

# NETWORK

Cullompton Baptist Church Magazine for April 2025

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## WELCOME & NOTICES

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to the April & Easter issue of *'The Network'*.

Easter is of course a very special time for Christians. In celebration of this, turn to **pages 19-20** for your chance to win the below Easter Eggs.



More importantly, please look at the page opposite for Easter dates for your diaries.

Amongst other topics in this *Network* is the continued serialization of Gareth's *'History of Cullompton Baptist Church'*. As we look backwards, we can be grateful for our church's past & thankful for its present & pray for its future.

In 2024, a few new folk joined CBC. Only 3 months into 2025 & this trend seems to be continuing, as we have a number of new faces. I want to take this opportunity to welcome all adults and the several children who have joined our church family. It doesn't matter if you can't be with us every week, we are just thankful that you are a part of our fellowship.

Happy Easter Everyone

*Rowan*



## **Dates For Your Easter Diaries:**

**Cullompton SPRINGFEST: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 –**

**go to page 13 For more information.**

### **BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGH STREET**

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| Maundy<br>Thursday – 17 <sup>th</sup><br>April 2025 | Bradninch<br>Baptist Church<br>@ 6:30pm   | Bradninch Baptist Church have invited our church family to a simple meal and communion. If you are interested, then please talk to Rev. Glen for more information.                             |
| Good Friday –<br>18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025        | Cullompton<br>Baptist Church              | The sanctuary will be open<br>from 10 am – 11:30 am.<br>During this time people are welcome to pop in for quiet reflection & prayers at any point.   |
| Good Friday –<br>18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025        | Cullompton<br>'Walk of<br>Witness'        | The Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' is taking place once again this year. We gather at Tesco's for <u>10am</u> and make our way to Saint Andrew's Church for an all-age service at <u>11am</u> . |
| Good Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup><br>April 2025         | Bradninch<br>'Walk of<br>Witness'         | Will begin at <u>2pm</u> outside Bradninch Baptist Church  |
| Easter Sunday –<br>20 <sup>th</sup> April 2025      | Cullompton<br>Baptist Church<br>@ 10:30am | Our Easter Sunday Service. It will include communion. There will also be Sunday School.  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                            | Cullompton<br>Baptist Church<br>@ 10:30am | It is 'Baptist Home Mission Sunday' and our service will be taken by the Rev. Simon Taylor.  |

### May's Network

The deadline for contributions for the May 2025 *Network* will be Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> April & the magazine will be released around the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

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**IMPORTANT:** There has been, for some time, a problem with the Manse's land line. Therefore, if you need to contact Glen, then please ring his mobile telephone number: **07780 700247**. If you can't get hold of him on his mobile & it is urgent, then please ring Rowan's: **07766 313 400**.

## **PASTOR'S PONDERING'S**

Hello everyone.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth".

Meekness is often confused with weakness. Nothing could be further from the truth.

It has a gentle, kind and confidence to it.

**2 Timothy 1:7** is helpful when it comes to defining meekness.

Paul reminds Timothy that he does not have a timid spirit but a spirit of power, love and discipline or self-control. When you mix power, love and self-control, together you get meekness.

The greatest example of meekness is Jesus!

The way he conducted himself during the lead up to his sacrificial death on the cross and on the day of his crucifixion shows us what meekness is. Loving, controlled power won the day.

He did inherit the earth. When Jesus rose from the dead, he declared sin's reign is over and that he is the King of the world.

Sin's dark winter is over, and the spring of new life is here.

Heavenly Father.

Thank you for sending your Son in to our world to die for sins so we may have eternal life.

Thank you that Jesus is our King and we pledge our loyalty to him, and surrender our lives in to your loving care.

Amen.

Watch out for details of our Easter events in this magazine.

I want to thank you all for your kindness and support in making the 16th of March the special day that it was. God has been faithful to us all throughout the years. We can rest in the knowledge that God has a sovereign plan for the future of our Church. He who planned the work of the redemption of the World in eternity holds us in his keeping hands.

May God bless you richly this Easter time.

Rev. Glen Graham.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Rev Glen's Ministry**

#### **By Rowan**

Janet Coates (1912-2009) had one daughter Maureen & 2 grandsons. The younger of her grandsons, named Glen, was a source of great concern to his family, for he was born totally blind! However Janet always had faith in little Glen.

When Glen was a toddler, his grandmother & her friend took it upon themselves to pray for the little boy and two other children. Their prayers were for the little ones to become Christians and that God would use them to carry out his work on earth.

When I first met Rev. Glen in 1988, it was very clear to me where he was headed in life – even if it wasn't obvious to him! In 1991 he studied for his first degree in 'Political Philosophy & History' at *Swansea University*. When he first arrived in Swansea, he had no plans to go into ministry. However, by the end of his first term he had been baptised and knew he was being called to ministry. In Autumn 1995, Glen went to *Bristol Baptist College*, where he completed his second degree, this time in 'Theology'. Graduating in 1998, he then had minor roles in a few Christian organisations before being appointed to his first church.

Rev. Glen was ordained on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2000. His first church was: *Malborough Baptist Church* (2000-2005) in South Devon, before moving to *Salisbury Road Baptist Church* (2005-2014) in Plymouth.

Rev. Glen & I moved to Cullompton in 2014.

On Sunday, the 16th of March 2025, CBC started our yearlong celebrations marking the 325<sup>th</sup> birthday of *Cullompton Baptist Church*. We also took the opportunity to celebrate Glen's 25 years in ministry.



Rev. Glen led the service on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. Rev. Jonathan Edwards was the guest preacher for the day. Rev. Edwards had a pivotal role to play in Rev. Glen's

career, for he had been the regional minister for the South-west Baptist Association (SWBA) in 1999 when Glen first began looking for a church.



Communion was led by: Rev. David Evans. Rev. Evans had been the lead chaplain at *Plymouth University* while Glen had been part of the chaplaincy team.



Rev. Glen received a few surprises that day, when we managed to get visitors from Malborough & Plymouth to come.

After church, we had a little party to celebrate Rev Glen's 25 years in ministry & a surprise video had been made for Rev. Glen containing congratulatory messages from people who had been touched by his ministry throughout his career.





*Rev. Glen with one of our very dear friends from Salisbury Road Baptist Church. She comes to visit our church at least once a year. However Glen wasn't expecting her on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, let alone all the other surprises.*



*From L to R. Rev. David Evans, Rev. Glen Graham & Rev. Jonathan Edwards*

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## **Turning One! How The 'Way Ahead' Group Began**

**By Denise**

It was on Good Friday 2024 when the idea for the Way Ahead group came about.

Rowan and I had spent an hour in prayer and reflection with the Church open for others to join us from the Walk of Witness.

We emerged with near identical thoughts of what the Baptist Church can offer Cullompton in the way of witness, welcome and service. Rowan suggested a group dedicated to serving and witnessing both within the Church and the wider community.

The past year speaks for itself - we've been able to hold successful events during the town Autumn and Christmas festivals.

We opened our doors on Christmas Eve as well as Christmas Day.

We now have a regular social events calendar - thank you Bianca - Bible study groups and a free bookstall.

We pray that we will have God's blessing and guidance in the coming year and our opportunities to serve and witness will increase.

Thank you all for your support.

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Like last year, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday.

Bianca will be back next month with a full report. However, here is a run-down on what the children will be studying throughout April.

## Easter Lessons

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| Jesus washes the disciples' feet                          | John 13:1–17                            |
| Judas   | Matthew 26:14–26, 21–25, 47–56; 27:1–10 |
| The Cross (two thieves, darkness, garments, empty tomb) – | Luke 23:26–24:8                         |
| Jesus appears on the Emmaus Road                          | Luke 24:9–49                            |

Each of our Sunday School teachers prepare their lessons themselves, under a Teaching Programme devised by Rev. Glen & Rowan. So each of the lessons have different styles with different activities.



*some of the Easter crafts the children will be doing this year.*

Here are a few of the things the children do in Sunday School:

- Check in's about how their last week or two has been and what they enjoyed about it.
- Prayers with our Prayer Lamb
- Worship / dance parties
- Lessons
- Videos
- Questions
- Activity Sheets/Work books
- Arts and crafts

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### **Sermons On YouTube:**

A 2025 Sermon archive is gradually growing & can be found at:

[https://www.youtube.com/@cullompton\\_baptistchurch3193](https://www.youtube.com/@cullompton_baptistchurch3193)

Each video will contain that week's reading, the sermon & previews of the hymns/worship songs sung during the service (YouTube will generate direct links to where you can hear versions of the whole musical pieces).



## SPRING FEST

On Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 from 10am – 2pm is our town's Spring Festival. At the centre of all the activities is our church, CBC.

We throw open our doors from **9:30am – 2pm**.

We will be working with the Town Council as we usually do for these kind of events. This year's festival theme is ***"From Farm to Plate"***, celebrating the good work of the farmers all around us!

Our church will be offering tea & coffee as well as providing lots of fun children's crafts and activities. We have been chosen to host the main event of this Festival by our Town Council which will bring in even more people through our doors during the event. *Fordmore Farm* will be doing a cooking demonstration in our back yard in intervals throughout the festival. Food from these demonstrations will be free and numbers will be limited based on space and seating. **(SEE BELOW for full details)**

Meanwhile, in the sanctuary we will be repeatedly showing a film of the Easter story for children.

We hope to see many of you there!

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 9:30am                 | The church doors open   |
| 9:30am – 2pm           | Refreshments served in the School Room  |
| Crafts Until They Last | There are various crafts taking place in both the School Room & the Sanctuary. These include decorating |



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|                           | polystyrene eggs with stencils & <i>'Dressing the Lamb'</i> .  |
| 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm    | In the Sanctuary, we will be screening a film of the Easter story for children.  |
| 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm | <p>Cooking Demonstrations are in our back yard with a BBQ. it will be scallops, lamb and lemon possets for the demos and tastings.</p> <p>People can book slots in advance by e-mailing:<br/> <a href="mailto:marilyn.bidmead@btinternet.com">marilyn.bidmead@btinternet.com</a>.</p> <p><u>Adults Only!</u> Tickets available at <i>Cullompton Baptist Church</i> from 10am on the day.</p> |
| 10am – 12pm               | Last but not least, <i>'Milking the Cow'</i> in the Vestry.  |

**All activities are free but people can make donations if they so wish.**

### **Milking The Cow**

The crown jewel in all the activities CBC have planned for *'Springfest'* has to be *'Milking the Cow'*. It is the brainchild of Denise – who has seen something similar done elsewhere.

This activity will take place in the Vestry. Planks of wood will be made to something resembling a cow. A rubber glove with little holes in will be the udder & contain milk. The children will squeeze the gloves so the milk drips into a bucket. To stop wasting, the milk will be taken from the bucket & poured back into the glove ready for the next child.

Once a child has finished *'milking the cow'* they will get a sticker & be invited to go the hatch to collect a milkshake.

**N.B. ALL ALLERGIES WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR (for example oat milk & non-latex gloves available). 'HEALTH & SAFETY' CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN THOUGHT OUT IN A RISK ASSESSMENT FORM.**



*A picture of some of the crafts the children will be able to do.*

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# Cullompton Spring Festival: 12th April 2025

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

### THE WALRONDS, FORE STREET

Children's **FREE** gardening activities, including Plate painting and plant pot decoration. Also lego corner and face painting (chargeable), all in the walled garden.

Craft stalls in the house and garden, Café Walronds will be open for tea/coffee and delicious cake plus prize draw.

**Bradninch Millers Morris Dancers: 11am**

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### CULLOMPTON FARMERS MARKET, HIGHER BULLRING

**Make your own herb garden!** Buy your plants at the market and a pot plus compost will be provided **FREE** of charge.

Join us for a fun and creative **Cupcake Decorating Session at 11am.**

Whether you're a baking enthusiast or just looking for a sweet activity this is the perfect chance to unleash your creativity and enjoy some delicious treats.

**Opening by retiring Devon County Councillor John Berry: 10am**

**Bradninch Millers Morris Dancers: 12pm**

### HAYRIDGE LIBRARY, EXETER HILL 10am-12noon

Children's craft workshop plus Lego Club and Coding Club.

Splash Café open all morning for teas/coffees, all-day breakfast and light lunches.

### Shop Local

**TRY THE MANY AND VARIED INDEPENDENT SHOPS, CAFÉS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  
IN CULLOMPTON TOWN CENTRE**

### CHILDREN'S SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION

Forms can be collected from the Baptist Church, Hayridge Café and The Walronds



## **BIBLE STUDY – HOME GROUPS INFO**

These will normally be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month.  
Next dates as follows:

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
(10:30am & 7pm)

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
(An extra 7pm session for Holy Week)

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**  
(7pm only for this week)

**N.B. You are very welcome to attend either/or both  
AM or PM groups**

For location information please email: [cullomptonbaptists@gmail.com](mailto:cullomptonbaptists@gmail.com)

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

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| <b>Passion Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 10:30am</b> | Normal Sunday<br>Worship       | led by Rev Glen Graham   |
| <b>Palm Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 10:30am</b>   | Normal Sunday<br>Worship       | led by Rev Glen Graham   |
| <b>Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April @ 10:30am</b> | Easter Communion<br>Service    | led by Rev Glen Graham   |
| <b>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April @ 10:30am</b>        | Normal Sunday<br>Worship       | led by Rev Glen Graham   |
| <b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 10:30am</b>           | Baptist Home<br>Mission Sunday | led by Rev. Simon Taylor |

## EASTER ANAGRAMS & Your Chance

### To Win A Prize



To win the above-shown eggs, you need to answer as many questions as you can of the following anagrams & don't worry if you can't answer them all. Then either email the church at: [cullomptonbaptists@gmail.com](mailto:cullomptonbaptists@gmail.com) or phone/text Rowan on: **07766 313 400**. Alternatively, you can give your answers directly to Rowan or Glen the next time you see one of them.

All answers must be received by Holy Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April @ midday. Then the names of all those that have the most correct answers will be placed in a hat. During coffee On Easter Sunday, names will be drawn. **Don't worry if you are not in church or coffee that day, as your prize will be kept for you.**

1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE – 4 Lindor eggs (roughly the size of a cadbury's cream egg). 2 from the UK flavoured: Milk & Salted Caramel. The other 2 eggs are White Chocolate & Dark Chocolate & are only available abroad in these particular sizes.

2 RUNNER'S UP – will each receive one milk Lindor egg each.

*All answers have one or 2 words:*

1. Fox Rici unci
2. Sorcerer unit
3. Dody Figaro
4. Apple rusts
5. Andra duty mushy

## **Cullompton Baptist Church History**

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### **Chapter 2 - Growing in Faith: building a new school room**

The period from around 1840 to the end of the nineteenth century saw the church grow both in its membership and in terms of the building. Unfortunately, we have no records of the original building but we do know it was expanded at least twice during the nineteenth century. The first stage of growth occurred under the ministry of the Rev Uriah Foot who became the pastor in 1842. The memorial tablet in the church tells a little of his ministry and of the sadness of him losing a young son at the age of 16. We know little more about the man or of his life in Cullompton, although we do know he rented a house in Church Street as at this time we had no manse. Uriah had succeeded the Rev Chapman who like so many of our early ministers had come from Bristol College in 1840. During the long ministry of Uriah Foot the congregation was well sustained and 'on different occasions the chapel and school rooms were largely improved at a cost of several hundred pounds, nearly the whole of which the people contributed themselves'. Sadly, failing health led him to resign in 1869 and the 'termination of his pastorate was greatly regretted'. Having accepted his resignation the church found itself without any ready replacement and applied to C. H. Spurgeon, president of the Pastors' Collage in London, for advice in the selection of a new minister.

The church called the Rev Forth from Pontypool in October 1869 who ministered in Cullompton for just three years. When he resigned Uriah Foot returned but sadly died shortly after. He was followed by the Rev Benjamin Miller who became minister in 1872. This was to mark the start of another major phase of church expansion led by Benjamin whose ministry lasted 19 years. He was born in 1839 and brought up in Dorset within the established church. As a boy he gathered information from all sources to educate himself. In this he was very much helped by his grandfather who was a man of God. Although brought up in the Church of England, at the age of 19 he moved to Yeovil and it was here that a considerable change came into his religious views and he became a Baptist. In 1864 he was appointed an agent of the Western Association of Baptist Churches and did the work of an evangelist in the Crewekerne district. During his time at Cullompton the membership of the church greatly increased. He stated in his letter of acceptance that he intended to 'offer the plain, but I hope earnest and affectionate, preaching of the old truths of the gospel'.

His ministry was not always easy as some individuals within the town showed open opposition to the church. For example in 1873 Mary Gillard offered herself for membership but our minute book for that period records with sorrow ' her withdrawment because her husband began to persecute her and oppose her'. But there were many successes, as in 1875 when five people were baptised. In the same year Miller decided, along with other members of the church , to distribute a monthly tract around the town. He invited those ' that had leisure to engage in this work ' to give out copies of ' The Monthly Visitor 'of the Scottish Tract Society . This outreach continued and in 1879 the church held special services between March 16-21 . These were held each day and the entire town was visited the week before with tracts and invitations to the meetings. The whole effort was repeated again in October of that year at the request of the Association . By 1880 money was running out and the church had to consider dropping the ' Monthly Visitor' .Yet against these difficulties 'there was so much harmony, unity and hopefulness, that the meetings were thoroughly cheering to all present'. During 1880 more members came into the church, although financial problems still persisted. There were also other more personal difficulties as in 1884 when the church had to face up to the painful matter of disciplining a member Henry Hellier, who was baptised into the church in 1883. He had fallen into 'grave inconsistencies of conduct, drunkenness being one thing, it was felt absolutely necessary to deal with the case'. The pastor went to see him and found him sorry, weeping aloud at what he had done, but he was soon to relapse into his old ways and finally excluded from the fellowship.

During the late 1870s the church, despite its financial problems, decided to expand its building to cope with the growing Sunday School (see chapter 6 ). This was an act of great faith since no money was immediately available for such an expansion. The building of the new school rooms in the early 1880s is a strong testament to the faith and determination of these nineteenth century Baptists.

In May 1882 a successful bazaar was held in Cullompton's Assembly Rooms to assist the funds for the proposed new school room. Indeed, for some five years previous the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School had been contributing weekly, raising some £95, they also had raised another £60 by making of goods for sale. The total cost of the building was around £516 of which £232 had been raised and the rest borrowed from the Memorial Fund of the Baptist Association.

By August 1882 the memorial stone in the new school room was laid in a ceremony performed by J.H. Hepburn of Hele and the Rev A. Pidgeon of Sainthill. This was a measure of the success of the ministry of Benjamin Miller and all the hard work of the entire membership. Behind the stone were placed a bottle with copies of the 'Freeman' and

‘Baptist’, along with local newspapers and a document containing a record of the work undertaken. ‘The day was to be remembered as a most encouraging one in our works’, claimed the minute book at that time.

At Christmas in 1882 the school room remained unfinished but so eager was the minister to use the room that on Christmas day a meeting of a few friends was held in the new room for prayer. As it was the very first meeting the small group ‘dedicated the room and the entire building to God’. The meeting was held at 2.30pm with tea at 5pm for those who had no other engagements and we learn that ‘a fairly good company’ spent time singing and in prayer. The minute book ‘claims that this service was one of the most hallowed, with a great fervour and power in prayer’.

The building was finally fully completed in March 1883 when a special service was held. The whole enterprise had preoccupied the church for some considerable time and even by May 1883, when the annual social tea was held, it was found that the fund for incidental expenses was in arrears, ‘but friends took a cheerful and generous view of the matter, and a considerable portion of the balance was received at once’.

The church was also growing spiritually as new members were being brought to the Lord. In November 1882 two sisters, Anna and Elizabeth Samson, together with William Hartnell wished to be baptised. By December many were being ‘newly brought to Christ and others were anxious to be saved’. In the following February three other names were submitted to the church for baptism and membership. The church was also responding to wider social concerns, especially the great problems of drunkenness that preoccupied Victorian society. In 1886 our church unanimously agreed that a total abstinence association be formed. Also that year special services were held that brought another 20 people into the church, with three from one family. As numbers continued to increase the success of Miller’s work was also recognised beyond Cullompton when he was elected president of the Devon and Cornwall Baptist Association.

The church received further good news in 1887 when the gift of two adjoining gardens were conveyed to our church by the local solicitor and philanthropist Fredrick Burrows. These were used to establish the Burrows Trust which is still providing funds for our church to-day. His generous gift enabled the church to use the rent from this ground to make further improvements to the fabric of the building. For once we see in the minute books that there was no clear agreement as to the course of action. To resolve the issue a special meeting was held at which the following ideas were discussed:

1. To repair the roof on the west or street side of the chapel.

2. Remove the present pulpit and provide a platform for preachers.
3. Remove the organ gallery and place the organ on a platform on a level with the preachers platform.
4. Take down the south side wall and lengthen the chapel in that direction to compensate for the removal of the gallery.
5. To take steps to provide a classroom for infants on the ground floor.
6. To provide some means of warming the chapel in winter

The meeting did not agree to motions 5 and 6 but the rest were approved and yet once again the chapel was modified. It seems likely that the gallery that was removed was one of the two added in the time of Robert Humphrey.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century the usual number of deacons in the church was three, but in 1891 there were only two serving deacons. Again at this time it was common for the minister to take the church minutes as there was no church secretary . The motion to have a church secretary was turned down at this time as Benjamin Miller was happy to carry on taking the minutes. This was to be Miller's last contribution to the church , after a long and extremely significant ministry. He was in the heart of his work when he was called to the Lord. Typical of the man is the fact that his last act was to write his sermon. The minute book records that ' his sermon, based on 1 Peter v.10, was prepared ready for the morrow, but on the morrow he was in the grip of a stern harbinger of death'. He was a tower of strength to our church. His energy knew no bounds in that he not only was minister but he was also president of The Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, The Total Abstinence Society , The Band of Hope and The Local Preachers Association. Beside all of this he had a family of 6 children to provide for all of whom were baptised into the church. When he died at the age of 52 there were an estimated 500 people who attended his funeral at Cullompton. His ministry is commemorated by a tablet inside our church, which also shows the long links his family have with another church family, the Labdons.

At this time in March 1891 the town suffered a late and very severe snow storm that raged for some 36 hours preventing the holding of the church's social tea. In 1892 a new minister arrived, the Rev John Horne from Bristol, and in the same year the church formed a Christian Endeavour Society. In the following year the risk from a local outbreak of scarletina forced the closure of the Sunday school for the whole of November. We also find a record in our minute books of an early church magazine called the ' Monthly Visitor' chiefly supported by local advertisements. Unfortunately, we know very little about this publication but we can draw the logical conclusion that the church was continuing the outreach started by Benjamin Miller.



**Come back next month for Chapter 3 – A New Century: the process of  
modernisation**

**“Serving God and the Community; a history of Cullompton Baptist Church  
1700-2000”**

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given to the Church Building Fund.*

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## AND FINALLY

COMING UP NEXT MONTH .... News of the Benlins' plus all the regular features & more.


Please email all enquiries to:  
[cullomptonbaptists@gmail.com](mailto:cullomptonbaptists@gmail.com)

The church has a 'WhatsApp' group.  Please speak to **Bianca** if you would like to be added to it or email the church

**We are now on Social Media!**

  
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To follow us on any of the platforms  
above search our name  
Cullompton Baptist Church

### Our Mission is to:

- Bring others to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour
- Deepen our knowledge of God through worship and Bible teaching
- Lovingly support each other
- Encourage each other in practical Christianity

so that we may reach our full spiritual potential through His spirit living in us.

