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**Hello, and welcome to our magazine. I hope you find something of interest in this issue.**

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the meeting of Baptist Union Council. We were given a presentation by our General Secretary Lynn Green about a new initiative called “Beacons of Hope”. We live in a hopeless world where people can only see an uncertain future ahead of us. As Christians, our hope is placed in the living God who came to be one of us in the person of Jesus Christ. In his death and resurrection, a new era of life began which is looking forward to a new Heaven and a new Earth. The Church has been given a message of hope that all will be put to rights in the end and until then, we can know something of that life right now. To be a beacon of hope, we need to awaken three longings that are within us.

Firstly, a longing for God. The Psalms are full of references to an intense desire for God expressed through the language of hunger and thirst for God. Jesus when he spoke to the woman at the well in ‘John 4’ spoke of a living water which is the presence of God which can satisfy any thirst. Later in ‘John 7’, he declared that if anyone is thirsty they can come to him and drink of streams of living water. Not only that, but they can become a stream of living water themselves. May the Holy Spirit draw us to Jesus and enable us as a Church to be a river of living water, demonstrating the love of Jesus to a broken world.

Secondly, a longing for people. This is expressed in two ways. The first is a love for one another within our fellowship. We are known as a loving fellowship but we should never take that for granted. Our love for each other should be of such quality that people see it and are jealous for it. The standard of our love was set by Jesus when he said: “*Love one another as I have loved you*”. May God help us to love like that. However, we are to love those outside the fellowship as we love ourselves whoever they are. This is a challenge but Jesus doesn’t let us off the hook with this one but he does help us.

Finally, a longing for mission. We are to go into the world and make disciples. Sharing our faith through faith and lifestyle through loving service is the way we do this. We long that all of humanity would know the life and grace that we enjoy so let us show and tell in the strength of the Lord. With these longings awakened, we can become little lights ignited by the light of the world spreading hope everywhere. May God enable us to be such a community of light and love.

Yours in Christ.

**Glen and Rowan Graham.**

## TWO LITTLE BOYS

*A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.*

*The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons’ behaviour. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.*

*The husband said, ‘We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!’ The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, ‘Where is God?’*

*The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, ‘Where is God?’ Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy’s face, ‘WHERE IS GOD?’*

*At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'*

### Bible Reading Notes

For about 5 or 6 years Gerald and I have either collected or received the Bible reading notes from Good Books in Bridport. While we were members of the Baptist Church it was easy to hand them out to those who enjoy using them. Since going to the parish church I have done the paper work and Gerald has been the delivery boy. The time has come for us to hand over this work to a member of the Baptist Church. It is not a difficult or big job for a Baptist Church member. The bible notes are sent by post so no travelling is required. Someone is required to take this on as from October, for the 9 persons concerned.

Please contact Sheila Gould 01884 38105.

*Ten little churchmen went to church when fine;  
But it started raining, then there were nine.  
Nine little churchmen stayed up very late;  
One overslept himself, then there were eight.  
Eight little churchmen on the road to Heaven;  
One joined a cycling club, then there were seven.  
Seven little churchmen heard of Sunday flicks;  
One thought he'd like to go, then there were six.  
Six little churchmen kept the place alive;*



*One bought television, then there were five.  
Five little churchmen seemed loyal to the core;  
The minister upset one, then there were four.  
Four little churchmen asked out to tea;  
One couldn't leave in time, then there were three.  
Three little churchmen sang the service through;  
Got a hymn they didn't know, then there were two.  
Two little churchmen argued who should run  
The annual bazaar, then there were one.*

## 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. 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.

6<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham  
13<sup>th</sup> am **10.00** Rev. Glen Graham  
—*Remembrance Service*  
20<sup>th</sup> am Rev. John Sanderson—*Communion*  
27<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Start of Advent*

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

Last Fri  
of month

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

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

### Culm Valley Choir rehearsals

24<sup>th</sup> Nov. evening

### Cookie and Christmas decoration making

26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 to 16.00  
10 to 12 coffee available  
12 to 2 light lunches available  
2 to 4 afternoon tea available  
16.15 Lantern Walk part of

town Christmas lights ceremony.

**House Group**

Monday group, 10.30 am  
Tuesday group, 7.00 pm,  
venues to be given on Sunday  
previous.

**Prayer Meeting**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November,  
9.30 am 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**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November during  
coffee morning. For help or  
advice. Bring your laptop or

tablet.

**Lunch Club**

12.30 pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
To book phone Joan 32443.

**Fairtrade**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
morning, in schoolroom.

**Deacons  
meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30

**Fellowship  
meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 19.30

**M.S.A. meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 14.00 in schoolroom.