Cullompton Baptist Church

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The Network

Hello, and welcome to the April & May issue of "The Network".

"He bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressors" Isaiah 53 - 12

There are so many ways of understanding the cross and why it is that Jesus had to be the one who had to do it. This verse brings to light two of them.

First, Jesus fulfils the role of the supreme high priest. Only the high priest could declare the words of forgiveness. Only the high priest could pray for and stand in the place of all of us. This sacrifice brought to an end the Old testament priesthood. Now we are all priests and all have equal access to God.

However Jesus goes one stage further, he becomes the offering itself. He was the perfect lamb promised for all eternity. That is why sin was defeated and we are totally and completely forgiven. We can all enjoy the blessing of being an adopted child of God.

Over the next couple of months, we will be celebrating what this truth does for us and how this impacts the rest of our lives.

On the 8th April, we are opening the School room for tea and coffee as part of Springfest. We will be offering tea, coffee and light refreshments every time the farmers market is running. If you can be part of the team for this or provide biscuits please let Margaret know.

In closing, another cause for celebration. Thanks to your generosity, the boiler should be put in during the Easter Holidays. So as to allow time for cleaning we should be back

in the sanctuary on the 23rd of April. This could not have happened without all of you. This is an amazing achievement.

Keep an ear out for the notices regarding arrangements for the coronation weekend.

May God bless you all as we celebrate the heart of our faith.

In the love of Christ,

Glen and Rowan Graham

EASTER CONCERT Sunday 9th April 2023, 8 pm

Come and join the Easter celebrations with the Culm Valley Crusade Choir, at Hebron Evangelical Church, Lower Bullring, Cullompton.

Including choral pieces and community Easter hymns and songs with piano and organ.

Free admission by ticket - to book contact 01884 38905 or any choir member (incl. Mark Harrison). There will also be tickets on the door.

Retiring offering to defray expenses and for the choir funds



Creative Cullompton: Art project update

All the projects have now been approved and the final planning application process is currently underway. Cara, from Fudges Haberdashery, is designing the knitting and crochet patterns for the different squares that will make the final design, in collaboration with the ceramic artist, Chris.

She will be putting together packs containing the pattern and required wool for the realisation of the squares and the team hopes members of our church fellowship will be willing to knit or crochet some of them.

Sunday Services - 10:30 am

- 2nd April Sunday Service, in the school room. Rev. Glen Graham
- 9th April Easter Sunday Communion service, in the school room. Rev. Glen Graham
- 16th April Sunday Service, in the school room. Rev. Glen Graham
- 23rd April Sunday Service, in the sanctuary. Rev. Glen Graham
- 30th April Sunday Service, in the sanctuary. Rev. Glen Graham
- 7th May Sunday Service, in the sanctuary. Mr Ray Ursell
- 14th May Sunday Service, in the sanctuary. Rev. Glen Graham
- 21st May Communion Service, in the sanctuary. Rev. Glen Graham

28th May - Sunday Service - Church Anniversary, in the sanctuary. With Rev. Dr. Tim Judson preaching.

Other dates for your diaries

Springfest: 8th April

Farmers markets: 22nd April, 13th and 27th May.

Any contributions for the next "Network" need to be with Camille by 20th March; email at <u>mrs.camille.harrison@gmail.com</u> or pass them on at Church on Sunday.