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**Hello and welcome to this issue of The Network. I hope you find something to stimulate you in the magazine this time?**

Well our anniversary day was very special. In the morning, we were given a clear word from Noel about being daring in our lives and faith. Everything he said can be applied to us as a Church as well as individuals. Let me remind you what he said and how it spoke to me of our life together.

First, daring to believe that God holds us secure. I love the picture of Christ as our anchor. As the anchor goes down deep into the churning water, the vessel stays stable in the midst of the storm. So it is with us. The world in which we minister is a complicated place which is changing rapidly. We can however, be assured that Jesus will keep us grounded firm and deep in his love and that his plans will succeed. He said that he would build his Church and nothing can come against it if we confess that he is the son of the living God who loves the world so much that he gave himself for it. As we step out in faith, he is one step ahead of us.

Second, dare to believe that he wants to transform us in the power of the Holy Spirit to be like him. It is no accident that Paul used the powerful image of the Church as the Body of Christ. This means that we are his visible presence on earth. When folk look at us, they see him. It sounds a tall order, and it would be if we were doing this in our own strength. But God has promised us that the Holy Spirit lives within us. And he helps us and changes us from the inside out.

Finally, dare to believe that we have a purpose in the world. This week a report was released that said the people who declared themselves to have no faith have overtaken those who said they are Christians in the last census taken in 2011. We could put up the drawbridge or ring our hands and say well that is it. The fact is this reflects a picture that has been going on all my lifetime and folk are finally being honest about what they really think. Now is the time to get out in the world and make Christ known by our presence, words and actions with confidence that God's love motivates us to do this. God wants his kingdom to come here on earth as it is in Heaven through us. All we need is faith and the power of the Spirit to go in his name to love and serve our Lord.

May God help us to be daring and believe that the power that raised Jesus from the dead is in each one of us and our Church as a whole. May God help us to be faithful to our calling to go into the world and make disciples.

Yours in Christ.

**Glen and Rowan Graham.**

### **Homes and Gardens**

I didn't have any new ideas for this summer, but it was discussed at the Fellowship meeting.

There are a few changes—we will go back to Wednesday. We will begin with a cream tea at Forest Glade on July 20<sup>th</sup> and finish with open house at Sidmouth on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The 5 weeks between will be varied with 2 cream teas in the church hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Freda.

### **Knit and Natter**

This doesn't really happen as no-one come to the coffee morning on a Friday. I am here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month so will have wool and patterns if required. Several ladies knit at home so I nearly have another box full to send to Knit for Peace. There is always a need for warm clothes, especially cardigans and jumpers for older children and adults. Freda.

### **Traidcraft Update**

Sadly our lovely contact at St. Andrews has had to give up due to personal reasons and the monthly market has been very quiet of late. However—while there is money in the Quality Street tin to pay the bills we will

continue. I am looking to see if I can have a stall at the Uffculme monthly market to see if there is a little more trade there.

### Mid Devon Show—23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

I am writing to you regarding the Church tent at the Mid Devon Show. We are situated in the main showground and we offer visitors a chance to sit and have refreshment during the course of the day. Our aim is to attract non-church goers into the tent where we also have stands with connections in the Christian community.

We do not charge for refreshments and rely on donations from churches and ask only for donations from our visitors. As you can appreciate, providing the tent, insurance and refreshments of sandwiches, drinks, etc. is very costly and therefore we would respectfully ask all churches if you could make a donation towards this wonderful outreach in the community.

We rely on a **ROTA OF VOLUNTEERS** to help with serving refreshments and clearing up. If you are able to give one or two hours of your time during the day could you please contact Bruce and Kathy Govett on 01884 860611.

We also ask for donations of **HOMEMADE CAKES** and these can be delivered to New Creation Christian Bookshop (Bampton Street) or to C.H.A.T. situated in Gold Street, Tiverton, on Friday afternoon (22<sup>nd</sup> July).

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## **Church Diary Welcome!**

You are welcome to join in any of our activities. Newcomers to the town and holiday visitors are particularly welcome.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Services are at 10.30 on a Sunday morning. Evening services are held in the schoolroom at 6.30 pm on the first Sunday of each month. We have a regular Morning Sunday School. Children take part in the 10.30 service before going to their own activity. Please join us after the service for coffee in the Hall.

5 <sup>th</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham
	pm	Rev. Glen Graham
12 <sup>th</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham
19 <sup>th</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham — <i>Communion</i>
26 <sup>th</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham

### **"Ye must be born again".**

*The caterpillar did not die, while changing to  
a butterfly:*

*He only quit his coat of skin, eight-legged house  
that he lived in.*

*The butterfly had truly been in caterpillar's fur  
and skin:—*

*But born again to wings of air, he tool no thought,  
he had no care*

*For caterpillar's lowly fare, of what they eat, or  
what they wear.*

*How different is the butterfly, a lithe and airy thing,  
From whence he crawled upon the ground, before he  
took his wing*

### **House Group**

Mondays, 10.30 am - 12 noon,  
venues will be announced.

Tuesdays, 7.00 pm,  
at 23 Pear Drive Willand.

### **Prayer Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat  
of month

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June,  
9.30 in vestry.

### **Meeting Point Coffee Morning**

Fridays 10 to 11.30 am  
in schoolroom. Pastor Glen  
will be there to listen, advise or  
discuss any problem privately  
during coffee time.

### **Computer Drop in**

Last Fri  
of month

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June during coffee  
morning. For help or advice.  
Bring your laptop or tablet.

### **Lunch Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Fri  
of month

12.30 pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Provided and prepared by  
Glen and Rowan.  
Book with Joan 32443.  
£ 5 charge to help to purchase  
a new oven/hob.

### **Fairtrade**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat  
of month

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June in  
schoolroom, morning.

*A caterpillar first was he, a crawling worm from birth,  
Perhaps he know what was within—a life above the earth!  
The truth about this matter is, two mansions here we see,  
Of many in our Father's house, prepared for you and me.  
So when we leave our skin and bones, and rise  
like butterfly,  
We'll know we only change our form, and never,  
never die.*

*H.D.W.*