

## Dates for Your Diary

### March 2016

1.3.16	Kilsby	2.15pm Guild
2.3.16	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
3.3.16	Creaton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
4.3.16	Long Buckby	2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer Baptist Church
4.3.16	Crick	7.15 pm Women's World Day of Prayer
5.3.16	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee Morning
5.3.16	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
11.3.16	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
15.3.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
17.3.16	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
20.3.16	Long Buckby	12.00 noon Church Meeting
24.3.16	Long Buckby	7.30pm Maunday Thursday Service Baptist Church
25.3.16	Long Buckby	10.00am Churches Together Walk – Long Buckby Meadows
25.3.16	Crick	7.00 pm Good Friday Service

### April 2016

2.4.16	Crick	10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee Morning
2.4.16	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning
5.4.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
5.4.16	Long Buckby	6.00 pm Elders Meeting
6.4.16	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
7.4.16	Creaton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
8.4.16	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
12.4.16	Long Buckby	7.00 pm AGM & Church Meeting
19.4.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
21.4.16	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch
21.4.16	Long Buckby	Ladies Circle to Kilsby for breakfast

### May 2016

3.5.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
4.5.16	Long Buckby	2.15 pm Ladies Circle
5.5.16	Creaton	12.00 noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch)
7.5.16	Long Buckby	10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning
7.5.16	Crick	10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning
13.5.16	Long Buckby	12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club
17.5.16	Kilsby	2.15 pm Guild
19.5.16	Creaton	12.30 pm Over 70's Lunch.
21.5.16	Long Buckby	10.30 am—12 noon Spring Coffee Morning

# The Good News



The  
United  
Reformed  
Church

From Long Buckby, Creaton, Crick  
and Kilsby

## March—May 2016

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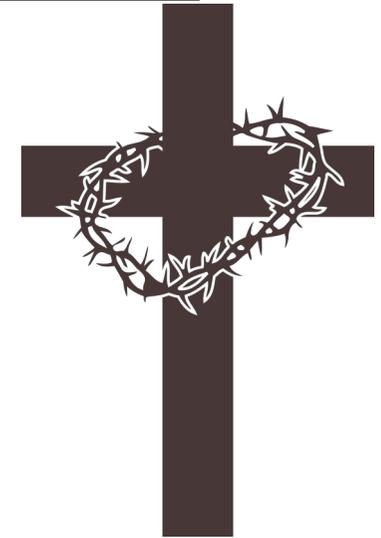
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## A thought for Lent from John Chapter 17

### Who is Jesus?

Some years ago I did a Lay Preachers Course. One of the passages of Scripture I had to study and construct a sermon from was John chapter 17. What strikes me the most about this chapter in John's gospel, is that it gives us a glimpse of the relationship Jesus had with the Father and confirms Jesus' acceptance of his role in bringing about God's purposes in the World.

I would encourage you to try and find time during the season of Lent to read this chapter in its entirety, even if it is familiar to you.

John 17 is referred to as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer, it stands out alone in the gospels, it was Jesus' personal prayer. On other occasions in the gospels we read that Jesus prayed, but this prayer is preserved in detail.

It is evident from verse 1 that the prayer was prayed aloud and whilst this was an intimate prayer of Jesus communing with the Father, the disciples were present, and were allowed to listen to Jesus pouring out his heart to the Father in the closing days of his earthly ministry.

The prayer is split into three parts;

Jesus and the Father

Jesus praying for his disciples

Jesus praying for the future Church, which of course includes you and me.

For those seeking and questioning who Jesus is, this intimate prayer provides ample evidence as to the relationship Jesus had with the Father even before the creation of the world, and the role of Jesus in God's plan for the salvation of his people.

**Jesus alone was the only one authorised to die for our sins.**



## Whats 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.

**Creaton** has Poppies Coffee Shop—open from 9.00 am to 12.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (closed Thursday).

### BIBLE STUDY

**Creaton** offers Bible Study every Tuesday afternoon (term time only) at 2.00 pm. Contact the Church Secretary (01604 843864) for more details.

### FELLOWSHIP

**Creaton's** Over 70's lunch Club meets at 12.30 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month in the small hall at 2.15 pm (**No meeting in January**)

**For the Men** - Creaton host "Nosh and Natter" (Men's lunch) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 12.00 noon.

**Children and Young People** - Junior church is offered at Creaton and Long Buckby every Sunday.



## Letter from Gwennie Wilkes

Dear Friends,

All the Christmas and New Year festivities are over for another year; I sincerely hope you all enjoyed your Christmas with family and friends, especially our church services with the carols we sing and the Christmas story.

Unfortunately for our church friends we were very sad to lose one of our Elders who died 3 days after Christmas Day. Eva went about her duties in a quiet way and we will miss her company always.

Today as I write we have another windy day but no rain—just a little sunshine which was lovely to see—even the fish in the pond were swimming around enjoying the sun.

All the spring flowers are coming into bloom, snowdrops and primroses are so lovely to see but the daffodils are struggling with the wind unless they are in a sheltered spot.

I sometimes think that I won't turn on the television because it is mainly bad news—something different happening to people all over the world, especially all the children who are trudging along for miles, not knowing where they are going, they certainly need our prayers.

We had some good news last weekend when we heard from Reverend Elizabeth Kemp accepting our invitation to come and minister to our group of churches.

May I say "Welcome" Elizabeth and we all look forward to June. Best wishes to you all, keep well and warm.

Gwennie Wilkes



## A thought for Lent from John Chapter 17

For the believer, the prayer serves as confirmation and encouragement that Jesus is constantly interceding with the Father on our behalf, praying that we will not be consumed by the evil one, knowing the persuasive powers of the evil one, after all, Jesus had faced them head on in the desert.

Finally Jesus says that he wants those God has given him to be with him in heaven.

When we feel at a low ebb spiritually and God seems a long way from us, we can take encouragement from this prayer, that God has been planning our future with Himself since before the creation of the World. Jesus paid the price on the cross to secure that future, therefore, we can be certain that God will never give up on us. Words from Romans 8 v 37-39 tell us that in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us, and that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As we journey through the season of Lent into Good Friday and finally Easter Day we may want to reflect on **Who Jesus is** and what he means to us.

The one in whom we have put our trust, is none other than **Gods Son, Saviour of the World, our Advocate with the Father, a friend who never changes and the one who secured our eternal life through his death on the cross and resurrection on Easter Day.**

**THAT'S OUR JESUS.**

**Reg Thomas**

### Welcome News

The Pastorate look forward to our new Minister the **Rev. Elizabeth Kemp** joining us and her induction service will be on **Saturday 4th June**, further details to follow.



## 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.**



**Creaton's Over 70's lunch Club meets at 12.30 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.**

**For the Men - Creaton host "Nosh and Natter" (Men's lunch) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 12.00 noon.**



### Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 6th March—Mothering Sunday Service**

With St. Michael's Church—the Women of Creaton

**Sunday 29th May—Joint Service at Kilsby**

With Mr. Tony Brown

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

## Puzzle Time Sudoku

I thought you might like something different to challenge you all this time!

The rules of Sudoku are:-

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell in such a way that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains all of the numbers from 1—9. (This means that no single digit can appear twice in any one row, column or 3x3 box).

**Good Luck !**

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	8	9		1			4	5
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[www.puzzles.ca](http://www.puzzles.ca)

### 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**

## Long Buckby News

From the Church registers

Funeral Eva J Brownlee 1933 2015

The funeral of Eva took place on the 13th January in our church followed by cremation at Milton Crematorium.

Eva born and brought up in Long Buckby was always connected to Long Buckby Congregational and United Reformed Church.

Before marriage she had a short spell away from Long Buckby as she worked in Leicester and Northampton.

Born to the Coles Family she had one younger brother who predeceased her and an older sister who still lives in Canada. Her youngest brother still lives locally in Brixworth.

She married Robert in 1966 and they had one daughter Catherine. In Long Buckby she was well known for her interest in the History Society her worship at the URC, and her connections to the Darby and Joan club.

An Elder in our church she has been involved in helping with the Flower Rota and booking the church halls for a number of years right up to her death, that came quite suddenly in the 12 days up to the 28th December. She will be much missed by the family and friends as well as the church. We wish Catherine much love and pray that she will know a touch of the Lord Jesus as she grieves the loss of her mother.

The Baptism of Riley William Russ O'Kane, Oliver Sean Russ O'Kane, and Lily-Ann Margaret Donna O'Kane took place on the 7th February 2016.

We have undertaken to pray for these youngsters who will live in Daventry but will be visiting Long Buckby regularly.

We will also pray for their parents Kayleigh O'Kane and Sean Russ. May they know peace and calm as they seek to show God in the love of Jesus to these young children.

## Kilsby News

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

1st March

Mrs. Sue Newnham

15th March

Isobel Pugh & Joan Saunders

12th April

Mrs. Ann Tailby

26th April

Games Afternoon

10th May

\*\* Out to Lunch

24th May

Barbara & Michael Haighton



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.

**NB We shall be closed on 28th March—Bank Holiday Monday**



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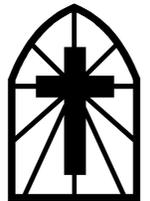
Scrabble Club on Wednesdays at 1.15pm

Dates for your diary

**Kilsby URC Anniversary Service**

will be on 8th June at 7.00pm

Speaker is Rev. Derek Hopkins



**Summer Barbecue 13th July at 12.00 noon**



## 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.

Last year, we made the following donations:

£100 to Youth Cancer Trust, Headway (for Brain Injuries), Pete Spencer Helping Hands, Daventry British Legion and Children Today.

£165 to the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund.

£131.50 to Cancer Research and £50 to Hope 4 (homeless in Rugby)

That makes a total for the year of **£864.50** and a total of **£14,165.50** since our coffee mornings started in 1999

Our Carol Service Collection raised £170.00 for the children's charity UNICEF and our Christmas Day collection £55.30 for Christian Aid.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations.



## Long Buckby News

### Birthdays

March—No birthdays

8th April	Janet Wastnage
17th April	Alan Wastnage
18th April	Moira Hodgkinson
25th April	Don Bird
6th May	Diana Babb
13th May	Richard Bignell
23rd May	Mark Ellison



### Hope Centre

We are still collecting tinned & dried goods and the box is in the Foyer of the Church on the left hand side.

Thank you for your contributions.

Gwennie

### Special Events

**4th March—Women's World Day of Prayer**

2.30 pm at Baptist Church

**24th March—Maunday Thursday Service**

7.30pm at Baptist Church

**25th March—Good Friday Churches Together Walk**

10.00 am Start at Long Buckby Meadows

**21st May—Spring Coffee Morning** 10.30am til 12.00am



## Long Buckby News

### Flower Rota

6th March	*Mrs. Liz Osborne
13th March	Mr & Mrs A Howes
20th March	Mrs. Janet Wastnage
27th March	Mrs. Sian Ellison Easter Sunday
3rd April	Sian Ellison
3rd April	Mrs Gwennie Wilkes
10th April	Mrs. Mary Bignell
17th April	*Mrs. Kath Packer
24th April	*Mrs. Grace Mawby
1st May	*The Bruce Family
8th May	*Mrs. Rita Stowe
15th May	Mrs Gill Best
22nd May	Mrs. Diana Babb



## Crick News

### Birthdays

7th March	Joan Saunders
26th April	Beth Stanley



### Dates for Your Diary

**Friday 4th March 7.15 pm in the Schoolroom**

Women's World Day of Prayer

*Jenny*



### Bible Study

Bible Study will be held at 25 Wright Road Long Buckby at 10.00am on the following dates:

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- 11<sup>th</sup> March
- 25<sup>th</sup> March
- 8<sup>th</sup> April
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- 13<sup>th</sup> May
- 27<sup>th</sup> May

The bible Study Group is now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

You would be welcome

### 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

Elders Meeting—5th April at 6.00pm

AGM & Church Meeting — 12th April at 7pm

## Trust Jesus —ACT Peacefully

Act peacefully  
Confess your non-godly actions  
Train your mind

Peacefully encounter people  
Encourage right attitudes  
Adore God

Create right attitudes  
Encourage love  
Form friendships

Undo wrongs by apologising  
Lying is not helpful

Little acts of graciousness are helpful  
Your life is in Gods hands!

## NW NORTHANTS. PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY - March, April, May 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)
<b>Sunday 6th March</b>	Rev. Michael Haighton	Rev. Michael Bond	Mothering Sunday Service With St. Michael's Church	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 13th March</b>	Mr. Clive Leakey	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Jon Heard With Holy Communion	Mrs. Bobby Wakeleigh-Jones
<b>Sunday 20th March</b>	Rev. Michael Bond	<b>9.00am</b> Brenda Tomalin	Bryan Heard	Mr. Martin Buckby
<b>Good Friday</b>	No Service	<b>7.00pm</b> Rev. Michael Haighton	No Service	No Service
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Mr. Alan Fox With Holy Communion	Andrew Howes	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Rev. Cecil Gill Easter Communion
<b>Sunday 3rd April</b>	Mrs. Mary Barratt	Rev. Norman Barr	Jon Heard	Mrs Beryl Lees With Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 10th April</b>	Mrs. Margaret Hooper	Rev. Nancy Cervantes	Vaughan Griffiths	Mr. Clive Leakey
<b>Sunday 17th April</b>	Mr. Ian Harrison	<b>9.00am</b> Ian Mackintosh	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Mrs. Wendy Pittman
<b>Sunday 24th April</b>	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Alan Fox with Holy Communion	Claire Ette	Mr. Trevor Boys
<b>Sunday 1st May</b>	Mrs. Wendy Pittman	Barbara Haighton	Alan Pope	Mr. John Levell
<b>Sunday 8th May</b>	Mr. Vaughan Griffiths	Bruce Furness	Jon Heard With Holy Communion	Rev. Michael Bond With Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 15th May</b>	<b>10.45am</b> Joint Service at Long Buckby Baptist Church	<b>9.00am</b> Ray Smith	Rev. Geoff Townsend	Mr. John Perkins
<b>Sunday 22nd May</b>	Mr. Andrew Howes With Holy Communion	Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion	Alan Thompson	Mrs. Dorn Margetts
<b>Sunday 29th May</b>	<b>JOINT SERVICE AT KILSBY</b>	<b>JOINT SERVICE AT KILSBY</b>	<b>JOINT SERVICE AT KILSBY</b>	Mr. Tony Brown