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### A LIVING SERMON

*I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,  
I'd rather one would walk with me than merely show the way,  
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,  
Fine counsel is confusing but example's always clear.*

*The best of all the preachers are the men who do good deeds  
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs,  
I soon can learn to do it if you let me see it done,  
I can watch your hands in action but your tongue too fast may run.*

*The lectures you deliver may be very nice and true,  
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do,  
I may misunderstand you, and the high advice you give  
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.*

*When I see a deed of kindness I am eager to be kind,  
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind  
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me  
To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friends can be.*

*All travellers can witness that the best of guides today  
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way,  
Though an able speaker charms me with all that he can say,  
I'd prefer a living sermon, than hear one any day.*

Anonymous

### Sacred Harp Singing Day

On Saturday 14 October 2017 we are holding our third Sacred Harp Singing Day in Cullompton Baptist Church, 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

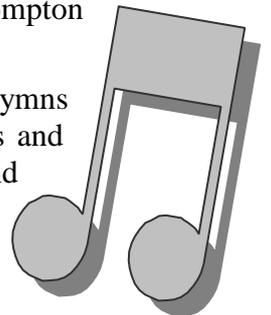
We sing from The Sacred Harp, an American collection of unaccompanied psalms and hymns dating from 1844. Many of the words will be familiar to you, with texts by Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley amongst others, but the exciting tunes and robust harmonies may sound unusual to the English ear!

We will be sharing the premises with the Traidcraft day and coffee morning, so while you are there do please come in to the Sanctuary to hear the singing or join in!

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### Homes and Gardens

Thank you so much to those of you who supported this again. It wasn't the best of weather for sitting in the garden but we didn't make any problems—sitting and chatting indoors was just as good. A special thank you to those who went to every gathering, especially Laurie who drove from his home, where we were meeting, to pick up the ladies in Cullompton. As usual transport has been a difficulty.

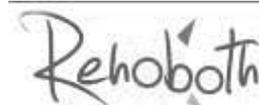
I think it is time to change this idea for something different. Perhaps we could all think and pray for a new way of raising money for Home Mission as well as meeting each other.



Josh Richards, son of Chris and Kate, is going to the University of South Wales studying Football Coaching this year. He will be away for 3 years and I am sure we would all like to wish him happiness and success in his journey towards his chosen field of work.

Sarah, granddaughter of David and Ruth Alder, is travelling to Uganda to work as part of a team for Women In Leadership. She will be gone for 6 months and again, I am sure we would all wish her a successful, healthy, happy and safe visit there.

Prayers for them as they move away from home would be welcome.



**Rehoboth prayer request update—9 September 2017**

We very much appreciate your prayers for Donato, one of the Rehoboth family, who is suffering from kidney failure. He spent four days in the National Kidney Institute in Manila where they inserted a catheter in his neck to administer emergency dialysis and he received two rounds of dialysis over that time. He has now returned home to continue his dialysis three times a week at a hospital in our nearest town.

Do continue to pray for him and his wife Ella as they talk to Donato's family about the possibility of one of his siblings donating a kidney.

In the meantime he will continue with regular dialysis and hopefully regain his lost weight and strength as they explore options for the future.

Donato's recent post on his Facebook page said, 'We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he called according to his purpose'.

Kathryn Thompson (Trustee of R.C.H.T.)



**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.

**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

**November**

- 5<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham
- 12<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham
- 19<sup>th</sup> am Rev. John Sanderson
- 26<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham

**House Group**

Monday, 10.30  
Tuesday, to be advised

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

**Prayer Meeting**

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. and 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
9.30 am in vestry.

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

**Coffee Morning**

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. and 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
a.m.

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

**Lunch Club**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. and 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.,  
12.30.

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

**Fairtrade**

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. and 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
a.m., in schoolroom or outside.

**Fellowship meeting**

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.

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

14<sup>th</sup> October 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
ALL are welcome to come and listen or take part

**Christmas Lights Day**

10 - 4 p.m. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
(Crafts and refreshments in the school hall and singing in the sanctuary.)

