

# NETWORK

Cullompton Baptist Church

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

## Faithfulness.

The faithfulness of God is a theme which can be found on every page of our Bibles. Even when humans fell from grace, God provided for us and determined to find a way by which we could enjoy the close communion we once had with Him. From Noah onward, God made significant promises to us, all of which he kept. The Old Testament demonstrates His faithfulness to a nation he chose to carry out His purpose in the World. In the New Testament, these promises were extended to those who would call upon his name in order to be rescued and receive eternal life. Even though His people past and present let Him down, God never wavered in His goodness and grace towards us.

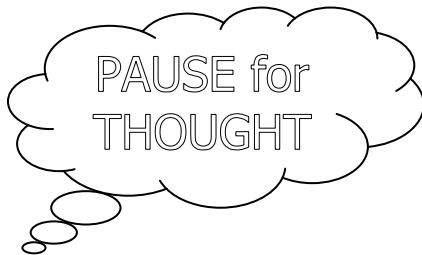
As we read the accounts of God's faithfulness in the Bible, we find our trust in Him is built up as we see His marvellous deeds of deliverance from the parting of the Red Sea to the Cross of Calvary. Jesus, in His life and ministry, showed His dedication and faithfulness to His Father. He is our example to follow, and the Holy Spirit is the one who enables us to be faithful. All we need do is put ourselves in His hands and trust Him.

I have been reminded of God's faithfulness in small things recently. After a two year wait, God has provided me with a wonderful guide and companion. Many of you will have met Rab now. On 5<sup>th</sup> October, Rab became a fully qualified Guide Dog and so became mine. I want to thank you all for your prayers and concerns over the last couple of years. Looking forward to the years of freedom that lie ahead.

May you all see God's faithful hand at work over the course of this month.

Yours in Christ.

**Glen and Rowan Graham.**



*I almost went to Church last night  
But could not find the time  
So much to do about the house  
To leave it would be a crime  
So I cleaned through and polished  
And went wearily to bed,  
but I made a resolution  
I'll go next week instead.*

*I almost went to Church last night  
But the air was damp and cold  
To venture out on such a night  
Would be foolish, I had been told  
So I sat before the fire  
Took up a book and read,*

*but I made a resolution  
To go next week instead.*

*I almost went to Church last night  
But my favourite programme was on  
And by the time it ended  
The time for Church had gone  
So I sat before the T.V.  
Until the set was dead,  
but I made a resolution  
I'll go next week instead.*

*I almost went to Church last night  
But someone made me late;  
And unpunctuality  
Is a sin I really hate  
And to my conscience said,  
I'll make that resolution  
I'll go next week instead.*

*I actually went to Church last night  
But alas, I was too late  
The Church was locked and silent  
'For sale' was on the gate*

Oh, the awful remorse that I then felt  
 This little cause was dead  
 And I, twas I had killed it

by 'going next week instead'!

## Church Flowers.



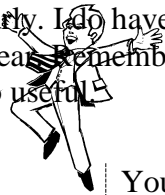
We have a team of 6 people who arrange the flowers for the church. They are so reliable and spend time and money to keep the sanctuary attractive. I used to put a list of dates on the notice board so that anyone who wanted to give flowers could put their name by the date.

Unfortunately few people filled in any Sunday but if anyone would like to give flowers or money for a special occasion, such as birthdays, anniversaries or just for a memory see me. Lily is giving flowers in December to celebrate her baptism 70 years ago at Rockwell Green. We will really enjoy them—thank you Lily.

Freda.

### Home Mission Stamps.

Thank you so much to all who give stamps regularly. I do have a package to send to Alan Cookson about twice a year. Remember as well as stamps postcards and jewellery are also useful.



Yours  
in Christ.

As secretary of the church I would like to wish everyone a lovely Christmas and a healthy and happy 2018, and also to thank everyone for their support during 2017.

Glen.

## 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.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat  
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#### December

3<sup>rd</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—

Advent/Communion

10<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Family Service*

17<sup>th</sup> **4 pm** Rev. Glen Graham

—*Candlelit Carol Service*

24<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham

—*Informal Carol Service*

31<sup>st</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Mince Pie Service*

#### January

7<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Covenant Service*

14<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham

21<sup>st</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Communion*

28<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham

I am hoping to start membership★baptism classes in January. I have one person interested in exploring membership. If anyone is interested and wants to know more, please contact me.

Thank you all for a wonderful year together.

Wishing you all joy and peace this Christmas time, and a happy and blessed new year.

**House Group**

Monday, 10.30  
Tuesday, to be advised

**Prayer Meeting**

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. and 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
9.30 am in vestry.

**Coffee Morning**

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. and 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. a.m.

**Lunch Club**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
—Christmas Dinner  
No lunch club in January.

**Fairtrade**

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. and 13<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
a.m., in schoolroom or outside.

**Fellowship  
meeting**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

**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.)

**Coffee morning**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10-12  
at Angie and Laurie's, Pear Drive

**Clark's Court  
Christmas  
Service**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.30  
meet 10.15 outside church

**Christmas  
Party**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7 p.m.

**Short  
Christmas Day  
service**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
10 a.m.

