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## **Cullompton Baptist Church**

August & September 2019

Minister: Rev. Glen Graham 01884 34077 Church Secretary: Marilyn Bidmead 07749 086976

We are supporters of Sidmouth Town Band. Keith Lockyer likes to go to a concert when he can. The first Summer concert, in the Connaught Gardens, was on the last Sunday in May. We all went and the cornet solo was the hymn "Share My Yoke". We thought you would find the words very moving.

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Major Joy Webb, daughter of Army officer parents, was leader of the Salvation Army group named "*The Joy Strings*" which she formed during her period of training to be a Salvation Army officer at the training college in Denmark Hill London.

Their first song "I Want To Sing It" when released made it into the lower ranks of the pop chart during the early 1960's. "Share My Yoke" shows perhaps a time in her life that reflects a difficult personal experience she was passing through in that, as with many lady officers in the Army in those days, she remained single all her life. (The Army regulations then stated if they were to marry they had to marry a fellow officer and this applied to men as well.) She went on to compose more songs and had a book published entitled "Songs Of Joy". She subsequently went on to receive the Salvation Army's highest award "Order of The Founder" in 2004 this being presented in the Royal Albert Hall by the General.

## Share My Yoke

Music and lyrics by Joy Webb

When I'm tired and nothing's going right for me; When things I've counted on just do not come my way; When in my mind the thick grey folds of doubt arise, It's then I seem to hear him say:

Share my yoke and find I am joined with you. Your slightest movement I shall feel and be there too! Share my yoke and come the way that I must go! In our "togetherness" my peace you'll know; The world beholding us will see it so!

When I'm perplexed and no one's understanding me; When even the safest thoughts collapse in disarray; When I've lost the things that always seemed so sure, It's then I need to hear him say:

When I'm alone and nothing's getting through to me; And isolation that increases day by day; When closest friends can seem a thousand miles away, It's then I long to hear him say:

#### South West Sacred Harp Singing Day, 12 October 2019

Do join us for the South **West Sacred Harp Singing Day** in the Baptist Church on Saturday 12 October 2019, as part of your visit to Cullompton's Autumn Food & Drink Festival, the Farmers' Market and church-led activities in the schoolroom. Come and sing for a while, or stay all day, or come and listen!

10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. (doors open at 10.00 a.m.)

Think unaccompanied community singing with hymns, with exciting, robust four-part harmony. All voices are welcome, there is a part which will suit you, and you don't need to be able to read music. We sing from The Sacred Harp, an American hymn book dating from 1844, and have plenty of books to lend you.

There is no entry fee—we have baskets at the ready for contributions to cover costs and for a donation to the church.

Contact us for more information on 01884 563138.

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Marilyn would like to say thank you to everyone for bearing with her during her family difficulties which have meant she has been absent on many Sundays. At the moment she does not know when she can resume normal service as her family still have more cleaning and sorting out at her mother's home. However, when she is not required to be at the house with her siblings on Sundays, she will be at church, unless she is taking planned holiday. Marilyn would like to thank those covering for her in her absence and also to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers, cards and flowers on the death of her mother.

#### A New Adventure



My name is Julei Ann, and I am 22 years old. I am the eldest among three children—D. Jay (17) and Girlie (15). Last year I finished my Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry at Tarlac Agricultural University while being support by Rehoboth.

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In 2005, I was in Grade 4 when I became a resident of Rehoboth Children's Home, Inc. My father had already died and my family had financially hit rock bottom, so my mother decided to take me to Rehoboth because she knew that I would have a better future if I stayed there. My mother went abroad as a domestic help to support my sibling's financial needs.

I'm very grateful to Rehoboth where I found a big and happy family. Rehoboth provided all my basic daily needs. They also helped me to continue my studies and pushed me to give my best to pursue my dreams and now I am a degree holder. In times of trials and hard times, God has been good to me, he never leave me nor forsake me.

During my college days (2015-16) I was one of the blessed students who participated in a one year Agrostudies Internship in Israel. I was assigned in a grape and pomegranate farm in Lachish Hadaron, Israel. Here I experienced eating unlimited grapes and pomegranates! During my internship I also had a chance to travel around Israel where I saw the historical places of Jesus. I was also able to help my family build our house. I was very blessed to experience this in my life, it was just amazing.

After my internship, I continued my studies and lived as an independent student as part of the Rehoboth Educational Assistance Program (R.E.A.P.), until 2018 when I finished my studies. After graduation, I decided to volunteer here at Rehoboth while reviewing for my Board Exam which was on September 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> in Baguio. During that time I experienced a lot of stress, frustration, worry that I wouldn't be able to pass the board exam but by the grace of God I passed and am now a registered Forester. While I am waiting for my application with C.A.E.P. (Communication for Agriculture Exchange Program) to work abroad again, in the U.S. this time, I continued to volunteer at Rehoboth.

The Rehoboth family will always be part of me. I will be forever grateful to every supporter but especially my sponsors Auntie Lynne and Uncle John, and to everyone that helps and contributes to the work of Rehoboth.

# **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.

#### August

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4 <sup>th</sup>	am	Pam Howarth	
$11^{th}$	am	Rev. Glen Graham	
18 <sup>th</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham—Communion	
25 <sup>th</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham	
September			
1 <sup>st</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham	
8 <sup>th</sup>	am	Paul Snell	
$15^{\text{th}}$	am	Rev. Glen Graham—Communion	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham—Harvest Service	
29 <sup>th</sup>	am	Rev. Glen Graham	

House Group	will resume on September 9 <sup>th</sup>
Prayer Meeting	Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug. and 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 9.30 a.m. in vestry.
Sacred Harp Singing Day	12 <sup>th</sup> October 10.30 to 16.30
Fellowship meeting	Tue. 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep. 7 p.m. in the schoolroom
<u>Deacons</u> <u>meeting</u>	30 <sup>th</sup> August
Homes and Gardens	will be announced in Sunday notices
Harvest BBQ	Saturday 21st September 5-7 p.m.