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Hello, and welcome to “*The Network*”. I hope you find something of interest in the magazine this time?

Self-Control.

We come to the final part of our reflection on the fruit of the spirit.

Self-Control is the ability to put a guard round our impulses and desires. It is the ability to resist temptation. It involves keeping a level head and not resorting to knee jerk reactions or anger. In short, it is decided that ‘*self*’ is not going to run our lives. Rather God’s Holy Spirit enables us to do what pleases God. This is the only way ‘*self*’ can be controlled.

Jesus’ final days on Earth are a great example of what self-control looks like. Every day throughout that week he was questioned by the religious authorities at the temple, but he responded with challenge and grace. When he met for the last time with his friends, for the Passover meal, knowing what they were going to do to him, he never once lost his cool or begged them to stop. He knew that this whole event was in God’s hands. In the Garden of Gethsemane, amid his distress and desire that things might be different, he never lost sight of the fact that it is what his father wanted, that was paramount, not what he desired for himself that mattered. Finally, during his trial and execution, he conducted himself with dignity and loving kindness, forgiving his enemies and keeping his mind on the task. May we be enabled by the spirit to imitate Jesus in the way he spoke and the way he acted.

Easter is a time of celebration that the son of God conquered death and opened the way to live life eternal, to those who would believe in him and seek him with all their hearts. Easter is not about the celebration of one day but a way of life characterised by Grace, Hope and Love.

May the God of all hope fill your lives with joy and gladness as you seek to follow and serve him in the days to come.

Yours in Christ.

Glen and Rowan Graham.

THE MAN FROM GALILEE.

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Based on the Scripture Luke 18 v. 35-43. The healing of the blind man.

*It's alright for YOU, you can see,
What is that noise I can hear?
They tell me it's Jesus passing by,
Jesus, the man from Galilee.*

*I'm told He's a healer of sickness and pain,
Yes, and sins, someone said,
I wonder, could He make me see again
That Jesus, from Galilee?*

*If I give a shout, will He hear me,
Above the noise of the crowd?
'Son of David', have pity on me,
Jesus, the man from Galilee.*

*Be quiet, they are saying around me,
It's all very well for them!
How would they like to be in darkness,
And never again to see?*

*Jesus has heard me, in spite of the noise,
'What do you want me to do?' says He,
'I just want to see the Lord', I said
To the man from Galilee.*

*As you have Faith, so you shall see,
No longer in darkness you'll be,
At once I was healed, my sight came back,
And I looked on the face of the man from Galilee.*

*I've thought of it often, since sight came to me,
If I'd kept silent, His face I'd not seen,
Faith was rewarded, blindness had gone,
But I had to speak out, or He'd have passed on.*

*Jesus is passing you way today,
Listen to hear His voice,
You too can be helped and healed, like me,
If you only trust Jesus, the man from Galilee.*

A note of interest for church members and attendees is that Noah's Ark has successfully bid to United Charities for a grant to enable the back gate to be replaced and the wall that supports it to be repaired and made wide enough to accommodate wheelchair use. This work will cost just under £ 1000 and we are most grateful to both Noah's Ark and United Charities for their help in getting this important work done. A builder will start work on this on 3rd April and will complete it during the Easter holidays.

On a personal note I would like to say I enjoyed my time away in Dorset but am happy to be home and back at my home church and will try to quickly get my head back into secretarial role. Also I would like to formally thank Joan for her kindness in covering the secretarial role in my absence.



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.

April		
1 st	am	Rev. Glen Graham— <i>Communion</i>
8 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham
15 th	am	Revd. Elsie Howell
29 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham
May		
6 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham
13 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham
20 th	am	Guest Speaker Jonathan Edwards— <i>Communion, Church Anniversary Service</i>
27 th	am	Rev. Glen Graham

House Group

Monday, bi-weekly, to be advised at Sunday services.

3rd Sat of month Prayer Meeting

Sat. 21st Apr. and 19th May
9.30 am in vestry.

2nd Sat of month Coffee Mornings

Sat. 14th Apr. and 12th May
10-12 in the schoolroom.

Sat. 7th Apr. 10-12
at Angie and Laurie's, Pear Drive

Lunch Club

Friday 13th Apr. and 1st June
12.30 in schoolroom.

2nd Sat of month Fairtrade

Sat. 14th Apr. and 12th May
a.m., in schoolroom or outside.

Culm Valley Crusade Choir Concert

7 pm 1st April

Springfest

14th April, event in town and the Hanks family providing events in the church.

Noah's Ark

16th April,
1st day of the new term.

Beetle Drive and snacks

7-9 pm 20th April.

Fellowship meeting

24th April 7.30 pm.

Half term for Noah's Ark

28th May to 1st June.