

Dates for your Diary

March 2019

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| 2.3.19 | Crick | 10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee Morning |
| 2.3.19 | Long Buckby | 10.30-11.30 Charity Coffee Morning |
| 6.3.19 | Long Buckby | 2.15 pm Ladies Circle |
| 7.3.19 | Creaton | 12.00noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch) |
| 8.3.19 | Long Buckby | 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club |
| 24.3.19 | Long Buckby | Church AGM—following morning service |
| 31.3.19 | Kilsby | 11.00 am Joint Service |

April 2019

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| 3.4.19 | Long Buckby | 2.15 pm Ladies Circle |
| 4.4.19 | Creaton | 12.00noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch) |
| 6.4.19 | Long Buckby | 10.30 —11.30 Charity Coffee Morning |
| 6.4.19 | Crick | 10.30-12.00 noon Charity Coffee |
| 12.4.19 | Long Buckby | 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club |

May 2019

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| 1.5.19 | Long Buckby | 2.15 pm Ladies Circle |
| 2.5.19 | Creaton | 12.00noon Nosh and Natter (men's lunch) |
| 4.5.19 | Long Buckby | 10.30-11.30 am Charity Coffee Morning |
| 4.5.19 | Crick | 10.30-12 noon Charity Coffee Morning |
| 10.5.19 | Long Buckby | 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm Lunch Club |



The Good News



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

March — May 2019

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A Message & News from the Minister

Sadly, I think we are all becoming increasingly aware that society is becoming increasingly secular. This was born out when YouGov carried out a public opinion survey, which included the question, "What do you most associate with Easter?" The most popular answer was chocolate Easter eggs with 76%. Second came Bank Holidays with 67%, followed by Hot Cross Buns with 62%. Jesus only came 4th with 55%, but at least he beat the Easter bunny who scored 40%.

If only 55% could associate Easter with Jesus, it seems very likely that far fewer would have any understanding of Lent which this year begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March.

I'm sure that many people would claim to know something about Shrove Tuesday although they'd be more likely to call it "Pancake Day." Certainly in Olney, where I began my ministry, it is one of the highlights of the year, with the main street being filled with tourists to watch the annual pancake race, with it taken very seriously as they try to beat the time of their American rivals in Liberal, Kansas. It's claimed that apart from during the World Wars, the race has been held every year since 1445.

Through the history of the Church, the observance of Lent has changed, at varying times it was regarded as a time for penance, repentance of past sins, mortifying the flesh, almsgiving and self-denial, Fortunately, none of these are compulsory today.

In the Early Church it was seen as a time of preparation for the catechumens, before their entry into the Church with baptism on Easter Sunday. Following the Council of Nicaea in 325, Lent became 40 days often of fasting as part of the preparation for Easter.

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.

Long Buckby has a Lunch Club on the second Friday at 12.30pm each month.

Crick 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).

FELLOWSHIP

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.

Creaton 'Pilots' meet on a Monday night in term time from 7.00pm details from the Church secretary.



From the Church Registers

Grace Mawby 1929 -2018

Born in Northampton she has always lived in Northamptonshire.

Very happy that she had a brother who kept in touch even if health problems meant that in more recent times they could not see each other.

Coming to Long Buckby when she married Ron they had a very happy marriage. They both really enjoyed dancing. On Ron's sudden death she found it hard to look after herself. She was however ever grateful for the help she received from Rev'd Yvonne Stone at the time of Ron's death. Then she was grateful for the love and concern shown for her by many friends.

Coming to Long Buckby URC after Ron's death she became a member in November 2007.

She was known by a huge number of staff who passed through United Counties bus company in the 42 years she worked there. In retirement she kept in touch with many she knew until she went into Brownlands Care home when her health had declined.

In the home her health improved somewhat and she was always grateful for the visits she received. Only in the last six months or so did she find her health seriously declining.

We pray that she knows the heavenly splendour she always wanted and the family and her friends will know Jesus's love reaching out to touch them.

Grace was cremated at Rugby Crematorium and had a service of thanksgiving at Brownlands Care Home.



A Message & News from the Minister cont'd

For many years Lent was seen as a time to give something up, more recently people have been encouraged to take something up, especially either some time in prayer, or reading the Bible.

May God help us all to find some time as we prepare for Easter.

Rev Geoff Townsend.



**LENT STUDY
"DARING TO SEE GOD NOW"
A 5-PART ECUMENICAL YORK COURSE**

**At CRICK URC on:-
March 11th; 18th; 25th; April 1st and 8th**

**At CREATON URC on:-
March 13th; 20th; 27th; April 3rd and 10th
All at 2.15pm for 2.30pm**

Minister's Sabbatical from February 2019

Elizabeth will be on Sabbatical leave for 13 weeks until May 6th.

During that time, please contact Church Secretaries in the first instance or Geoff Townsend for any Minister-related matters. Geoff is going to be chairing meetings and preaching where you would normally see 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



For the Men

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



'Pilots' meets on a Monday night in term time from 7.00pm.
Details are available from the Church Secretary.

Secretary

Marion Heard 01604 843864

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



Long Buckby News

Hope Centre

Many thanks for the goods which have been added to the box in the Church in recent weeks.

Dates for Your Diary

24th March Church AGM & meeting following the service



Regular Events

- ♦ **Charity Coffee Morning** on the first Saturday each month, 10.30am–11.30am
- ♦ **Ladies Circle** first Wednesday each month at 2.15pm.
- ♦ **Lunch Club**—2nd Friday each month 12.30pm for 1.00pm



Long Buckby News

Flower Rota

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| 3rd March | Gretta Davis |
| 10th March | Diana Osborne |
| 17th March | Don Bird |
| 24th December | Lucy Faulkner |
| 31st March | Joint Service at Kilsby |
| 7th April | Grace Mawby (Sue & Kath) |
| 14th April | Mary Bignell |
| 21st April | Kath Packer |
| 28th April | The Bruce Family |
| 5th May | Peggy Bond |
| 12th May | Rita Stowe |
| 19th May | Gill Best |
| 26th May | Norman Chandler |



Birthdays

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| March | No Birthdays |
| April | Don Bird |
| May | Diana Babb Richard Bignell Mark Ellison James Faulkner |



This month we asked to remember those in care homes. Betty, Gwennie and Myra. They all appreciate the visits they get even if they cannot always remember your name.

Secretary

Lucy Faulkner 07738 156722

Kilsby News

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 the faith.

Guild Meetings

There will be no Guild Meetings this quarter.



Community café

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. Held every Monday and Thursday from 9.00am til midday.



Scrabble Club on Wednesdays at 1.00pm



Secretary & Treasurer

Val Janes 01788 822751

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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 and Donations

Coffee mornings to raise money for charity will continue on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30 am til 12 o'clock. Come and join us for a good chat with old and new friends, a bottomless cup of tea or coffee and a chance to win one of the many raffle prizes.



Last year we sent £100 to Northampton General Hospital (Talbot Butler Ward), Help for Heroes, the Lane Fox Unit, London (for respiratory ailments), Crisis at Christmas, Institute of Cancer Research and £151 to Cancer Research. That makes a total of £651 for the year and a splendid £16,490.79 since our fund Raising began in 1999.

Thank you to all our regulars for your generosity and support.

Chapel Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes to Joan Saunders and Beth Stanley who have birthdays during this edition's dates.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Friday, 1st March at 7.15pm—Women's World Day of Prayer Followed by tea and biscuits.

Jenny Goodger

Secretary

Brenda Morgan 01788 822564

May 2019

May 5th: Acts 9. 1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5. 11-14; John 21.1-9

May 12th: Christian Aid Week: Acts 9. 36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7. 9-17; John 10. 22-30

May 19th: Acts 11. 1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21. 1-6; John 14.3. 31-35

May 26th: Acts 16. 9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10; 22.5; John 14.23 -29 or John 5.1-9



WALK BY FAITH

When in faith we take hold of his strength he will change, wonderfully change, the most hopeless, Discouraging outlook.

Psalm 37: 39-40
Psalm 62: 8

(From 'God's little book of Calm')

Lectionary Readings

March 2019

March 3rd: Exodus 34. 29-35 ; Psalm 99 ; " Corinthians 3. 12-4.2;
Luke 9 28-36

March 10th: Lent 1 : Deuteronomy 26. 1-11; Psalm 91. 1-2, 9-16; Ro-
mans 10. 8b-13; Luke 4. 1-13

March 17th Lent 2: Genesis 15. 1-12;17=18; Psalm 27; Philippians
3.17-4.1; Luke 13. 31-35

March 24th Lent 3: Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63. 1-8; I Corinthians 10. 1
-13; Luke 13. 1-9

March 31: Lent 4: Mothering Sunday: Joshua5. 9-12; Psalm32; "
Corinthians 5. 16-21; Luke 15. 1-3; 11b-32

April 2019

April 7th: Lent 5: Isaiah 43. 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3. 4b-14;
John 12. 1-8

April 14th: Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50. 4-0a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians
2.5-11; Luke 22.14-23; 56 or Luke23. 1-49

April 21st: Easter Day: Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; I Co-
rinthians 15. 19-26; Luke 24. 1-12

April 28th: Acts 5. 27-32; Psalm 118.14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation
1.4-8; John 20.19-31

Wordsearch—Flowers

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ASTER BERGAMOT CAMPANULA CARNATION
DAFFODIL DAISY DANDELION FOXGLOVE
GERBERA GLADIOLUS IRIS LILAC LILY
NARCISSUS ORCHID PEONY POPPY ROSE
SUNFLOWER SWEET PEA TULIP

NW NORTHANTS. PASTORATE'S PREACHING DIARY - March, April, May 2019

| Date | Long Buckby <small>(All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)</small> | Crick <small>(All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)</small> | Creaton <small>(All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)</small> | Kilsby <small>(All services at 11.00 am. Unless stated otherwise)</small> |
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| Sunday 3rd March | Lucy Faulkner | Ray Smith | Jon Heard With Holy Communion | Songs of Praise |
| Sunday 10th March | Vaughan Griffiths | Margaret Hooper | Rev. Geoff Townsend | Mr Cecil Gill |
| Sunday 17th March | Andrew Howes With Holy Communion | Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion | Magnus Ramage | Rev. Michael Bond |
| Sunday 24th March | Rev. Geoff Townsend | David Biddle | Suzie James | Mr Trevor Boyes |
| Sunday 31st March | Joint Service at Kilsby | Joint Service at Kilsby | Mothering Sunday at St Michael's Also Joint Service at Kilsby | Joint Service |
| Sunday 7th April | Ian Harrison | Rev. Michael Bond | Vaughan Griffiths | Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion |
| Sunday 14th April | Margaret Hooper | Jon Heard | Rev. Geoff Townsend | Mr Iain Mair |
| Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday | Magnus Ramage | Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion | Jon Heard With Holy Communion | Mr Cecil Gill |
| Sunday 28th April | Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion | Wally Mular | Rev. Malcolm Deacon | Mr John Perkins |
| Sunday 5th May | Cecil Gill | Dawn Margetts | Jon Heard | Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion |
| Sunday 12th May | Barbara Haighton | Tim Huc | Rev. Elizabeth Kemp | Mrs Dorn Margett |
| Sunday 19th May | Clive Leakey | Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion | Rev. Geoff Townsend With Holy Communion | Mr Cecil Gill |
| Sunday 26th May | Rev. Elizabeth Kemp With Holy Communion | Ray Smith | TBA | Rev. Geoff Townsend |