

## Thanks, afterthoughts and Connections

Wandering from whence we Came, what do we leave behind?

...and talking about connections, here is the **questionnaire** that has been promised:

**Please circle answers as appropriate**

Do you read all of the magazine?	yes	no
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# The Good News

Autumn 2023

## North West Northants Pastorate

Stop it! Don't tell me how many days it is until Christmas, I'm not listening!

Autumn has only just begun, there's lots to get through yet before the winter edition is due, Harvest Festival, Halloween, and Guy Fawkes Night, and of course Remembrance Sunday.

That's not to mention 'Christ the King', the last Sunday before Advent; ah! I see what you mean about Christmas...

So here we are, an autumnal day, sat on a bench outside the New Inn watching the boats go past. It's a nice walk across those fields with the hedges full of summer fruits; somewhat overgrown now.

I wonder if elderberry and rosehip wine is a thing...

Blackberry and crab-apple?

"Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them."

(Psalm 126: 5-6 NIVUK)



Those brambles seemed to be moving faster than me!

In fact there was nothing wrong with that walk that a machete and a cattle prod would not have sorted.

Cows in fields can be so curious, I wasn't expecting that gate to fall off though; close thing that...

Tangled in brambles, nearly crushed by a gate and almost trampled by cows,...

I think that my walking boots needed dubbin...

Ooo! That's a nice boat...



Blackberry Bramble

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The best laid plans of mice and man...

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**Good News welcomes contributions from readers**, though publication is not guaranteed.

## Poets Corner

Metaphysical journeys...

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### Sonnet 73 That time of year thou mayst in me behold

That time of year thou mayst in me behold  
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang  
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,  
Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.  
In me thou see'st the twilight of such day  
As after sunset fadeth in the west,  
Which by and by black night doth take away,  
Death's second self, that seals up all in rest.  
In me thou see'st the glowing of such fire  
That on the ashes of his youth doth lie,  
As the death-bed whereon it must expire,  
Consum'd with that which it was nourish'd by.  
This thou perceiv'st, which makes thy love more strong,  
To love that well which thou must leave ere long.

### By William Shakespeare

If there were an 'NIV' of Shakespeare, what would it sound like, how would it scan? A PhD thesis coming on methinks...

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Most of all, thank You, for reading this magazine.

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## A Late Night Reflection: And The Page Fell Open...

Coming together, drifting apart and moving on

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Off to the Lake District soon; more walking, good job those boots are ready.

Not long after being in the Brecon Beacon all those years ago I found myself reading Wordsworth, where is that book? Ah, here... I didn't fully appreciate it then. In a strange way, I hope that I don't now; its good to know that there is always more to discover... Is there a connection between Wordsworth and the Lake District? Oh, just a bit...

Departing summer hath assumed  
An aspect tenderly illumed,  
The gentlest look of spring;  
That calls from yonder leafy shade  
Unfaded, yet prepared to fade,  
A timely carolling.

No faint and hesitating trill,  
Such tribute as to winter chill  
The lonely redbreast pays!  
Clear, loud, and lively is the din,  
From social warblers gathering in  
Their harvest of sweet lays.

Nor doth the example fail to cheer  
Me, conscious that my leaf is sere,  
And yellow on the bough:—  
Fall, rosy garlands, from my head!  
Ye myrtle wreaths, your fragrance shed  
Around a younger brow!

**Extract from 'September 1819' by William Wordsworth**

## Editorial

Staying Cheerful

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### Hello Everyone,

Dubbin, there's an interesting word, takes me back to my time at the Longtown Adventure Centre in 1976 (don't get me started about the drought). None of us had walking boots, but luckily (or by good management) they [the adventure centre] did.

We were each allocated a pair of an appropriate size and were charged with looking after them.

If we looked after our boots, 'they would look after us!' So after a day's hike across Bannau Brycheiniog (then known as the Brecon Beacons) we would return to base, wash, dry and 'dub' our boots; and dubbin is the stuff you dub your boots with... No dubbin, no dinner!

Talking of dinner, we were made to change from our hiking gear into full school uniform, tie and all, and sit formally at table to be served, oh yes, those were the days...

Nice dinners, three courses, it seemed that some of the boys didn't know which hand to hold their knives and forks in, I did, thanks mum!



Get Dubbin!

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## A Message Shared

From a member of Long Buckby congregation

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### The things I sow...

"The things I sow don't seem to grow, I'm sorely disenchanted, but oh what luck I get with things I never even planted!"

(Anon)

That poem hung on Terry's wall. He'd had a variety of jobs including encouraging young people from unfortunate backgrounds to learn about the countryside, and develop confidence, skills and understanding that may be of benefit wherever life took them.

I inherited my ideas about gardening from my dad who grew vegetables and roses, as did his father before him.

I am reminded of an occasions as a very young child when we went to visit Grandad at Chelmsford.

"Do you want some 'taters?" he asked dad.

"Don't mind if I do" replied dad.

"Well, you know where the fork is kept in the shed" was Grandad's response.

The 'taters (potatoes) were still in the ground. Grandad had grown them, but if dad wanted any, he would have to dig them up himself.



Ready to make 'baked taters'

## Revised Common Lectionary Readings

November 2023

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### Proper 26

Micah 3:5-12  
Psalm 43  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

November 5

### Proper 27

Wisdom 6:12-16 or  
Amos 5:18-24  
Wisdom 6:17-20 or  
Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

November 12

### Proper 28

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

November 19

### Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

November 26



### Weaving Sacred and Secular November

1st All Saints

5th Guy Fawkes Night

12th Remembrance Sunday

## Revised Common Lectionary Readings

October 2023

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### Proper 21

October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

### Proper 22

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

### Proper 23

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

### Proper 24

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### Proper 25

October 29

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

### Weaving Sacred and Secular October

Black History Month

5th National Poetry Day

10th World Mental Health Day

29th British Summer Time ends

## A Message Shared

From a member of Long Buckby congregation

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Carrying on the tradition, my garden is different from any other and full of surprises, as nature itself is full of surprises.

With pretty much equal measures of success and failure, some things will grow; other things refused to grow; and yet other things self-seeded and grow by themselves.

If they are happy and present no harm, I leave them alone, otherwise I move them to a better place to thrive.

I tried to develop a “nature” or “wildlife” garden. It was OK but it didn’t quite hit the mark or look right. My approach was too orderly, and nature isn’t like that.

So this year I followed the “no mow May” approach for the benefit of wildlife. I continue to pull out the weeds; I mow a path through the long grass, but otherwise I let everything grow as it is intended to do.

I concede that Nature has been at it a lot longer than me, and that Nature’s hand has done a much better job than I ever could. It is now a proper nature garden for all to enjoy.

I am sure that we all try to do our best with the gifts that we possess. Sometimes we are pleased, even surprised with our achievements, sometimes things don’t work out as expected...

But oh what luck I get with things I never even planted!



Potatoe Plant  
(Solanum tuberosum)

## Creaton News

News from Margaret Anderson

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### Hello from Creaton everyone!

#### Our Mission Statement:

Worship God joyfully  
Offer Christ faithfully  
Promote growth hopefully  
Serve others lovingly.

#### Services

You are warmly welcome to join us for Sunday Worship. For more information, look at our website: search Creaton URC online

#### Poppies Coffee Shop

Is open from 10.00am to 12 noon Wednesday and Friday.

Margaret.



Poppy Field

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## Revised Common Lectionary Readings

September 2023

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### Proper 17

Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

September 3

### Proper 18

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

September 10

### Proper 19

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103: (1-7), 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

September 17

### Proper 20

Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

September 24

### Weaving Sacred and Secular September

1st Creation Time Begins  
10th Education Sunday  
24th Peace Sunday  
29th Macmillan Coffee Morning

## Let Us Entertain You...

Upcoming Events

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### Long Buckby United Reformed Church

#### Saturday 9th September 10am - 4pm

Open for **Ride and Stride**; a sponsored bike ride/walk visiting historic churches. Money raised helps Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust to continue supporting our marvellous churches across the county with essential repairs and improvements.

#### Friday 1st December at 7pm

We invite you to join us for an evening of entertainment with the **Whilton Warblers**, further details to follow...

#### Sunday 17th December at 6pm

We invite you to join us for an evening of entertainment including your favorite carols with **Daventry Brass Band** followed by refreshments.



Long Buckby URC, Brington Road, Long Buckby. NN6 7RW

## Kilsby News

News from Val Janes

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**Hello from Kilsby everyone!**

#### **Our Mission statement:**

The purpose of this church is to provide a warm welcoming place for all people, of any age, to worship and to learn about faith.

#### **Services are on Sunday mornings at 11am**

Welcoming new people into our congregation; you can find our list of Services and Preachers in the Diary of Services.

#### **Community cafe**

Our increasingly busy and popular community café; every Monday and Thursday at 9am until 12noon everyone is welcome. **Any volunteers to help would be most welcome!**

#### **Scrabble**

Every Wednesday at 1pm everyone is welcome.

#### **Sewing**

Every other Friday at 2pm until 4pm everyone is welcome.

**Val.**



Cooked breakfast (coctum prandium)

Om nom nominus

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## Long Buckby News

News from Peggy Bond

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**Hello from Long Buckby everyone!**

### Our Flower Rota:

Sept	3rd	Mr and Mrs Colton
	10th	Peggy Bond
	17th	Yvonne and Andrew Howes
	24th	Norman Chandler
Oct	1st	Marion Boucher
	8th	Alan Ketley
	15th	The Bruce Family
	22nd	Gwennie Wilkes Family
	29th	United Service
Nov	5th	Peggy Bond
	12th	Remembrance Sunday at St Lawrence
	19th	Peggy Bond
	26th	Sue Cross for Grace Mawby



Elderberries (Sambucus berries)

### Birthday Wishes to our friends who have birthdays soon:

Andrew Howes, Norman Chandler, Peggy Bond, Gill Best, Joy Patterson, Marion Boucher, Julia Bachelor, Lucy Faulkner, Emily Faulkner, Sian Ellison, Phyllis Collins, Abbey Faulkner, Yvonne Howes.

### The Hope Centre

Please remember the collection box for the Hope Centre in Northampton. Food, coffee, tee bags, cleaning materials and laundry detergents very welcome.

### Coffee mornings - Now with Bacon Butties!

Charity Coffee Mornings will be held every first Saturday for the rest of the Year. See the Notice board and Long Buckby URC web site for further information.

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## The Story Behind the Hymn

Looking at the Psalms

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**Of course before trekking across the Brecon Beacons, had we have read Psalm 121, we might have sung:**

“I to the hills will lift mine eyes;  
from whence doth come mine aid?  
My safety cometh from the Lord,  
who heaven and earth hath made.”

**Perhaps having fought our way through the rain and fog of the Brecon hills;**

“By Babel’s streams we sat and wept,  
when Zion we thought on.  
In midst thereof we hung our harps  
the willow trees upon.  
For there a song required they,  
who did us captive bring:  
our spoilers called for mirth, and said,  
A song of Zion sing”

**Although more likely within a couple of years we were singing:**

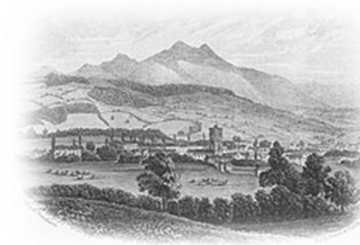
“By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down  
Yeah we wept, when we remembered Zion

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down  
Yeah we wept, when we remembered Zion

When the wicked  
Carried us away in captivity  
Required from us a song  
Now how shall we sing the Lord's  
song in a strange land”

**Courtesy of Boney M and  
Psalm 137**

**Oh! I could go on...**



Brecon with the Beacons



## The Story Behind the Hymn

Looking at the Psalms

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**So a Hymn is a sacred song**, that is to say a song dedicated to a religious purpose connected with God.

Psalms, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica “range in mood and expression of faith from joyous celebration to solemn hymn and bitter protest.”

Psalms could be Hymns of veneration, lamentations and protest, songs of confidence and songs of thanksgiving.

**We will all recognise Psalm 23 in this Hymn:**

“The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by”

**Perhaps not all fans of the Vicar of Dibley will recognise this as a Psalm...**

**But, not all people that on earth do dwell have ever heard of Dawn French, although they might sing:**

“All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, His praise  
forth-tell;  
come ye before Him and rejoice! “

**Which of course is based on Psalm 100.**



Ewes in charge?

## Crick News

News from Jenny Goodger

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**Hello from Crick everyone!**

**Our 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.

**Chapel Birthdays**

Happy birthday wishes to Brenda Morgan and Tom Nisbet, who have birthdays soon.

**Coffee Mornings**

We continue to host a goodly number of village locals on the 1st Saturday of each month. Noise levels suggest that everyone enjoys getting together!

Our latest donations of £100 have been sent to Doncaster School for the Deaf, BLESMA, and Air Ambulance, charities suggested by coffee morning regulars.

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

Our Harvest service will be on September 24th. We will be collecting tinned and dried goods to send to a food bank in Northampton.

**New Faces**

For the last few weeks we have been pleased to welcome Fred and Anthony, from Eritrea, to our congregation. They are 2 of the asylum seekers currently housed in the Ibis Hotel just outside Crick.

Some of our traditions are unfamiliar to them, but they are of course familiar with the Bible, whose stories and readings can unite Christians around the world.

**Jenny.**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Long Buckby</b> All services at 11am unless otherwise stated	<b>Creaton</b> All services at 11am unless otherwise stated
03/09/2023	Rev. Jay Phelps with Holy Communion	Rev. Geoff Townsend with Holy Communion
10/09/2023	Margaret Hooper	Jon Heard
17/09/2023	Jon Heard	Rev. Nigel Adkinson
24/09/2023	Lucy Faulkner	Rev. Ann Jack
01/10/2023	Rev. Nigel Adkinson	Rev. Geoff Townsend
08/10/2023	Rev. Geoff Townsend with Holy Communion	Jon Heard with Holy Communion
15/10/2023	Tom Baird	Rev. Tim Huc
22/10/2023	Favourite Hymns	Andrew Bodsworth
29/10/2023	Joint Pastorate Service at Creaton. Rev. Liz Adams	Joint Pastorate Service at Creaton. Rev. Liz Adams
05/11/2023	Cecil Gill	Rev. Geoff Townsend with Holy Communion
12/11/2023	Remembrance Service at St Lawrence	Jon Heard
19/11/2023	Rev. Tim Huc with Holy Communion	Lindsay Cole
26/11/2023	Rev. Jay Phelps	Rev. Geoff Townsend

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Crick</b> All services at 11am unless otherwise stated	<b>Kilsby</b> All services at 11am unless otherwise stated
03/09/2023	Dorn Margetts	Wally Mullar
10/09/2023	Wendy Pittman	Rev. Tim Huc with Holy Communion
17/09/2023	Keith Bishop	John Perkins
24/09/2023	Jenny Goodger	David and Pat Biddle
01/10/2023	Rae Morell	Jane Wade
08/10/2023	Wally Mullar	Andrew Howes
15/10/2023	Rev. Geoff Townsend with Holy Communion	Cecil Gill with Harvest Festival
22/10/2023	Trevor Boys	Wendy Pittman
29/10/2023	Joint Pastorate Service at Creaton. Rev. Liz Adams	Joint Pastorate Service at Creaton. Rev. Liz Adams
05/11/2023	Ian Mair	Dorn Margetts
12/11/2023	Ray Smith	Andrew Howes with Remembrance Service
19/11/2023	Jon Heard with Holy Communion	Cecil Gill
26/11/2023	Hilary Crane	Wally Mullar