

Dates for Your Diary

June

- 1.6.11 Long Buckby 2.15 pm Ladies' Circle
 2.6.11 Creaton 12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
 4.6.11 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
 4.6.11 Crick 10.30-12.00 noon Coffee Morning
 7.6.11 Kilsby 7.00 pm Concert with Rugby Salvation Army Band
 9.6.11 Long Buckby 6.00 pm Elders' Meeting
 10.6.11 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
 12.6.11 Crick Picnic and worship with Foleshill Road Church
 14.6.11 Kilsby 12.45 pm Tuesday Guild - Lost and Found
 15.6.11 Kilsby 7.00 pm Church Anniversary with Rev. D. Redfern
 16.6.11 Creaton 12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
 22.6.11 Kilsby 12.00 noon Barbecue in Chapel Garden
 22.6.11 Crick 7.00 pm Crick URC Anniversary
 24.6.11 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
 28.6.11 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild - Strawberry tea
 29.6.11 Long Buckby 6.30 pm AGM and Church Meeting

July

- 2.7.11 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
 2.7.11 Crick 3.00-5.00 pm Strawberry teas
 6.7.11 Long Buckby 2.15 pm Ladies' Circle
 7.7.11 Creaton 12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
 8.7.11 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
 9-10.7.11 Crick Crick Scarecrow weekend
 12.7.11 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild - Bobbie and Brenda
 16-17.7.11 Kilsby Flower Festival at St. Faith's Church
 21.7.11 Creaton 12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
 22.7.11 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
 26.7.11 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild - Do we Listen?
 30.7.11 Kilsby 2.00 pm Summer Fete in Chapel garden

The Good News

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



June & July 2011



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Rosemary's Ramblings - May 2011

Children, as I have learnt to my cost, are very good mimics. I have certainly experienced huge embarrassment on hearing my children not only using an expression that I have used (and perhaps would rather they hadn't repeated), but also observing them copying my intonation and my mannerisms.

Young children are like sponges. Picking everything up; and this ability to mimic makes a good game.

Ask a child what noise does a dog make and they will happily demonstrate "woof". And a sheep - "baa" and a duck - "quack". How about a cow? "Moo".

And then there's "what noise does a car make" "Brrrrmmm"!

So I was interested in a news item earlier this week about electric cars and concerns over their lack of noise. Whilst the sound of traffic can be intrusive, it does serve to let us know that a car, or lorry, or bus, or whatever is coming along - which is a particularly useful piece of information when we are about to cross the road.

But electric cars are silent and researchers at Warwick University are currently investigating what noise they could make so we can hear them coming, which is particularly important to those suffering from any kind of visual impairment.

What's all this got to do with God? Well it made me ask myself "what noise does a Christian make"? Many of the Psalms answer that question. "Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God", and the book of Acts tells us how the early Christians spent their days "praising the Lord".

We might not always be very good at praising God in public but we can at least praise God in our hearts.

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. (Their bacon sandwiches are legendary.)

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). Everyone is very welcome

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

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who made our 304th Anniversary Celebrations a great success. It was lovely to see visitors who enjoyed the very inspiring service conducted by Rev. Alan Spence.

Rag Bag

We still have the Rag Bag textile bank in our large schoolroom. Please continue to bring in plastic bags of any clothing, textiles, bed linen, blankets, handbags, belts, shoes in pairs, accessories such as scarves etc. (We do not want pillows or duvets thanks.) Put your bag in the recycling bank. The bank is regularly emptied, and the contents are taken to be sorted and all good clothing etc. will be sent to a third world country whilst all other items are taken for recycling into cleaning materials. Every kilo recycled raises money exclusively for our Church.

Wendy Baker

Christian Aid Week 2011

Holidaying in Vietnam and Cambodia you become very conscious of the poor and needy of life. Often as you get back on a coach a person without a hand or a mother and her baby are asking for help. It is very difficult to know the genuine from the scroungers.

For Michael and me we are conscious that it is good to give to Christian Aid and let the agencies with knowledge sort out the problems and give as much as they can to the genuine needy. Returning at the beginning of Christian Aid Week we are conscious of people giving to Christian Aid through the envelopes in Church.

As I write I have no idea of the gift total received, but I want to say thank you for your gifts, I am sure that they will be well used. In two months time I shall be able to tell you the total cash given.

In the mean time many thanks for any help you have provided.

Peggy Bond for Christian Aid

Creaton News

You are warmly welcome to join us for our Sunday Worship and 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

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.*

Fellowship News - The church was packed on Thursday 31st March to Celebrate the Life of Roger Miller. It was a moving service conducted by Rev Rosemary Pullen and Rev Geoffrey Townsend. The music was provided by Mrs. Wendy Baker at the organ. The service was followed by a Green Burial at Greenhaven a fitting place for Roger's burial because of his great love of wild life and nature.

The Miller family wish to thank the church and their many friends for the prayers, and support given to them during the difficult period following Roger's death. Also thanks to Rosemary, Geoffrey and Wendy for their teamwork throughout the service, and to the Elders for preparing the church to seat the large numbers present allowing the service to run sensitively and smoothly.

Membership - It was good to receive four friends into membership on Easter Sunday - Kelly Greaves, Jean Lacey, Geoffrey and Ann Townsend. We pray that they will find joy as they serve the Lord in the fellowship at Creaton.

Café Style Service - The Café style service held on Sunday 15th May was well attended with a good number of children from the Pilots group with their parents. The service was led by Marion Heard, the Pilots' Captain, which included prayers written and read by some of the Pilots. The theme of the service was based on the items which make up the Pilots badge. Group activities included a Bible study of John 21, Jesus meeting up with his disciples on the beach to breakfast on the miraculous catch of fish, and practical groups which highlighted the Cross, boats, sea, fish and writing a rap for Pilots.

Group Service at Creaton 31st July - We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Creaton for the group service. Dr. Gordon Temple will be leading our worship. Gordon is Chief Executive Officer of Torch, the worldwide organisation for Christian resources activities for blind & partially sighted people.

Reg Thomas

Creaton News

Bonnie Short, one of our Elders, has found this poem by an anonymous author helpful at various times in her life.

In pastures green?
Not always; sometimes He who knoweth best
In kindness leadeth me
In weary ways where heavy shadows be;
Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright,
Out of the sunshine, into darkest night.
I oft would faint with sorrow and affright,
Only for this - I know He holds my hand.
So whether in a green or desert land
I trust Him, though I do not understand.

And by still waters?
No - not always so;
Oft times the heavy tempests round me blow
And over my soul the waves and billows go.
But when the storm beats loudest and I cry
Aloud for help, The Master standeth by
And whispers to my soul, "Lo, it is I."
Above the tempest wild I hear Him say:
"Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day,
In every path of thine, I lead the way."

So whether on the hilltop high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valley where
The shadows lie - what matter? He is there.
Yea, more than this: where'er the pathway lead,
He gives to me no helpless, broken reed
But His own hand sufficient for my need.
So where'er He leadeth I can safely go
And in the blest Hereafter I shall know
Why, in His wisdom, He hath led me so.

Long Buckby News

Flower Rota

JUNE 5th Mr. & Mrs. P. Colton
12th Alan Ketley
19th Edna Curtis
26th Wendy Baker

JULY 3rd Gwennie Wilkes
10th Moira Hodgkinson
17th Long Buckby Gardening Club
24th Freda Collins
31st Group Service

Please contact Wendy Baker (01604 759758) for any enquiries regarding your Flower Sunday



Birthdays

JUNE 9th Rachel Cole
26th Alan Ketley

JULY 1st Gerald Griffiths
2nd Eva Brownlie
6th Wendy Baker
8th Myra Griffiths
9th Pat Cuff

Mite Scheme

Between April 2010 and March 2011 we sent £195 to the Mites. I would like to thank everyone for their support.

Over the last 23 years this Church has sent the magnificent sum of £5,080 to this very worthy cause.

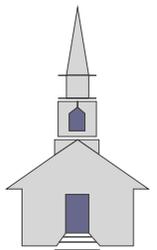
Thank you

Kath Packer

Mission Statement for Long Buckby URC

The purpose of our Church is to:-

- ♦ Worship God
- ♦ To be his disciples wherever we are, by
- ♦ Supporting our congregation and
- ♦ Encouraging all people to know Jesus in their lives



Long Buckby News

Dear Friends

Here we are again saying hello after two months of glorious sunny and mainly warm weather. That wasn't summer, was it? I sincerely hope not as I, like many others, missed half of it.

Now that everything in the garden is coming into glorious bloom, I am looking forward to a few hours in the garden enjoying the sunshine. The occasional dark clouds bringing the rain seem to quickly pass our little bit of the country and we *do* need the rain to help the crops grow.

If you like strawberries, you will be well provided for this year as the growers are predicting a bumper crop. Can they provide enough for Wimbledon and all the strawberry teas that go on everywhere. What a lovely thought. We should all be giving thanks for all good gifts.



Today I have been watching the Great North Run and all those people from far and near running, mainly to raise money for a charity of their choice; often there is a sad story attached to the reason for running.

Just a word about the Royal Wedding, which brought a lot of joy to many people. It was really a day to remember. I'm sure that most people enjoyed watching it all going on with the TV cameras in all the right places.

News travels far and fast these days; unfortunately not always the news that we really want to hear. There have been lots of disasters both natural and man-made in the world over the last few months; and our thoughts and prayers go out to those people caught up in them.

Nearer to home, lets give special thoughts for those we know who are poorly. God bless you all;

Gwennie Wilkes

Faith and Life Expectancy - Jerome Taylor

Church leaders should accept that their congregations are getting older because people living in countries with high life expectancies tend to defer religion until later in life, a report has found.

A joint study by economists at the University of East Anglia and the University of St. Andrews looked into the effect that life expectancy has on whether - and when - people adopt a faith. In countries with low life expectancies people tend to embrace faith earlier in their lives, while people in the developed world often wait until thoughts of an afterlife become more relevant.

"Religious organisations should be prepared to accept and attract a "greying church" with the membership skewed towards the older generation" said Dr. Elissaios Papyrakis, one of the report's authors.

Item from The Independent

Beauty

Wonderful is the way in which beauty breaks through - not only at a few highly organised points, it breaks through almost everywhere. Even the minutest things reveal it as well as do the sublimest things, like the stars. Whatever one sees through the microscope, a bit of mould for example, is charged with beauty. Everything from a dewdrop to Mount Shasta is the bearer of beauty. And yet beauty has no function, no utility. Its value is intrinsic, not extrinsic. It is its own excuse for being. It greases no wheels, it bakes no puddings. It is a gift of sheer grace, a gratuitous largesse. It must imply behind things a spirit that enjoys beauty for its own sake and that floods the world everywhere with it. Wherever it can break through it does break through, and our joy in it shows some sense kindred to the giver and revealer of it.

RUFUS JONES 1920 from QUAKER FAITH AND PRACTICE

Crick News

Goodbye and Good Luck - On April 10th we held a special lunch after our service to bid a fond farewell to Penny and Simon, who have moved to Suffolk. We will all miss them, but are very grateful for their generous contributions to all aspects of our church life. We wish them well in their new venture.

Coffee Mornings - On May 7th the bring and buy stall raised over £112. Do come and join us on June 4th, 10.30 til 12.00 as usual. Please note that on **July 2nd** we will not be holding our usual coffee morning, but please visit us in the afternoon instead for

Strawberry Teas - On **July 2nd** we will have our usual **strawberry teas from 3.00 - 5.00 pm**. This annual fund raising afternoon will provide all the usual attractions - sandwiches, delicious cakes and scones, bottomless cups of tea and coffee and, of course, lots of strawberries and cream. Traditional English teatime has never tasted so good!



Visit by Foleshill Road Church - On **June 12th** Foleshill Road Church, Coventry will come to Crick for their now annual picnic and lead our worship at 6:00 pm. You are welcome to join us for this evening service.

Anniversary Service - We will celebrate Crick URC's 191st anniversary on **June 22nd at 7.00 pm**. Our celebrations will be lead by Jon Heard from Creaton, and will be followed by refreshments. We invite you all to join us to celebrate 191 years of worship and service.

Crick Scarecrow weekend - **Saturday/Sunday July 9/10th**
Lots of fun and attractions, including tea, cakes and books at the URC. Our Minister will make an appearance, as you have never seen her before!!



June/July Birthdays - July 28 Mary Whitty

Jenny Goodger

The Whole of History is Incomprehensive Without Jesus

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in yet another village, where he worked in a carpenter's shop till he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never travelled more than 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves, While he was dying his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth.

Twenty centuries have come and gone and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life.

Anon, printed as a newspaper advert.

Ghostly Humour

Halfway through a séance on the top floor of the Spiritualists' Association headquarters in London in 1978 an insistent tapping was heard from outside a blacked out window. Then a voice asked, "Can I come in?" The medium holding the séance promptly asked the spirit's name and a voice replied "Ken".

For a moment there was a puzzled silence amongst those taking part and then the voice spoke again: "I've been repairing the roof and somebody's locked the window on me. Let me in!"

At this everyone present collapsed into laughter and the "ghost" was promptly let in from "the other side".

Taken from The Best of Tombstone Humour

The Hat

Maisie was buying a hat for a wedding
A really posh do, a marquee down in Reading.
Her nephew, the groom, he was marrying money
The hat must be real class, not tacky or funny.

She'd been saving her wages for the big day,
From her job as a cleaner with miserly pay,
But she wasn't going to let her side down
Her hat, she'd make sure, was the best one in town.

She'd heard all about this designer boutique,
The hats in the window looked expensive but chic.
Still she would go in, there was nothing to lose,
There were hundreds of hats from which you could choose.

She tried some with veils and one with a feather,
The wedding was April - must think of the weather,
A feather, when wet, might go soggy and droop,
And then, God forbid, it could land in the soup.

But she suddenly noticed the one on the stand
The salesgirl said "Madam, every stitch done by hand".
A mass of small flowers and exquisite lace,
And when she put it on it transformed her face.

"I'll take it", she said, but the price was a shock,
That money could've bought two coats and a frock.
She was very renowned for being quite loud,
But this time she'd make sure her nephew was proud.

When Maisie turned up at the church like the Queen,
A lady stepped out of a smart limousine.
She looked at the woman, but ignored her large frame:
Because the hat she had on was exactly the same!

They glared at each other, it would ruin their day,
The other guests looked on in utter dismay.
If that wasn't bad enough, worse was to come:
The lady just happened to be the bride's mum!

Kilsby News

CONCERT Tuesday 7th June at 7.00pm Rugby Salvation Army Band & Songsters. Tickets £4 (including refreshments) from Beryl 01788 823752

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Wednesday 15th June at 7.00pm
Preacher - Rev Derek Redfern

BARBECUE

Wednesday 22nd June at 12.00 noon in Chapel Garden
Contact Frank Janes for details 01788 822751

FLOWER FESTIVAL JULY 16th & 17th

Flower Festival at St Faith's Church 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Refreshments available at Kilsby URC Saturday 16th
July 10.00 am - 5.00 pm Sunday 17th July 12.00 - 5.00 pm.



SUMMER FETE

30th July at 2.00pm in Chapel garden

Tuesday Guild at 2.15 pm

14 th June	Brenda Cuthbert - Lost and Found
28 th June	Strawberry Tea
12 th July	Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones & Brenda Griffiths
26 th July	Do we listen?

WHEEL CHAIRS AVAILABLE

Kilsby URC currently have two wheelchairs which can be borrowed by people in the community. If you need one for a day out or for a longer period please contact Beryl on 01788 823752.

Beryl Lees

PREACHING DIARY - JUNE & JULY 2011

Date	Long Buckby (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 2 nd Sunday in month)	Crick (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 3 rd Sunday in month)	Creaton (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 4 th Sunday in month)	Kilsby (All services at 11.00 am. except 9.00 am on 1 st Sunday in month)
Sunday 5th June	David Carter Family Service	The Minister with Holy Communion	Jon Heard	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
Sunday 12th June	9.00am The Minister Family Service	Tom Nisbet 6.00 pm Visit by Foleshill Church	The Minister	Trevor Boyes
Sunday 19th June	Margaret Hooper Family Service	9.00 am The Minister	Lay Preachers' Sunday Lindsey Cole	The Minister
Wed. 22nd June		7.00 pm Jon Heard Crick URC 191 st Anniversary		
Sunday 26th June	The Minister with Holy Communion	Brenda Morgan	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion	Mary Barrett
Sunday 3rd July	Rev. Michael Bond Family Service	The Minister with Holy Communion	John Horrocks	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
Sunday 10th July	9.00 am The Minister Family Service	Rev. Michael Bond	The Minister	Jon Heard
Sunday 17th July	Kathleen Paxton Family Service	9.00 am The Minister	Jon Heard	The Minister
Sunday 24th July	The Minister with Holy Communion	Louise Wilkin	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion	Rev. Conrad Husk
Sunday 31st July			Joint Pastorate Service at Creaton with Dr. Gordon Temple Chief Executive of Torch	

Next Edition of "Good News"



Items for the August/September edition of newsletter are required by **10th July**. Sorry for the early deadline. Articles can be sent via post (12 East Street, Long Buckby NN6 7RA) or via e-mail gretta@longbuckby.com

Rejoice Always

Developing a consistent attitude of praise and adoration triggers a feeling of well-being. Take God's advice: "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice."

Philippians 4:4