

Cullompton Baptist Church

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The Network

Hello, and welcome to the February & March issue of "The Network".

"Fear not little flock. It is God's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

Luke 12: 32

It feels like the year is flying by. As I write, 12th night was just under 3 weeks ago. Lent is only 3 weeks away. Lent is the season when we remember Jesus' Ministry and journey to the cross.

It begins with Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit going into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. The Devil wanted to keep Jesus away from the cross and Jesus knew it. It is a comfort to us to know that Jesus went through temptation like we do yet He did not sin. He shows us how knowledge of the Scriptures helps us overcome temptation.

Then there is the story of the transfiguration. Jesus and his closest disciples take time out up a mountain. There, they are treated to a vision of Jesus in white glorious light talking with Moses and Elijah bathed in the Glory of God. Here's a thing that gets missed, that vision shows us what we will all be like in heaven bathed in the Glory of God.

Thanks to the events of Easter we can all enjoy a relationship with God both on earth and in heaven forever. This really is good news to celebrate. I just want to draw your attention to one thing.

On Sunday 17th March, after the morning service, we will be holding our AGM.

There is always room for more deacons. Now is the time to pray and consider who you might ask to become a deacon. A nomination needs a proposer and a seconder. We really need a Church secretary. Many of the tasks are being covered by already busy and stretched people. For more information about what is required to be a Deacon or Church Secretary, please ask me.

May God show you the riches of his love and Grace this Lenten season.

In Christ,

Glen and Rowan Graham

Cullompton Spring Festival Saturday 13th April 2024

Events throughout Cullompton Town Centre 10am to 2pm

Cullompton School Pastors will once again be providing cream teas in the church schoolroom during the Spring Festival on 13th April. They will be serving in the **Baptist Church schoolroom** between **11am and 1pm** and look forward to welcoming you all.

They are doing this in order to raise much needed funds for their organisation and would therefore welcome any support given. If you require any further information on the cream tea or school pastors generally please do speak to Marilyn.

Keswick In Devon 4th to 8th March

All Saints Church Sidmouth EX10 8ES

Brochures and a poster for this conference can be found at church on the shelf in the entrance hallway and the noticeboard respectively. These have more detail of this event as does the website keswickindevon.org.uk.

Main speakers this year are Rev. Nick Crawley, who will be speaking on the book of Acts and Rev. Esther Prior, who will be speaking on the book of Esther. Seminars will be led by the main speakers and also by Andy and Jenny Flannagan.

The planning team look forward to welcoming everyone to Sidmouth for a great week of teaching, fellowship and worship. Any questions please contact Carole Hawkins 01395 515674.

Sunday Services - 10:30 am

4th February - Family Service - Rev. Glen Graham

11th February - Sunday Morning Service - Rev. Glen Graham - John 15: 1 - 17; Part 1

18th February - Sunday Morning Service - Rev. Glen Graham - John 15: 1 - 17; Part 2

25th February - Sunday Morning Service - TBC

3rd March - Sunday Morning Service - Rev. Glen Graham - John 16

10th March - Sunday Morning Service - Rev. Peter Ridley from Tiverton Baptist Church.

17th March - Communion Service - Rev. Glen Graham - John 17; Part 1; followed by the AGM.

24th March - Family Service - Rev. Glen Graham.

Other dates for your diaries

13th February - Church fellowship meeting at 10.30am in the School room

28th March - Maundy Thursday - details to be confirmed

29th March, 10am - Good Friday walk of witness from Tesco car park to Saint Andrews Church for an all age service at 11am

QUIZ TIME

1. How many days are there in Lent?
2. What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. What do we call the day before Lent begins?
5. What word is never said or sung during Lent?
6. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?
7. What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent begins?
8. What event in the life of Jesus do the palms recall for us?
9. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
10. What is the Triduum?

Any contributions for the next "Network" need to be with Camille by 24th March; email at mrs.camille.harrison@gmail.com or pass them on at Church on Sunday.