

Cullompton Baptist Church

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The Network

Hello, and welcome to this issue of "The Network".

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God."

Psalm 42: 1

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."

John 7: 37

As I write this, we are just getting over the hottest day and night Britain has known since records began.

Sleep was difficult for several days leaving one feeling cranky and out of sorts. Sleep deprivation plays havoc with your sense of perspective so that little things become big things. During the day, the heat saps you of your energy and you hardly want to eat anything.

Then there were the dogs going round the house with tongues hanging out panting for water. A trip to one of the numerous water bowls dotted about the house soon put them right.

Now, apply the picture I have been painting to the soul. Your energy and perspective have gone. The food of the Word is too much and you can't find a place to drink a draught of Living Water. This is exactly how David felt at the beginning of the Psalm. He is depressed, depleted and alone. His recovery comes as he realises how thirsty he is. He remembers past blessings and gives himself a good talking to.

In the Gospel, Jesus comes up with the solution to all Spiritual thirst, He Himself is the well of Living Water of the Holy Spirit. All we need to do is drink. This promise holds today if we believe and receive the free gift of Living Water.

I was also struck last week by the fact that many countries live with these high temperatures all the time without much rain. Crops fail, people starve and food is sold to the West with little money going to the farmers who actually grew the stuff.

During our harvest celebrations on 25 September, we will be giving thanks for God's provision for us and praying for a fairer world.

Whatever the weather holds for the rest of the summer, may you all have an enjoyable and blessed time.

In Christ,

Glen and Rowan Graham

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

7th August - Sunday Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 123

14th August - Sunday Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 124

21st August - Communion service, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 125

28th August - Sunday Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 126

4th September - Sunday Service. Ray Ursell.

11th September - Sunday Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 127.

18th September - Sunday Service, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 128.

25th September - Harvest festival, Rev. Glen Graham. Psalm 129. Hopefully with a meal afterwards.

Other dates for your diaries

Prayer meeting: 20th August and 17th September, both 9.30am on Zoom.

Deacons' meeting: 31st August, 10.30am at Church.

Bible study group resumes on 13th September at 10.30am on Zoom.

Brownies return on 15th September.

Any contributions for the next "Network" need to be with Camille by 19th September; email at mrs.camille.harrison@gmail.com or pass them on at Church on Sunday.