christmas and maybe a few cards **will be popping through your letter box. It's a lovely way to let our** friends know that we are thinking of them at this wonderful time of year, when some of those living away from home find it imperative to return for the festive season.

For most Christmas is a happy and loving time but for others it can be very lonely. Thank God for the members of the Salvation Army who tend to those people who are living on the streets with nowhere to call home.

God bless you all, keep safe and warm.

Gwennie Wilkes



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning in every month 10.30-11.30 am (not in January).

Crick also runs a charity Coffee Morning, the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning in every month from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Creton has Poppies Coffee Shop - open from 9.00 am to 12.00 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

**Creton's Over 70's lunch Club meets at 12.30 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month** in the small hall at 2.15 pm (Not during December and January)

For the Men - **Creton host "Nosh and Natter" (Men's lunch) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 12.00 noon.**

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



## A Christmas Story to warm your heart

An eye witness account from New York City, on a freezing cold day in December, some years ago:

A little boy, about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the road way, barefooted, peering through the window and shivering with cold.

**A lady approached the young boy and said, "My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!"**

**"I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.**

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store and asked the assistant to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of warm water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet and dried them with a towel. By this time, the assistant had returned with the **socks. Placing a pair on the boy's feet she then purchased a pair of shoes.**

She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She **patted him on the head and said, "There, you will be more comfortable now."**

As she turned to go, the astonished child caught her by the hand and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked.

**"Please Ma'am, are you God's wife?"**



## Dates for Your Diary

### December 2013

- 7.12.13 Long Buckby 10.30-12.30 noon Christmas Coffee Morning  
7.12.13 Crick 10.30-12.00 noon Grand Coffee Morning  
3.12.13 Kilsby 12.15 pm Tuesday Guild - Out to lunch  
5.12.13 Creaton **12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)**  
10.12.13 Kilsby 7.00 pm Salvation Army Concert. Tickets £4  
15.12.13 Long Buckby 6.00 pm Daventry Brass Band Carol Service  
17.12.13 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild - Favourite Carols  
19.12.13 Crick 7.00pm Carols By Candlelight  
19.12.13 Creaton **12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch**  
22.12.13 Creaton 7.00 pm Candlelight Service with the Minister  
24.12.13 Long Buckby 2.30 pm with soloist Andrew Howes  
25.12.13 Crick 9.30 am Service with Rev. Michael Bond.

### January 2014

- 2.1.14 Creaton **12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)**  
5.1.14 Kilsby 11.00 am Joint Pastorate Service  
7.1.14 Kilsby 2.15pm Tuesday Guild - Looking Forward  
10.1.14 Crick 3—5pm Pastorate Social Event  
16.1.14 Creaton **12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch**  
18.1.14 Long Buckby Christian Unity Prayer Walk (details to follow)  
21.1.14 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild - Just a Minute  
30.1.14 Long Buckby **6.00 pm Elder's Meeting**

### February 2014

- 2.2.14 Long Buckby 10.30-12 noon Special Charity Coffee Morning  
2.2.14 Crick 10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning  
4.2.14 Kilsby 2.15pm Tuesday Guild - Fun & Games  
4.2.14 Long Buckby 7.00 pm Church Meeting  
5.2.14 Long Buckby 2.15 pm Ladies Circle  
8.2.14 Kilsby 7.00 pm Woodland Singers Concert Tickets £4  
6.2.14 Creaton **12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)**  
18.2.14 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild - To be Arranged.  
20.2.14 Creaton **12.30pm Over 70's Lunch.**