

Cullompton Baptist Church

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The Network

Hello, and welcome to the October & November issue of "The Network".

"Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

Psalm 23 - 6

As I write Autumn is arriving. I am sure we are all grateful for the late burst of Summer we are enjoying. Autumn is probably my favourite season. When it is dry, it is cool enough for Rowan myself and the dogs to go on longer walks. It is cool enough to do serious cooking. Come to think of it, I have more energy all round.

Harvests are gathered in and some planting begins again. Old growth is stripped away so the growing cycle can start again.

In the Christian calendar, Creation tide runs from September 1st to October 4th. In the feast of the creation Francis of Assisi spoke of created things as his siblings. We celebrate Harvest as a reminder of God's goodness, faithfulness and provision.

Next comes Kingdom tide from the end of October to the end of November. We remember the dearly departed, those who are martyred for their faith on November 8th, and those killed in military action. Finally the coming of Christ as King on November 26th. "Heaven and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign."

You will find some of this picked up in our services. As a Church, we are going through uncertain times, rather like uncertain as the Autumn weather. Psalm 23 reminds us that the good shepherd is with us in every stage of life. The Psalm ends with the promise of

his forever presence, or as the hymn writer puts it: "That where thou art in glory, there shall your servant be".

In closing, I have had a request to start up bible studies again. I am delighted by this. If you are interested to be part of a Bible study group, please let me know so we can plan a date, time and venue as soon as possible.

What season you are in, be sure that God is with you.

In Christ.

Glen and Rowan Graham

Cullompton School Pastors Appeal Fundraising Cream Tea

Do you care about the wellbeing of our young people in Cullompton and wish you could do something that helps and supports them? If so then the ideal opportunity is to become involved with Cullompton School Pastors. We always welcome new people of any age and attending any church in the area to become part of the team that goes into school to provide pastoral support at a breakfast and lunch club (approx an hour's commitment each time). But you may feel that is not for you even though you really care about supporting these young people. If so then we have two options for you, come and join our management committee or be a prayer pastor.

In doing so you would help guide our mission to bring the love of Jesus into the lives of our young people without having to be involved in day to day contact. As a committee member there are usually four meetings of an hour and a half a year with some communication and discussion via email in between. We are currently only four on the committee and would be in the position of having to cease activities if we fell below that number so please take a moment to think and pray about this to see if you could contribute just a few hours a year to help. As a prayer pastor you would commit to praying at home for the duration of the session that is going on at school, no training needed! Do please get in touch via cullompton@schoolpastors.org.uk to explore further.

All members of our school pastor team undergo professional training delivered by Ascension Trust and this has to be paid for. They also wear uniform so that they are clearly visible in school, this also has to be paid for. So we need money if we are to continue our presence in Cullompton Community College!

There is a tasty opportunity to help us financially on Saturday October 14th between 12.30 and 2pm when we will be serving cream teas in the Baptist Church. It will be £3 for a drink and a scone with jam and clotted cream and all are welcome until we run out.



Judy Wincott

Cullompton School Pastor Coordinator

Creative Cullompton Art Installation

An update from Creative Cullompton on the artworks being installed throughout town.

This Ceramics Participatory Public Art project has worked with over 200 members of the Cullompton Community, who all brought ideas, passion and skill to the project. These wonderful new pieces of artwork celebrate Cullompton and its people. So this Autumn as you're walking through our Historic High Street take a look and say hello if you see Chris and his team installing them! You might recognise a face, a home, a pattern or words created by someone you know!



‘Selfie’ has been installed on Exeter Hill by the The Hayridge library. This was created back at the beginning of the year with Art students at Cullompton Community College and 18 members of the public who took part in a workshop at the Hayridge library. It consists of a panel of low-relief ceramic tiles. Each tile was

created by one of the students or workshop participants who took a close-up selfie on their mobile phone. They were then given a raw clay tile on which to build up a self-portrait based on the image they have captured, including a few faces based on photographs of residents who live at Clark’s Court.

We've had lovely feedback including the art department at Cullompton Community College who are really delighted with the result "Feeling incredibly proud of our new year 11 GCSE Art students for their creation of their 'Selfie' clay sculptures. It is fantastic to see budding artists making a stamp on Cullompton. A huge thankyou to Artist Chris Speyer for all the hard work that went into planning the project, delivering the workshops and completing the installation also huge thanks to Creative Cullompton for your help in making this happen. Go check out the work for yourself at the Hayridge Cullompton "



The workshops were led by Chris Speyer who guided everyone through the process then fired and glazed the resulting portraits ready to be installed on the wall outside the library.



'Home' has been a massive project working with over 120 pupils from Willowbank Primary School and from St Andrew's Primary School Cullompton PTFA. The programme and resulting ceramic artwork explores the concept of 'home' through 3D modelling and writing. Sessions were led by Chris Speyer. During his initial visit to each school he asked the children to consider which particular feelings, sensations, people, activities, pets and objects make a place home for each of them. During his next visit each child made a small 3D model of the building in which they live, or in which they would like to live. Chris then mounted the little buildings in rows on clay tiles and imprinted between the rows of houses the children's written responses to the prompt "Home is..."

The resulting artwork has been mounted on number 7 Fore Street, utilising a blank white board space under the window. In addition as the project was so popular and so many children were involved creating the tiles a further Home ii artwork has been created and will be installed in the Hayridge Library garden later in the year.

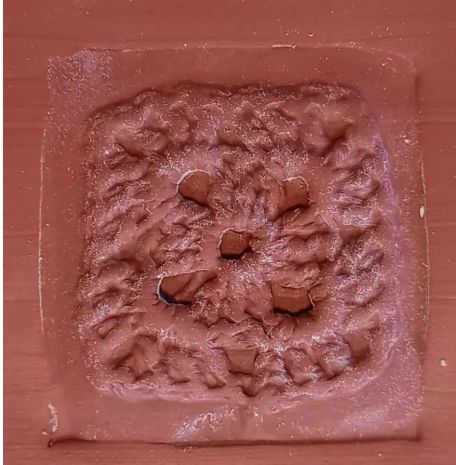


The last, but not least, piece of work 'Wool Wall' which will be installed on our Church over the next month, has been created from knitted and crochet squares. These squares have been designed by Cara from Fudge's Wool & Haberdashery in Fore St. Cara worked alongside members of the local community and ran knitting / crochet workshops to create the knitted squares. The ceramic casts from these form the 'Wool Wall' Artwork, this project was created with a wide



range of local knitters and crafters as well as the fellows of the Baptist Church who also helped Cara in her design and construction of the squares. The ceramic squares are currently being casted and fired.

Another wool version of the work will be installed inside the Church as another legacy of this community project.



Sunday Services - 10:30 am; Church

1st October - Sunday Service. Rev. Glen Graham

8th October - Sunday Service. Rev. Glen Graham

15th October - Communion Service. Rev. Glen Graham

22nd October - Sunday Service. Rev. Glen Graham

29th October - Sunday Service. Rev. Ken Hamilton from Chumley Congregational Church

5th November - Sunday Service. Rev. Glen Graham

12th November, 10 am - Remembrance Service. Rev. Glen Graham

19th November - Communion Service. Rev. Glen Graham

26th November - Sunday Service. Dr Adrian Bailey

Other dates for your diaries

14th October - Autumn Festival; 12.30 - 2pm - Cream tea in aid of School Pastors in our School room.

17th October - Deacon's meeting at 10.30am

26th October- Fellowship business meeting, 10.30am in the School room.

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