

Dates for Your Diary

October

1.10.11	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am	Charity Coffee Morning
1.10.11	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon	Coffee Morning
1.10.11	Creaton	6.00 pm	Evening of Song
1-2.10.11	Crick		Crick Feast
4.10.11	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild
5.10.11	Kilsby	10.00 am	Church Meeting
5.10.11	Long Buckby	2.15 pm	Ladies' Circle
6.10.11	Creaton	12.00	Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
14.10.11	Long Buckby	10.00 am	Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
15.10.11	Long Buckby	7.00 pm	Cantare Singers Concert
18.10.11	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild
20.10.11	Creaton	12.30 pm	Over 70's Lunch
28.10.11	Long Buckby	10.00 am	Bible Study, 25 Wright Road

November

1.11.11	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild
2.11.11	Long Buckby	2.15 pm	Ladies' Circle
3.11.11	Creaton	12.00	Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
5.11.11	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon	Coffee Morning + bring & buy
5.11.11	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am	Charity Coffee Morning
11.11.11	Long Buckby	10.00 am	Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
15.11.11	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild
17.11.11	Creaton	12.30 pm	Over 70's Lunch
24.11.11	Long Buckby	6.00 pm	Elders' Meeting
25.11.11	Long Buckby	10.00 am	Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
29.11.11	Kilsby	2.15 pm	Tuesday Guild

December

3.12.11	Long Buckby	10.30-12.00 noon	Christmas Coffee Morning
3.12.11	Crick	10.30-12.00	Grand Coffee Morning

The Good News

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



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Rosemary's Ramblings - September 2011

I checked the map. Yes, it definitely said "Green Lane", but the lane under my feet was far from green. Brown would have been a better description. Thick brown mud!!! Still, it couldn't go on forever and if I stuck to the middle of the track and stepped on the grassy mounds, my feet should keep reasonably dry.

Well, that good idea soon went out of the window as even the grass in the middle of the track became swallowed in squelchy, watery soil and mud. I persevered - I had come so far already, it couldn't be much further. And yes, my perseverance was rewarded as I rounded a corner and saw the gate and the end of the track just a few yards away.

But joy at the nearness of the gate soon turned to dismay. The gate itself was half submerged in thick mud and it was not one gate, but two old, very rusty, unsupported metal gates. First, I needed to cross over the now deep muddy track. Then I needed to somehow climb over the gates, even though I knew they would not support my weight. I found a dead twig and tried to use that for support to get me across the track - but that broke and disappeared in the mud. I made the decision to edge gingerly across the bottom rung of the gates so that I could at least cross over the track, but half way across the gates began to collapse. I fell with them although I managed to keep upright. Ankle deep in mud, my only option was to try and use the now flattened gates as a kind of cattle grid before they sank completely into the mud.

We meet God in many places - I had not expected to meet God when I was out walking during my retreat. But in the safety of the retreat centre whilst waiting for my trainers and trousers to wash, I realised just how God had spoken to me. You see, going back, retracing my steps was never an option I considered. Besides turning back would have meant going back through all the mud I had just encountered and for what purpose other than failure. Having hung on in, just when I thought the end was in sight I was confronted by a huge obstacle - the gate - which caused me physical pain in order to get over it.

Life, as I have often said before, is a journey. Sometimes, often, the journey is difficult. We find ourselves plodding through the mud, unsure and uncertain of the way forward. Sometimes, often, the way forward seems blocked. We encounter many obstacles on our journey, some of which cause us great pain. But ultimately we arrive, weary and covered with the stains of life's journey. But we do arrive and we arrive with God. Happy rambling!!!

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.

Creaton 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.



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

FELLOWSHIP

Creaton'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 - 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.

Long Buckby News - From the Church Registers

Weddings

- ◆ Friday 19 August 2011
Lucy Brown and Adam Louis Kingston
- ◆ Friday 26 August 2011
Lucy Alexandra Connell and James Faulkner



We wish both couples a long and happy life together throughout the coming years of their marriages.

Funeral - Ruth Robson (1930 to 2011)

Ruth's funeral took place at Exeter on 21 September and was followed by a memorial service at Long Buckby URC on Monday, 26 September. Ruth's son Eric, along with Alastair, said goodbye to Ruth at the crematorium in Exeter with other family and folk from Pottles Court. Ruth had a very happy marriage to her husband Ray and after his death she developed a platonic friendship with Alastair over the last 25 years of her life. We pray peace and the comfort of God for Alastair and Eric at this time of parting.

Blessing

We expect to bless Blair and Charlie Duggan on Sunday, 25 September. We wish them and the family great joy in God's gifts and pray that they will be encouraged in the faith in the coming years.

Christmas Coffee Morning

A date for your diary - We are replacing our usual Bazaar with a Christmas Coffee morning on Saturday, 3 December 10.30-12.00 noon. This will be in aid of Church Funds. It is an opportunity to purchase items for Christmas as well as have a coffee or tea amongst friends.



Creaton News

Poppies Coffee Shop is open daily from 9am to 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Poppies is Closed on Thursdays. *Everyone is very welcome.*

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and are feeling both physically and spiritually refreshed.

Living in the countryside we are conscious, at this time of the year, of the end of the harvest. Our farmers have been working flat out day and night to get the harvest in. The task they face now is to prepare the fields for sowing to produce next year's harvest.

As we go into the Autumn/Winter's work in our Churches let us pray that seeds will be sown that we may experience a harvest of people in our villages coming to faith in Christ, also as Christians that our own lives will be more fruitful.

Fellowship News

Training for Learning Course - It was agreed at the June Church meeting for Jenny Theairs to enrol on a 2 year TLS course run by the URC. The Church meeting also agreed to part-fund Jenny's expenses through the course. We wish Jenny every success in this venture and look forward to following her progress.

Poppies is doing well and always pleased to welcome customers old and new. If you have not visited us yet please try and make a point of dropping by we promise you ***A WARM AND FRIENDLY WELCOME.***

Pilots have begun a new session and will be holding their enrolment service on Sunday 9th October.

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

Creaton News

The Tuesday afternoon Prayer and Bible Study meeting has recommenced after the summer break and would be very pleased to welcome anyone who would like to share in this time around God's word.

Tear Fund Service. Please make a note in your diaries of the Tear Fund service followed by lunch on Sunday 20th November. Please come prepared to give generously to support the work of Tear Fund.

An Evening of Song. Susannah Braithwaite and Charlotte Ellis invite you to an Evening of Song on Saturday 1st October 2011 6.00 pm. at St Michael & All Angels, Creaton. The programme includes songs by Ivor Novello, George Gershwin and settings of poems by John Betjeman. This event is in aid of the Organ Appeal. Tickets are priced at £7.50 from Creaton Post Office or £8.00 on the night.

Reg Thomas

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

Humorous Moments

A parishioner was confiding in his vicar: "When you get to my age, you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter."

"That's good," approved the vicar, "and what do you conclude?"

"Nothing much," went on the parishioner. "It's just that more and more I find myself going into a room and thinking "now what on earth did I come in here after?"

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Two members of the congregation are talking. "Did you know, our minister composes all his sermons on his I-phone. He uses something called 'predictable text'

Long Buckby News

Birthdays

October 1st Michael Bond
2nd Peggy Bond
17th Joy Pattison

November 1st Lucy Connell
7th Alastair Bruce
17th Gwen Wilkes
20th Grace Mawby
23rd Sian Ellison
24th Ruth Collins



Flower Rota

2nd October - Alastair Bruce
9th October - Grace Mawby
16th October - Alan Ketley
23rd October - Rachel Cole
30th October - Group Service
6th November - Kath Packer
13th November - Remembrance Sunday
20th November - Eva Brownlie
27th November - Advent Sunday

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

Cantare Singers' Concert

Come along on Saturday, 15th October at 7.00 pm to hear the Cantare Singers singing "Songs from the Shows" and other old favourites along with modern popular songs. Please support this evening when all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds.



Tickets are available from Wendy Baker (01604 759758), Alan Wastnage (01327 842009) or are on sale at Long Buckby Newsagents. The ticket price includes wine and nibbles during the interval. There will also be a raffle.

The Hope Centre

Over the next two months, we will be collecting soup for the Hope Centre. Donations can be left at the back of the Church.

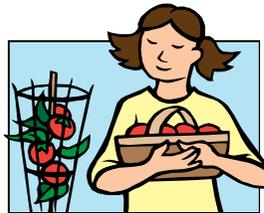
Long Buckby News

Dear Friends

How quickly the days and months seem to slip away; and after two months of last writing to you, the seasons have changed from summer to autumn. The leaves are changing colour and preparing for the time when they will eventually fall off and leave most of the trees and shrubs bare. We still have the holly and a few more shrubs, like the euonymus, especially the "emerald gaiety" that look good all the year round.

I hope that most of you have been able to get out and about to see these lovely pictures that nature gives us. If not able to get out and about, there is always the TV programmes which take us to places we would never normally visit in our lifetime.

We have been celebrating the harvest during the months of September and we sincerely hope that the crops have been reasonably good this year as the farmers have to work hard, sowing, planting and reaping and having to rely on the weather to ensure a successful harvest.



There have been many disasters in other countries this year, some suffering drought and others so much rain that everywhere is flooded. We thank God that in our country we have a variety of weather (not always just what we want), but we don't often go to the extreme.

I hope most of our readers are well. I do know of some Church friends and others who are poorly and we send them all our love and remember them in our prayers.

Best wishes to you all and keep well and happy.

Gwennie Wilkes

Telephone Scams

The Police have been drawing people's attention to some telephone "cons" that can sound very convincing and are often targeted at the elderly and vulnerable.

- ◆ You receive a phone call - the person says "congratulations, you have won some money". They then ask for your bank account details in order to pay the money into your account. When you have handed over the numbers, it is likely your hard earned savings or wages are being transferred away from your account never to be seen again - and of course, you don't having any "winnings" paid in.
- ◆ You receive another phone call - " Congratulations, you have won a holiday in the recent competition you entered". While you are wondering "what competition?" the caller is cleverly wording the next sentence to win you over so you hand over your bank details in order to receive the holiday.....
- ◆ You go on the door - "I'm interested in the car you're selling" and while the transaction goes through OK and cash is given for the car, some time later the buyer returns stating the car was unsafe and his family were at risk. He wants his money back and tries to show you pictures on his phone of a car part you don't recognise as the car you sold to him. Many people will hand over money simply to get rid of the person or to avoid retribution.

These types of scams are done by professionals and it is how they gain an income. They usually call on the elderly or vulnerable people. So please be aware of this if you receive unexpected calls of a similar nature.

Crick News



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

October/November birthdays - No birthdays to celebrate this time.

Coffee Mornings - Our coffee mornings continue as usual, 10.30 am til 12.00 noon on the first Saturday of the month. In November we will have a Bring and Buy stall at our annual coffee morning for Breast Cancer Research.

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 in Crick School on Saturday morning and all manner of other activities throughout the weekend, many of them taking place on The Marsh, just beside the URC. We will be serving refreshments in the schoolroom all day on Saturday, and after our Harvest Festival service on Sunday. Come and visit us to join in the fun!

JOINT PASTORATE SERVICE AND LUNCH - On *Sunday October 30th* Crick will host the joint pastorate service. We hope that you will be able to come, and stay for lunch and a little entertainment after the service.

We will serve a buffet lunch at £3.50 per head. Church secretaries, please let Jenny (on 01788 822723) know by October 20th numbers attending from your church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - It's never too early to publicise!

- ◆ **Grand Coffee morning** - December 3rd from 10.30 am until 12 noon.
- ◆ **Carols by Candlelight** - Thursday December 22nd at 7.00 pm.

Jenny Goodger

The Dieter's Psalm

Strict is my diet, I must not want,
It maketh me to lie down at night, hungry.
It leadeth me past the sweet shop,
It trieth my will power,
It leadeth me in the paths of starvation
For my figure's sake,
Yea, though I walk through the aisle of the
pastry department
I will buy no sweet cakes for they are fattening.
The pies and biscuits, they tempt me.
Before me is set a plate of celery and lettuce.
My day's quota runneth over.
Surely calories and weight charts shall
Follow me all the days of my life
And I shall dwell in the fear of the
Scales for ever.



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Contributions for the Newsletter

If you have an article, events or thoughts you would like included in the next 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 November.

Kilsby News

We are pleased that Margaret Worster is home from hospital and ask your prayers for her continued progress.

We also ask your prayers for Pauline Charles who is recovering after her recent operation

We would also like to express our congratulations to Rosemary and Jeffrey on their recent engagement

Dates for your Diary - Church Meeting October 5th at 10.00 am
Tuesday Guild at 2.15 pm except where stated otherwise

Tuesday, 4th October - Tom and Joyce Hones

Tuesday, 18th October - Apple time

Tuesday, 1st November - Shopping?

Tuesday, 15th November - To be arranged

Tuesday, 29th November - Out to lunch

Beryl Lees

Odd Bequests

Being worth their weight in gold was made literally true in the case of two Scottish girls whose father, turning upside down the idea that all his race are mean, made this provision in his will in 1877. Thomas Black of Kilmarnock declared: "*And as for my daughter, M... And J..., I direct that my executor should have them weighed and then give to each the equivalent weight in one pound bank notes.*"

(The younger girl, who was somewhat plump, did better than her older sister, receiving £57,344 from the will, while the other got a mere £51,200).

The Best of Tombstone Humour—Richard De'arth

The Soft Contented Sigh of an Autumn Breeze

The russet rain of autumn falls gently upon the ground.
The silent tears of summer cascading all around.
There is sadness for the passing season, in the falling of the leaves,
But autumn has no thought for why the summer grieves.

The outstretched arms of summer reach imploringly to the sky,
As high above migrating birds in close formation fly.
The raindrops fall inexorably, slipping from arboreal fingers,
Daylight shrinks with each passing day, as summer no longer lingers.

An air of tranquil serenity descends upon the earth,
The season's growth is over until next spring's rebirth.
For now the arms of Mother Earth reach out in soft embrace,
As summer's swansong dies on the wind, and autumn assumes her place.

Glistening dew hangs all around in the cool morning air,
And diamond-studded webs of silk betray a spider's lair.
Rustling in the fallen leaves, a squirrel gathers its winter
store,



And the insects in the undergrowth tunnel new quarters
'neath the forest floor.

The earth sighs in contentment, for the summer's work is done,
Now with the falling russet rain, autumn's time has come.
The forest yawns in readiness for its time to rest is nigh,
And the breeze echoes through the empty boughs, in a soft contented sigh.

Brian L. Porter

PREACHING DIARY - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 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 2nd October	Rev. Conrad Husk	The Minister Harvest Festival	11.00 am Joint Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Michaels & All Angels followed by Lunch at Creaton URC	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
Sunday 9th October	9.00am The Minister	Alan Fox	The Minister	Rev. Michael Heighton
Sunday 16th October	Margaret Hooper Family Service	9.00 am The Minister	Jon Heard	The Minister
Sunday 23rd October	Rev. Geoff Townsend with Holy Communion	Rev. Michael Bond	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion	Rev. Conrad Husk
Sunday 30th October	The Minister - Joint Pastorate Service at Crick			
Sunday 6th November	9.00 am Rev. Michael Bond	The Minister with Holy Communion	John Horrocks	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
Remembrance Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Service at St. Lawrence's Church	10.45 am Ray Smith	10.50 am The Minister	Frank and Val Janes
Sunday 20th November	Alan Fox	9.00 am The Minister	Carolyn Wilson — Tear Fund service followed by lunch	The Minister
Sunday 27th November	Rev. Rosemary Pullen with Holy Communion	Rev. Conrad Husk	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion	Rev. Michael Bond

A thought ...

BIBLE **Basic Information Before Leaving Earth**

When praying, don't give God instructions Just report for duty