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

#### Goodness.

The 6<sup>th</sup> fruit of the Spirit is Goodness. To understand what this means for us, we first need to define the Goodness of God.

God is good in many ways. I want to look at three things:

1. God is morally good. Everything he does can be defended in moral terms. There is no wickedness in him. He only has one side to him. He acts in his own interests which includes our interests too, as we are made in his image. He is upright and perfect in all he does.
2. He is faithful to his word. He keeps his own commandments and promises. His word is his bond and lasts forever.
3. Finally, God is generous towards those he has made. He lavishes us with his Grace and Love. Every good and perfect thing comes from him. Thanksgiving is our response to such Goodness.

As I write this, I am extremely thankful to God. Earlier this month, we said goodbye to our faithful Robson. He gave me a lifetime of service and pleasure. We will miss him greatly. The day after his death, the first glimmers of hope that my two years of waiting for a new Guide Dog might be over, came in the form of a beautiful black lab called RAB. I was only meant to walk him to show a trainer how I walk with a dog. It went so well that talk of matching him with me began. I can now confirm the RAB is a match and I will begin training with him on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that RAB and I will form a good and lasting bond and that he will soon become part of the Cullompton Church family.

We will all be able to celebrate the Goodness of God over our Harvest weekend. On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7 p.m.**, we will be holding our *Harvest Supper* and watching a D.V.D. from *Operation Agri*. On **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be holding our Harvest celebration during our morning service—which will be a Family Service. Please come and give thanks to God with us for his Goodness.

May God's Goodness be revealed in us as we live our lives in his world.

Yours in Christ.

**Glen and Rowan Graham.**

#### THE PHARISEE

*Lord, I'm in the temple—look at me!  
(I think I'll stand where all can see).*

*I tell You, Lord, it's really sad  
That all but me are thoroughly bad.*

*Now, You know me—I don't condemn,  
But thank you, Lord, I'm not like them.*

*I'd always pass a lie detector;  
I'm not like that tax collector!*

*The thought of me just makes me prouder.  
(I think I'll pray a little louder).*

*I give my money, I fast and pray;  
I like being me more and more each day.*

*I'm glad I got a chat with You.*

*I'm sure, Lord, You enjoyed it too.*

#### THE TAX COLLECTOR

*Lord, I'm in the temple. I just thought  
I'd find myself a quiet spot.*

*Hear me in this holy place,  
Where I dare not lift my face.*

*You know my sin—I can't deny—  
But, loving God, please hear my cry.*

*I'm so ashamed of all I've done!  
Have mercy on this publican!*

*The thought of You just makes me long  
To turn away from all that's wrong.*

*So, Lord, forgive and help me know  
How to please You, and how to grow.*

And thank You, for I know You'll be

Merciful to a sinner like me.

Which man in the parable went home forgiven?

**Urgent Rehoboth prayer request**—31 August 2017

Please pray for Donato, a former resident and husband of our social worker, who has been diagnosed with chronic kidney disease and is currently in the National Kidney Institute in Manila where he has been confined for 3-4 days for immediate dialysis. Please pray for healing for Donato and wisdom for the doctors and Donato and his family as they consider the possible treatment options.

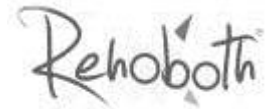
Donato's wife Ella is 7 months pregnant and they have a 4 year old daughter.

Please also pray for the one year old daughter of our houseparent Alfredo who is also confined in hospital in Camiling because she suffered a high fever and convulsion.

Thank you.

**REHOBOTH PRAYER NEWS**

- We welcomed six new residents to the Rehoboth family in June/July—two sets of three siblings who needed a place to live so they can have their needs met and attend school. Pray they will continue to feel settled and part of the family, and that they will catch up on lost schooling.
- Pray for our six new R.E.A.P. students—one elementary and five high school level who all need assistance to continue their studies.
- Two college residents have transferred into R.E.A.P. enabling them to live more independently—pray that they will develop confidence in their own abilities to handle life's challenges, become less reliant on others and learn how to handle their own time and money well.
- Pray for Roberto, a former resident, who is now working as a temporary house parent as he waits for his application to work in Australia to be approved.
- Praise God that Marjorie, one of our R.E.A.P. graduates, passed the Social Work Board Exam recently becoming a registered social worker.



**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.

**September**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> am Rev. John Sanderson
- 10<sup>th</sup> am Mrs. Dawn Pettit
- 17<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Communion*
- 24<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Harvest Service*

**October**

- 1<sup>st</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham
- 8<sup>th</sup> am Prof. Noel Morgan
- 15<sup>th</sup> am Lorna Lewis—*Communion*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham
- 29<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham

**Street Pastors** 7 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> October

**A.G.M.** —All welcome

**M.S.A. meeting** 2 p.m. 25<sup>th</sup> October

**House Group**

Monday, 10.30 resume  
Sep. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, 19.30 resume  
in Sep., date to be advised  
venues to be given on Sunday  
previous.

**Prayer Meeting**

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep. and 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.  
9.30 am in vestry.

**Coffee Morning**

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Sep. and 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. a.m.

**Lunch Club**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sep. and 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.,  
12.30.

**Fairtrade**

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Sep. and 14<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
a.m., in schoolroom or outside.

**Fellowship meeting**

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sep.

**Harvest Service for Clark's Court**

19<sup>th</sup> September 10.30

**Harvest Supper**

22<sup>nd</sup> September 7 p.m.

**S.W. Shape Note Singing Day**

14<sup>th</sup> October 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



