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

Patience.

One of the first pieces of instruction I remember my mother giving me was: *“Patience is a virtue that YOU don’t have.”* She was probably right. If we are honest, our attitude to patience is rather like that depicted in a poster: *“Lord give me patience, and give it to me now.”* The problem is acquiring patience is not easy. It seems to me that the only way we are to get some is by going into situations that will test our patience to its limits. Like a good body workout, any virtue worth having involves going beyond your comfort zone.

God does not abandon us during the waiting process. He gives us grace to endure the tough situations we find ourselves in. The trouble is, we spend so much time trying to escape the situation that we either fail to ask for his sustaining grace, or fail to appreciate what God may be teaching us through the situation we are in. One thing I know, when looking back on situations where I have had to wait for a breakthrough, I can look back and see the hand of God in the whole process including the waiting. The God who never slumbers or sleeps is with you all the time in every situation you find yourself in. My prayer is that God will grant us patience in everything we have to face in our lives.

I love celebrating birthdays. I am really looking forward to the service when we celebrate our 317th anniversary on the morning of the 4th June. My good friend Simon Taylor from South Street Baptist Church in Exeter will be preaching. God has been so faithful to us as a church over the years and it is good to give thanks for the past whilst at the same time looking forward to what God has for our future. God will make known his plans for us piece by piece. *“We can be sure that he who began a good work in us will carry it through to completion.”* (Philippians 1:6)

May the love of Christ help us to run the race of faith with confidence and trust.

Yours in Christ.

Glen and Rowan Graham.

In July I am having a weekend off to go to a reunion of the Landing Girls. When I went to a teacher training college in Bromley, Kent, a small group were sent to a house, about 10 minutes walk from the college, to live for our first year.

On the first landing were 3 bedrooms with 9 girls living together. We had a sitting room, dining room and small kitchen on the ground floor. We had breakfast in the house—how we disliked the kippers and a fuss was made as the boiled eggs were sent around to try and get a soft yolk! How the two ladies who had to control us must have been glad to see us off each morning for the college visits or teaching practice.

Can I say a big thank you to Christophe who produced the Network for May with no help from anyone. I was appalled and ashamed that none of us could produce any material for him to put in. Let’s do better in the future. Here goes with something from me!

All the weekend we were given basic ingredients to provide ourselves with just Sunday tea. We would go into Bromley and treat ourselves to something reasonable—we were all on a small amount of pocket money.

The group of girls from our landing are getting together. What a lot of talking there will be. Most of us have taught for many years and live in different parts of the U.K. Three husbands are joining us. They will need a quiet corner away from the talking.

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Solution—May

Bible characters anagrams (answers)

1. ESTHER

2. NAOMI

3. JOSEPH

4. HEROD

5. ADAM
6. PETER

7. MOSES
8. NOAH

9. MARTHA
10. JACOB

Homes and Gardens

I had very little comment from anyone with ideas, days, etc. so the plan is similar to other years. We are meeting on Wednesdays again.

19 th July	Forest Glade	3-5
26 th July	Margaret & Gareth	3-5
2 nd August	Angela & Laurie	3-5
9 th August	Ruth & David	3-5
16 th August	Angela & Laurie	10-12
23 rd August	Church	3-5
30 th August	Freda & Norman	
	—Sidmouth	11-3

Please support as many as you can and offer lifts to people with no transport. We do raise as much as we can for Home Mission.



South West Sacred Harp Singing Day

Saturday 10 June 2017

10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. (Doors open at 10.00 a.m.)

Cullompton Baptist Church

Singing from the Sacred Harp (Denson 1991 edition)

Loaners, and sale copies (£16)

Beginners, improvers and experienced singers
all welcome

The Sacred Harp is a book of psalms and hymns from the American tradition of unaccompanied singing—community singing with hymns! Do pop in for as long as you like, join in or listen as you please.

Bring and share lunch

A basket will be passed to cover costs

Evening meal at 7 p.m. at the Bakehouse.

Book with us by Sunday 4 June

See sample menus at

<http://www.thebakehousecullompton.co.uk/>

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A Let Us Sing! event,

providing personal liability insurance to the tune of £ 5 m

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.

June		
4 th	am	<i>Anniversary Service—</i> Guest speaker Simon Taylor
11 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham
18 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham— <i>Communion</i>
25 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham
July		
2 nd	am	Rev. Glen Graham
9 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham
16 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham— <i>Communion</i>
23 rd	am	Rev. Glen Graham
30 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham



House Group

Mondays, 10.30

Tuesday, 19.30

venues to be given on Sunday previous.

3rd Sat
of month

Prayer Meeting

Sat. 17th June and 15th July
9.30 am in vestry.

2nd Sat
of month

Coffee Morning

Sat. 10th June and 8th July

Lunch Club

Friday 9th June, 12.30.

2nd Sat
of month

Fairtrade

Sat. 10th June and 8th July
a.m., in schoolroom or outside.

Fellowship meeting

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 4th July

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Afternoon Tea
17th June 3-5 p.m.

There is no Anniversary lunch on June 4th

Plea for accommodation for Geno—if you can help please speak to him direct or speak to Marilyn Bidmead who will pass information on.