

Dates for Your Diary

October

- 3.10.12 Long Buckby 12.30 pm Ladies' Circle—lunch at the Wheatsheaf, Crick
- 4.10.12 Creaton 12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
- 5.10.12 Kilsby 7.30 pm Jazz Concert
- 6.10.12 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
- 6.10.12 Crick 10.30-12.00 noon Coffee Morning
- 9.10.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild "Who is it?"
- 18.10.12 Creaton 12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
- 19.10.12 Long Buckby 6.00 pm Pastorate Social
- 23.10.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild

November

- 1.11.12 Creaton 12.00 Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
- 3.11.12 Crick 10.30-12.00 noon Coffee Morning
- 3.11.12 Long Buckby 10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
- 6.11.12 Kilsby 2.15 pm Tuesday Guild
- 7.11.12 Long Buckby 2.15 pm Ladies' Circle
- 9.11.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road
- 15.11.12 Creaton 12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
- 20.11.12 Kilsby 10.15 am Tuesday Guild outing
- 23.11.12 Long Buckby 10.00 am Bible Study, 25 Wright Road

December

- 1.12.12 Long Buckby 10.00-12.00 noon Christmas Coffee Morning
- 1.12.12 Crick 10.30-12.00 Grand Coffee Morning
- 4.12.12 Kilsby 7.00 pm Salvation Army Concert

The Good News

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



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Rosemary's Ramblings - September 2012

One of the really nice things about moving house is you never quite know what you are going to find planted in the garden. Other gardens I have enjoyed have surprised me with all sorts of bulbs and flowers as winter has moved into spring, not forgetting pretty flowering shrubs that come into their own during the summer and early autumn.

My new garden is quite small. It has a good sized patio area and a reasonable sized lawn, which is surrounded on 3 sides by a wooden fence. A border sits between the fence and the edge of the lawn but I don't think the previous owner was a gardener, because as far as I can see the border is filled entirely with green non-flowering shrubs and ivy, along with various random sycamore and ash saplings, which are just going to have to come out.

I honestly think that even if I wait for 12 months, the promise of flowers appearing is very slight indeed. Never mind, there is a small area of "empty" ground which can be planted and there are always tubs and planters for the patio. But what to plant? Snowdrops perhaps, because I always think of them as the first flower to struggle through the ground after the harshness of winter. Daffodils, because they stand tall and proud, or maybe roses - such a pretty flower, but one that lulls you into a false sense of security with its sharp thorns. Peonies are pretty, but they lack staying power, being over in such a short space of time. Or maybe a fruit tree offering more than just one attraction, attractive blossom in the spring, followed by useful fruits in the late summer and early autumn? My dad used to grow dahlias and I was always impressed by the number of different varieties of dahlia - compact, spiky, pompom.

So... which flower would you be? Which flower matches your personality? Are you, like the snowdrop, the first to turn up after a crisis. Or perhaps you are more of a fruit tree, offering many different aspects, gifts and skills. So, when you have a spare moment (!!!) why not try and match your personality to a flower. Try and work out which plant in nature resembles you.

I was fortunate enough to receive a large bouquet of flowers for my recent birthday. Each flower beautiful in its own right but put together they made an even more stunning display. Which is just how it is with us. We are all beautiful in God's eyes, but when we work together we complement each other. What we can achieve together, like my beautiful bouquet, is truly amazing.

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).

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 843864) 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.

Letter from Gwennie Wilkes

Dear Friends

How quickly the two months have passed since our last newsletter was published. During those months we have had some nice weather during which I was lucky enough to spend a week by the coast whilst the sun was shining and the air was much warmer. Quite a few of our number from the Church are on holiday at this time and I hope you all come home feeling relaxed and rested.

Having walked into the village today I see that our "Charter Fair" is due to arrive on the Market Place this coming weekend. Traditionally it came in August and often brought some wet weather along with it. But we must look on the bright side and give thanks for those days when the sunshine appears.

Unfortunately I know of quite a few of our members who are poorly owing to accidents or operations. I hope you soon return to good health and are soon able to join with us in the future.

This coming weekend we will celebrate the Harvest, although for some of our farmers it will be a very poor one, due mainly to the inclement weather, which has affected vegetables, potatoes and crops of fruit. I have a Bramley apple tree in my garden and it has been an exceptional cropper in past years when I have given away pounds and pounds of fruit, but this year it has produced only one apple, and that isn't fit for consumption. The family have decided that it has come to the end of its sell-by-date and must be taken down, so I will be saying goodbye to one of the oldest garden friends of mine. Sad, isn't it?



To all of you, I say Good bless you and keep safe and well. A special thought for all those known to us who are poorly. I really pray that you will soon improve in health. Best wishes for happy days.

Gwennie Wilkes

Creaton News



Poppies Coffee Shop is open daily from 9.00 am to 12noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Poppies is closed on Thursdays. *Everyone is very welcome*

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer, even though the weather was not too kind to us, and you are feeling refreshed both physically and spiritually.

GWR God's Wonderful Railway!!

Whilst on holiday recently and driving through Barnstaple in North Devon I was reminded of an event that happened in the town during the late 1980's and early 1990's. It involved Grosvenor Brethren Chapel in Barnstaple, where my mother was a member. The old chapel was situated in a narrow street just off the town centre. The chapel was very well attended but the membership was fast outgrowing the premises plus parts of the old building were becoming a problem... To cut a very long story short, a decision was taken that new premises would have to be found but it was unlikely that a suitable building could be sourced or a new one constructed in that area of the town.

Just outside the town centre was the disused Barnstaple Railway goods shed which was up for sale. In faith the church purchased the old goods shed and over a period of time bit by bit, as funds became available, converted the previous goods shed into a church which I believe now seats around 400.

Some of you will remember the Great Western Railway known as GWR. These initials were often referred to as "God's Wonderful Railway." The old railway shed has been fitted with a spirelet and a cross and proudly bears the name of "**Grosvenor Church**". Today this church is a vibrant Evangelical Fellowship packed on a Sunday morning. A fitting terminus don't you think for an old GWR goods shed. May it continue to be used to God's Glory for many years to come.

Reg Thomas

Creaton News

Fellowship News

David Watt recently had a fall in the street in Northampton and suffered a fractured hip. David making a good recovery at home, please pray for David and Sylvia, during this difficult time.

Lorna was taken into hospital following a heart attack, she is now back home but is feeling very tired. Please pray for Lorna and the family.

Continue to hold Alan & Carolyn in your prayers.

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

The Greatest - Author Unknown

- ◆ The highest aim in life - to know God and do His will
- ◆ The most enriching good habit - complimenting others
- ◆ The most destructive bad habit - worry
- ◆ The greatest joy - giving
- ◆ The greatest loss - loss of self respect
- ◆ The most satisfying work - helping others
- ◆ The ugliest personality trait - selfishness
- ◆ The most endangered species - dedicated leaders
- ◆ The ugliest look - a frown
- ◆ The greatest "shot in the arm" - encouragement
- ◆ The greatest problem to overcome - fear
- ◆ The most effective sleeping pill - peace of mind
- ◆ The surest way to limit God - unbelief
- ◆ The most powerful forces in life - love
- ◆ The world's most incredible computer - the brain
- ◆ The worst thing to be without - hope
- ◆ The greatest asset - faith.

Long Buckby News

The Hope Centre

As usual, the Hope Centre are most appreciative of any donations we are able to make. For the next two months, we are collecting soup (either tins or packets) baked beans or spaghetti to be taken to them.

They are always grateful for any contributions of coffee (no tea - they have enough) along with donations of clothing/footwear and plastic carrier bags, which are always in short supply.

From the Church Registers

BAPTISM - Olivia Mae Jollands baptised on 26th August

It was wonderful to have the church so full for the baptism of Olivia Mae. Rev'd Rosemary spoke of the call to friendship with Jesus and each other. We look forward to Olivia's faith blossoming over the years and hope eventually that she may present herself for confirmation. Photos are on display in the Church Halls showing the children of the family enjoying themselves whilst making armour and studying the call to faith in Ephesians 6 verses 10-20.

FUNERAL - Doreen Handley (nee Dudley) 1925-2012

A Thanksgiving Service was held at Long Buckby URC following Doreen Handley's cremation on 7th September. We were reminded of Doreen's early background of entertainment stretching to films and ENSA concerts in Europe in the war, of lifetime friendships and her joy in the garden. May God extend his love and encouragement to her husband Gordon (they married in 1948) and the family as they come to terms with Doreen's death.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - Mary and Richard Bignell will be coming into membership of this church on the 30th September. We are grateful for all they have done for the church in the past and look forward to their future with us at Long Buckby URC.

Cream Teas and Cycling through Cambodia and Vietnam

If you are wondering what connection the above have with each other, cast your mind back to the August coffee morning when Wendy approached a number of people with a dreaded sponsor form! As many of you know, my husband, Edwin Cole, is suffering from the terminal condition known as PSP and our son and grandson are planning to raise money and awareness of this condition by cycling 250 miles through Cambodia and Vietnam. Son and Grand son are going in November to do the cycle ride. They are funding themselves, but the sponsors are for research for P.S.P.



With help from your very generous donations of £165 via Wendy, the total raised at the cream tea afternoon so far totals £750.

Edwin is not able to thank you himself, but feels very humbled by the generosity shown by everyone. So from The Cole Family and Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association - a big thank you to all who donated or who sometimes think about the families living with this condition. The money will be used in research to try to find some treatment, as at present there is no effective treatment or cure.

Val Cole

Christmas Coffee Morning

A date for your diary - Once again we are replacing our usual Bazaar with a Christmas Coffee morning on Saturday, 1st December 10.00-12.00 noon. It is an opportunity to purchase items for Christmas as well as have a coffee or tea amongst friends.



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

As I wander around the Pastorate, it has become clear that we talk about, and indeed do, all sorts of things that people don't understand. I suppose this is partly because, like so many "organisations" we tend to use "exclusive" language and partly because we often take for granted the fact that other people know what we know.

So, this is the first in a series of definitions or explanations of various bits and pieces associated with the United Reformed Church that will, I hope, make things a little clearer. Of course some of them will promote the comment: "well, of course I know that", but hopefully we will all learn something in this. To begin with, I'll just pick and choose things/words that I think might be unclear, but if you have heard something that you don't understand, then please let me know and I'll do my best to include it.

Minister: - Full title: Minister of Word and Sacrament. (Also known as "Vicar" or "Priest" in other denominations.) In the United Reformed Church it takes four years to train but before commencing training all potential candidates are required to go through a rigorous process known as "testing the call". This includes various assessments and tasks. Putting your name forward does not always result in being accepted for training. The main training college is now at Westminster College, Cambridge. On satisfactory completion of training, students are "ordained" into ministry and "inducted" to serve in a specific church or group of churches (pastorate).

Once in post, Ministers earn a **stipend**. This is not a salary (although it is subject to tax and national insurance) but is seen as an "allowance" to enable the Minister to carry out God's work. All Ministers earn the same stipend (pro rata for less than full time employment). Ministers are housed (the Manse) although full housing is now only provided on retirement if 40 years' service have been completed. Retirement age for Ministers has recently been increased from 65 to 68. Nowadays, it is not unusual for a Minister to have pastoral charge (responsibility) for several churches.

Ordination: - The service that takes a student into Ministry. Ordination happens only once.

Induction: - The service that confirms a Minister to serve in a particular church, group of churches, or special category ministry. Induction happens at every change.

Crick News

Coffee Mornings - We continue to hold our coffee mornings at 10.30 am to noon on the first Saturday of the month.



Birthdays - None in October or November

Party time! - What a happy occasion Rosemary's 60th birthday party was. We all enjoyed celebrating with her family and so many of the pastorate. Thank you to our hosts Long Buckby and to all the cooks (and dishwashers!) for such a delicious meal.

Dates for Your Diary:

- ◆ Our *Harvest Festival* will take place on 7th October at 11.00 am followed by lunch at £2.50 per head.
- ◆ We are holding a *Grand Coffee Morning* on Saturday, 1st December from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon to raise money for church funds. This is a good time to meet friends old and new as well as a chance to enjoy coffee and cakes along with lots of other attractions. All are welcome to join us.
- ◆ Start your Christmas celebrations by joining us on Thursday, 20th December at 7.00 pm for *Carols by Candlelight* followed by coffee and mince pies.

Jenny Goodger

Contributions for the Newsletter

If you have an article, events or thoughts you would like included in the December & January 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.

Pastorate Social

**"THE PASTORATE HAS TALENT.
HOT SUPPER FOLLOWED BY
"PASTORATE TALENT"**

AT LONG BUCKBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
ON

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2012 AT 6.00 PM

OFFERS OF TALENT ITEMS REQUIRED

PLEASE CONTACT THE COMPERE – ANDREW HOWES –
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Or phone Wendy on 01604 759758

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MISSION STATEMENT

Encouraging all people to know Jesus



Birthdays

1 st October	Michael Bond
2 nd October	Peggy Bond
17 th October	Joy Pattison
1 st November	Lucy Connell
7 th November	Alastair Bruce
17 th November	Gwennie Wilkes
20 th November	Grace Mawby
23 rd November	Sian Ellison
24 th November	Ruth Collins
27 th November	Betty Strains
30 th November	Yvonne Howes

Flower Rota

7 th October	Grace Mawby
14 th October	Alan Ketley
21 st October	Rachel Cole
28 th October	Gwennie Wilkes
4 th November	Kath Packer
11 th November	Remembrance Sunday
18 th November	Eva Brownlie
25 th November	Beryl Chapman

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



Kilsby News

Jazz Concert - We are holding a Jazz concert on Friday, 5th October at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £8, which includes cheese and wine (or soft drinks) and are available from Frank (01788 822751) or Beryl (01788 823752).



Tuesday Guild meetings at 2.15 pm (unless stated otherwise)

9th October - Who is it?
23rd October - to be arranged
6th November - to be arranged
20th November - 10.15 am Outing to Harlestone Garden Centre followed by lunch at Yardley Hastings.

Salvation Army Concert - We are welcoming the Salvation Army on Tuesday, 4th December at 7.00pm. Tickets are £3.

Beryl Lees

Church Humour

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun wrote a note and posted it on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE. God is watching.'



Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cakes,

'Take all you want. God is watching the apples!'

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the Dead.
Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae 1915

A doctor called John McCrea, who was working to help soldiers in France, wrote a poem in 1915 about the poppies growing on the graves of dead soldiers. What are the poppies for? And why November?

The First World War finally ended after four long and bloody years of fighting, on 11th November 1918. The guns stopped on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Millions of people were killed in that war and millions more were injured. In the years since 1918, even more people have died in wars around the world including, of course, World War Two.

11th November was chosen back in 1919 as the special day each year when we would all think about and remember those who had died. To this day, almost 100 years later, at 11.00 am on 11th November many people across Britain stay silent for two minutes to think about those who died.

PREACHING DIARY - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2012

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 7th October	Kathleen Paxton	Rev. Conrad Husk Harvest Festival with Holy Communion	Rev. Geoffrey Townsend Joint Harvest Thanksgiving at Creaton with St. Michael's followed by lunch	9.00 am Mary Barrett with Holy Communion
Sunday 14th October	9.00am The Minister	Alan Fox	Jill Coe	Wally Mular
Sunday 21st October	Alan Fox	9.00 am The Minister	John Horrocks with Holy Communion	The Minister
Sunday 28th October	Rev. Michael Haighton with Holy Communion	Ian Mackintosh	11.00 am Rev. Geoff Townsend	Jon Heard
Sunday 4th November	Rev. Conrad Husk	The Minister with Holy Communion	Jenny Theairs Tear Fund Sunday followed by lunch	9.00 am The Minister with Holy Communion
Remembrance Sunday 11th November	Remembrance Day Service at St. Lawrence's	10.45 am Kath Paxton	10.50 am The Minister	Mary Barrett
Sunday 18th November	Margaret Hooper	9.00 am TBA	Jon Heard	Sharing Together
Sunday 25th November	The Minister with Holy Communion	Ray Smith	The Minister with Holy Communion	John Levell

Want to get in touch with our Minister, Rosemary Pullen?

Her new address is 50 Old Forge Drive, West Haddon, Northampton NN6 7ET and her new phone number is 01788 511651. She's on the same e-mail - rev_ro@hotmail.com

An Invitation

Rosemary Pullen invites the Pastorate to visit her at The Manse, 50 Old Forge Drive, West Haddon for mulled wine and mince pies on Thursday, 13th December between 5.00 - 7.00 pm.

