

# NETWORK

Cullompton Baptist Church

January & February 2018

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*You are my friends if you do what I command.*

*John 15:14 N.I.V.*

Hello, and welcome to “*The Network*”. I hope you find something to inspire you in this issue.

## Gentleness.

This is the eighth of our reflections on the ‘*Fruit of the Spirit*’.

As with all the other fruit, gentleness can be misunderstood. One can be full of conviction, passionate or even direct yet still be gentle. It is the way we do something or the tone of voice that determines whether we are being gentle or not. When Jesus was correcting his disciples, we have no idea what tone of voice he used. When he said, “*do not worry*”, or “*do not be afraid*”, he probably spoke gently. He is our example, so he will give us the help we need to develop the fruit of gentleness.

### **We need your help in three areas of Church life:**

Firstly, I need to inform you that Freda Wellard has decided to retire as a Deacon at the A.G.M. in March. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Freda for all she has done as Deacon for 20 plus years, and we wish her every blessing in the future service she will offer her Lord. So, we are looking for nominations for someone to stand as a deacon. Information about the process will be made known to you over the next month.

Secondly, we need extra help with our Lunch Club particularly for serving and clearing up, although a couple of extra cooks would be handy. For more information as to how you can help, please see Joan Jenkins.

Finally, is there anyone out there who might like to try their hand doing a Children’s Talk from time to time? I have to say it is not one of my major gifts and there may be someone reading this who could be thinking “*I may be able to do that*”. If so, please talk to me.

May our Lord Jesus, who was humble and gentle, lead us into all humility and gentleness.

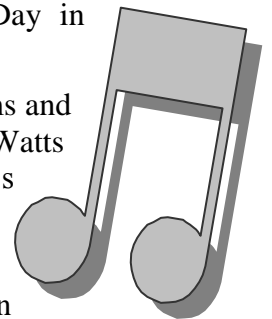
Yours in Christ.

**Glen and Rowan Graham.**

## Sacred Harp Singing Day

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 we are holding our fourth 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 four-part 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. Some of the tunes you may recognise from Freda’s playing at the end of the service, but the robust harmonies may sound unusual to the English ear!



If you are in Cullompton, do please come in to the Schoolroom to hear the singing or join in!

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Another evening of our second India holiday. Start at 7 p.m. with a light Indian style snack and tea (coffee also available).

Freda

**NO EXCUSE SUNDAY.**

1. Beds will be placed in the porch for those who say, 'Sunday is my only day to sleep in'.
2. Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching television late on Saturday night.
3. Blankets will be provided for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who think it too hot.
4. We will have hearing aids for those who say 'The Minister speaks too softly', and cotton wool for those who say he speaks too loud.
5. Relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.
6. There will be dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner also.
7. One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.
8. Steel helmets available for those who say 'The roof would cave in if ever I came to church'.
9. Finally, the church will be decorated with Christmas flowers, and Easter lilies, for those who have never seen the church without them.

**Banners**

Is there anyone who would like to make a new banner for the church? I have a book with ideas, plenty of material and felt. It would be good to have some new ones.

Freda

I would just like to inform our readers that I shall be away from 4<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> March inclusive. Joan has kindly agreed to do the notices each week and Brenda has agreed to hand out and take back any nomination forms for Deacons prior to the A.G.M. I will be available on my mobile and will be dealing with any e-mails, but for anything that requires something to be done locally please contact Glen or one of the deacons.

Many thanks

Marilyn (Secretary)



**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.

**February**

- 4<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—  
Ministry Aviation Fellowship speaker Marion Field
- 11<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Dr. John Colwell
- 18<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Communion*
- 25<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham

**March**

- 4<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham  
(To be advised)
- 11<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Communion*
- 18<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Communion*
- 25<sup>th</sup> am Rev. Glen Graham—*Family Service*

**House Group**

Monday, fortnightly, to be advised.

**Prayer Meeting**

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

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. and 17<sup>th</sup> Mar. 9.30 am in vestry.

**Coffee Mornings**

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

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. and 10<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10-12 in the schoolroom.

1<sup>st</sup> Sat of month

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 10-12 at Angie and Laurie's, Pear Drive

**Lunch Club**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 12.30 in schoolroom. No lunch club in March.

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

**Fairtrade**

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. and 10<sup>th</sup> Mar. a.m., in schoolroom or outside.

**Church A.G.M.**

7.30 pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Deacon's meeting**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Shape Note Singing Group**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February All welcome to listen and/or sing.

**Indian snacks and presentation**

7-9 pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the schoolroom.

