

Cullompton Baptist Church

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The Network

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!"

John 21:22

A follower of Jesus:
Spends time with Jesus.
Becomes like Jesus.

Does the things Jesus did in the power of the Holy Spirit.

One of my favourite Bible encounters is when Jesus restores Peter after breakfast on the Beach.

Peter had been forgiven, like we all have been, on the cross. Jesus wants to give Peter real closure before both of them move on to the next stage of the mission of God.

Jesus doesn't want to hear what Peter believes, nor any promise of future good behaviour. No! Jesus wants to hear a declaration of love.

Healing and restoration can only come through the giving and receiving of unconditional love. And that is what happens here. With each declaration of love from Peter, Jesus ordains him in a new task. The final healing comes when Jesus utters the call "Follow me". Everything is alright again.

The proof of this happens on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit falls on Peter and he preaches the sermon that gives birth to the Church.

It is fitting that we celebrate here the 322nd anniversary of Cullompton Baptist Church at Pentecost which is on 5th June. We have been given a calling to go into the world and

make disciples of all people. Pentecost is a celebration of that calling and equipping us for the task. It is also a day of celebration and thanksgiving.

We will be making our thank offering through a financial gift to the Church. We will also be holding a celebration meal after the service on 5th June during which we will be thanking God for the 70th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, our Queen.

You are all welcome to join us on 5th June for these two special anniversaries. Our preacher on that day will be Reverend Patrick Barker from Tiverton Baptist Church.

Please make full use of the What's On page and put the dates in your diaries.

May the Holy Spirit fall afresh on us all today and every day.

In Christ,

Glen and Rowan Graham

Did you know that the Queen loves plums?

That is why, when we sing the National Anthem, we say "Send her victorias"!

Used Stamps

Most of you will know I have collected used postage stamps for a long time. They were sent to a collector in Aylesbury and sold for Home Mission. That person retired and I had no new details so I tried the Baptist Missionary Society; I am sorry to say they were most unhelpful. I now have a new collection point with Tools with a Mission. They are celebrating 18 years of their work although it started before through the Baptist Men's Movement.

So please, keep saving your stamps, and remember to leave an edge.

Thank you,
Freda

Sunday Services - 10:30am in Church

5th June - Our Church 322nd anniversary Special Service, Preacher Revd. Patrick Barker, Minister of Tiverton Baptist Church

12th June - Trinity Sunday Service, Rev. Glen Graham. John 14:15-27

19th June - Communion Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Exodus 3: 1-15

26th June - Family service, Rev. Glen Graham. Luke 10: 25-37

3rd July - Baptist Mission Society Sunday Service with retiring offering for BMS, Rev. Glen Graham. Acts 16: 5-17

10th July - Sunday Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 120

17th July - Communion Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Reading to be announced

24th July - Sunday Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 121

31st July - Sunday Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 122

Other dates for your diaries

Bible study group: 13th and 27th June and 11th and 25th July. Taking a break in August.

Prayer meeting: 18th June and 16th July, both 9.30am on Zoom.

Deacons' meeting: 4th July, 10.30am on Zoom.

Church Meeting: 29th June, 7pm.

Any contributions for the next "Network" need to be with Camille by 17th July; email at mrs.camille.harrison@gmail.com or pass them on at Church on Sunday.