

Dates for Your Diary

September 2016

1.9.16	Creton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
3.9.16	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee Morning
3.9.16	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
6.9.16	Kilsby	2.15pm Guild
7.9.16	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
9.9.16	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
15.9.16	Creton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
17.9.16	Long Buckby	7.00 pm Cantare Singers Concert
20.9.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
25.9.16	Long Buckby	11.00 am Harvest Festival

October 2016

1.10.16	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee Morning
1.10.16	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
4.10.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
5.10.16	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
6.10.16	Creton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
14.10.16	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
18.10.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
20.10.16	Creton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
30.10.16	Crick	11.00 am Joint Service

November 2016

1.11.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
2.11.16	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
3.11.16	Creton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
5.11.16	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
5.11.16	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
11.11.16	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
15.11.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
17.11.16	Creton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch.

December 2016

3.12.16	Long Buckby	10.30-12.00 noon Christmas Coffee Morning
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The Good News



The
United
Reformed
Church

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

September — November 2016

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A Message from the The Minister

Breaking Away and Moving On

When the ocean liners of the P & O Lines were about to leave each port, those who stood on the decks threw to their friends and families standing on the quay a long rolled paper streamer, as they held tight to one end. Quickly the space between ship and shore was criss-crossed with a filigreed web of brightly coloured chord; each end held symbolically. The coloured streamers were slack as the great mooring ropes were cast off and slowly the liner began her reversal out of the dock. The slack in the thin paper threads was taken up, they became taught, stretched and one by one as the distance between ship and shore grew, they would break, leaving departing travellers and their loved ones on the dockside each holding half a broken thread as they poignantly fluttered in the wind.

The ship headed out to the open seas and away. Soon the harbour was a dot on the horizon, then it could be seen no more.

Moving away, moving on and even moving back, involve some kind of breaking- some pain, as ties are stretched and sometimes break. To move away, or on, is painful. Any loss is painful: whether it's changing school, moving house, changing jobs, facing retirement, coping with the loss of a loved one, or the prospect of moving into sheltered accommodation, to name but a few.

The story is told of Rev'd John Fawcett (1740-1817) that he had received a Call to change pastorate and had all the arrangements for moving, in place. His final service over, the wagon was loaded, when that night he had a change of heart, decided that he could not leave his present pastorate, sat down and wrote the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds"... and the next day he told the removers to unload the wagon!

People move to make new beginnings for many different reasons- sometimes by choice, sometimes circumstances enforce a break. The Pilgrim Fathers undertook hazardous journeys in search of a new life and religious freedom; others broke away from traditional beliefs by dissenting but staying put and risking persecution.

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 1st Saturday morning in every month 10.30am—11.30am (**not in January**).

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

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

Creations' 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 (**No meeting in January**)

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,

First of all a warm welcome to Elizabeth.

When I last wrote to you all it was to say that at last we had some spring-like weather and now we are basking in some hot summer days. Unfortunately the sun brings with it wasps, flying ants and big blue bottles! Oh dear!! I am looking for a nice shady spot where I am not going to be attacked by some sort of insect. I've decided that indoors is the best option until early evening. I'm sure we all know the old saying "only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun".

Even the flowers wilt if we don't keep watering them.

Some of the birds are going crazy trying to feed their young which are late hatching. The slugs and snails have had a field day on the hostas etc. most of these are now peppered with holes.

What a wonderful day for the Open Garden Day in the village; so many cars looking for somewhere to park their cars, there was a real traffic jam in East Street and Cotton End! There was so much to see and it was very difficult to get around in the times they were open.

As for our world, which we hear about every day on the television or in the newspapers, some good news like our success at the Olympics and lots of bad news like the murder of the priest in France.

There are friends we all know who are feeling poorly and if you are one, I send love and blessings and hope you will soon be better.

God Bless you all.
Gwennie Wilkes



A Message from The Minister

Each of us at times will face breaks that we anticipate with joy and breaks which are forced upon us. As Followers of Jesus we have the assurance that in whatever changes we encounter, we are not alone.

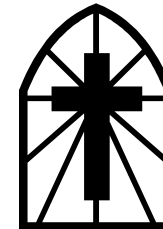
Abram and Sarai had to face an unknown future, sure only that this was the way to follow God with integrity. Lot's wife was unable to live in the present and look forward, instead she hankered after the old days and old ways, and never enjoyed the new start.

Wherever we find ourselves, whether adjusting to new lands and new ways or attempting to welcome those who are doing so, many hymn words speak of the life of faith as a journey; today I leave you with the words written by Judith Fetter.

"We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
that "You shall be my people
and I will be your God".

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Shalom, Salaam,
Elizabeth



Creaton News

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

Creations' Over 70's lunch Club meets at 12.30 pm on 3rd Thursday of each month.

For the Men

Creaton host "Nosh and Natter" (Men's lunch) on the 1st Thursday of every month at 12.00 noon.



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 15th October at 3.00pm

You are invited to a Pastorate Tea and entertainment.



Sunday 30th October-Joint Service at Crick
Service to be taken by Rev. Elizabeth Kemp.



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

Puzzle Time—Flowers

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| MARIGOLD | YARROW | CHRYSANTHEMUM | GERBRA |
| ORCHID | CLEMATIS | GINGER | GLADIOLUS |

Long Buckby News

Hope Centre

Many thanks to all who have put items in the box at church, it is greatly appreciated.

Gwennie

Special Events

Saturday 17th September at 7.00pm

Cantare Singers and Daventry Ukulele Band, Tickets £6.00 which includes refreshments in the interval and are available from any of the Elders. A good evenings entertainment in the Church with all Proceeds for the Church.

Sunday 25th September—Harvest Festival Service at 11.00am

The Service will be conducted by Mr. Alan Fox, non-perishable food suitable for the local food bank will be greatly appreciated and can be received at the Church on Saturday 24th September.

Advance Notice!

3rd December Christmas Coffee Morning

In aid of Church Funds from 10.30am until 12 noon.

Coffee Morning in aid of Guide Dogs Saturday 8th October 10am til 12 noon

Come along and help Chris & Frank Berry and Guide Dog Quasi raise money for this worthwhile cause.

There will be homemade cake, refreshments, lots of stalls including raffle and bring & buy.



Kilsby News

Guild Meetings at 2.15pm (unless shown otherwise**)

13th September
27th September
11th October
25th October
1st November
15th November
29th November

Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
Mrs Margaret Worster
Rev. Jane Gaffney—A Trip to Ghana
Mrs Chris Lomas—A Visit to Croatia
Mr John Perkins—The Titanic
Memories
Out to Lunch***



Community café

Open Mondays and Thursdays
from 9.00am until 12noon.

We have recently seen some new people coming along. The purpose of the café is to provide somewhere where you can meet up with friends old and new to have a chat and enjoy refreshments together.



Scrabble Club on Wednesdays at 1.15pm

Dates for your Diary

30th October
Joint Service at Crick
with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp



Crick News

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

Coffee mornings will continue on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30 am til 12 o'clock. Come and join us, you are sure to meet someone you know. Our Latest donations, of £100, have been sent to Children Today and to Breast Cancer Care.



Birthdays

1st September Tom Nisbet
18th September Brenda Morgan



Dates for Your Diary

We look forward to meeting you all again at the Joint Pastorate Service on 30th October with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp.

It does seem early to advertise, but....

Carols by Candlelight on Thursday 22nd December at 7.00pm
Christmas Day Service at 9.30am.

Jenny
Goodger

Long Buckby News

Birthdays

13th September Andrew Howes
15th September Gretta Davis
16th September Donna Cooper
30th September Norman Chandler

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

1st November Emily Faulkner
1st November Lucy Faulkner
17th November Gwen Wilkes
20th November Grace Mawby
23rd November Sian Ellison
24th November Ruth Collins
27th November Betty Strains
29th November Abbey Faulkner
30th November Yvonne Howes



A bombing in Baghdad (A recent comment on Facebook)

For the sake of our own souls and for the sake of suffering people the world-over, we must not allow hate to become the new normal.

Refuse to numb. Refuse to jab back. Refuse to dig in, to add more bricks to your walls. Refuse to be terrorized, polarized, ostracized. These bombs are explosive. Let our love be more so. These plans to destroy are creative. Let our plans to remake the world be more-so. This pain ruins and hardens hearts.

Let our pain move us to broken-hearted compassion. This violence produces violence produces violence produces violence.

Let the violence end with us. Let it end in love.

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

Long Buckby News

Flower Rota

4th September	Mr & Mrs B Colton
11th September	*Diana Osborne
18th September	Mr & Mrs N Chandler
25th September	Mr & Mrs N Chandler
2nd October	The Bruce Family
9th October	*Mr Alan Ketley
16th October	Mrs Lucy Faulkner
23rd October	*Mrs Gwennie Wilkes
30th October	Group Service Crick—no flowers
6th November	*Diana Osborne
13th November	Remembrance Service St Lawrence's
20th November	*Mrs Kath Packer
27th November	*Mrs Grace Mawby



Mite Scheme April 2015—March 2016

We have sent £165.00 to UNICEF for the Mites.

Many Thanks for all your support.

Kath Packer

The Mite Scheme is a simple and effective way for faith groups to raise funds for Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) for severely dehydrated children.

(Many apologies this should have been in the last Newsletter Chris)

Dates for your diary

- ♦ Charity Coffee Morning on the first Saturday each month, 10.30am—11.30am.
- ♦ Ladies Circle first Wednesday each month at 2.15pm.
No meeting in January
- Lunch Club—2nd Friday each month 12.30pm for 1.00pm
- Cantare Singers Concert Saturday 17th September at 7pm—Tickets £6.00
- Saturday 24th September at 3pm—90th Birthday Tea Party for Don Bird

News from the Minister

Church Leaders Deeply Saddened

Statement in response to the killing of Fr Jacques Hamel in Rouen, France

We are deeply saddened to learn of the brutal murder of our brother, 84-year old priest, Fr Jacques Hamel in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, Rouen, France. That a man of peace who had dedicated his life to serving people could be killed during Mass is testimony to the evil that drives the actions of those who commit such a crime. We offer our deepest sympathy to his family, friends and parishioners. We pray for the wellbeing of those who were taken hostage, their families and the entire community served by Fr Jacques; indeed we pray for the peace of France, Europe, the Middle East and the world for which Jesus, the Prince of Peace, gave his own life.

We call upon all people of goodwill to pray and work for justice and peace. In particular, we implore everyone to help people everywhere to pursue the path of peace and human flourishing - which is the will of Creator God.

General Assembly highlights can be found on this link http://www.urch.org.uk/images/General-Assemblies/Assembly2016/General_Assembly_2016_News_round-up.pdf.

For some forward planning, the URC nationwide is planning a day of celebration... on June 11th 2017...

The Reformation is central to who we are and our faith journey as a denomination- and Constance Coleman was the first woman to be ordained in the UK (Congregationalist) her story is well worth reminding ourselves about.- I hope we can all join in the celebration in some way.-

Next year on Sunday 11th June 2017 as part of the celebrations for the **500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation and 100 years since Constance Coleman's Ordination** we are having a **day of celebrations in local churches entitled Celebrating Freedom!!!!**

The Presidents of Churches Together in England

NW NORTHANTS. PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY September, October, November, 2016

Date	Long Buckby (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)	Crick (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)	Creaton (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)	Kilsby (All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)
Sunday 4th September	Mrs Wendy Pitman	Rev. Norman Barr With Holy Communion	Bryan Heard	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
Sunday 11th September	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp with Baptism of Jessica Rose Taylor	Margaret Lane-Simms	Jon Heard	Rev. Geoffrey Townsend With Holy Communion
Sunday 18th September	Mr Clive Leakey With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Mr Cecil Gill
Sunday 25th September	Mr Alan Fox—Harvest Festival	Jon Heard	Rev. Leonard Bhagwandin	Mr John Perkins and Harvest Lunch
Sunday 2nd October	Mrs Mary Barrett	Wendy Pitman	Joint Anglican Service at St. Michael's Harvest Lunch at URC	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion
Sunday 9th October	Mrs Barbara Haighton	Alan Fox With Holy Communion	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Mr Mike Hoyer
Sunday 16th October	Mr Andrew Howes	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Jon Heard	Mr Clive Leakey
Sunday 23rd October	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Rev. and Mrs. Newnham	Bryan Heard	Mrs. Wendy Pitman
Sunday 30th October	Joint Service at Crick	Joint Service with Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Joint Service at Crick	Joint Service at Crick
Sunday 6th November	Mrs Wendy Pitman	Rev. N. Cervantes With Holy Communion	Carolyn Wilson & Jenny Theairs With Tear Fund Lunch	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Service Joint Service at St. Lawrence	Jon Heard	10.50am Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Remembrance Service (Baptism)	Rev. Tony Newnham With Holy Communion
Sunday 20th November	Mr Ian Harrison	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp	Jon Heard With Holy Communion	Mr Cecil Gill
Sunday 27th November	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion	Ian Mackintosh	Magnus Ramage	Mrs Dorn Margetts