

# Cullompton Baptist Church

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## The Network

Hello, and welcome to the June & July issue of "The Network".

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*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you."*

Acts 1 - 8

Pentecost and our 323<sup>rd</sup> anniversary are upon us. On the 28<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrate both the Birth of the Universal Church and our own particular congregation. We give and receive, in particular, the promise given in the verse above.

While in one sense the promise of the Spirit was given to a particular group of Disciples, Peter makes it abundantly clear that this promise is for all believers for all time no matter who we are.

It is true that when we receive Jesus as our Lord, God's Spirit makes his home in our hearts. It is also true that God's power is poured over us especially when we ask for it.

We need that power right now if we are to function effectively as a Church. Let us seek and know and experience the Spirit's power for ourselves.

We work best when we are in fellowship with other congregations. It has been my dream since I came to Cullompton 9 years ago that all the Smaller Baptist Churches would gather from time to time for fellowship, worship and encouragement. The First such gathering was at Tiverton Baptist Church on 13 May. Numbers were low but we are not giving up.

As the next event, I have invited the other Churches to our mission evening when we will be hearing from our link missionary Laura-Lee Lovering and her work in Peru. This will be held in our school room on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of July at 7.30pm.

A list of forthcoming events appears at the end of this network.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with the riches of God's grace.

In the love of Christ,

Glen and Rowan Graham

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### Fundraising updates

May seems to have been a busy month in terms of fundraising for our Church Members.

Mark completed his first (and possibly last) ever marathon on Sunday 14 May in Exeter. The weather was good, and he managed to run the whole course in 3 hours 54 minutes, under the 4 hours target he set himself to achieve. This was no small feat and his feet will take a bit to recover fully. Thank you to all who gave to him, the funds raised will go to the code club run from Cullompton library with the view to acquire new computers. The club welcomes children from the age of 7, completely free of charge, requiring no pre-booking by parents, and supporting them as they develop their confidence with computers and creating games and animations in a safe environment.

Chris will be taking on an even greater challenge at the end of the month, on the 31<sup>st</sup> by conquering her fear of heights and going down the longest and highest zip wire in the country. To give the strengths to jump, she has been raising funds towards the boiler for the church.

This leads me to thank the generosity of all Church members time and again; it has been really special to be able to come back into the church. The efforts in raising money for the repairs have been tremendous, and the time and effort from Margaret and Norman to ensure the work happened as a result I am sure are truly appreciated by all.

Camille Harrison

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## Sunday Services - 10:30 am

4<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday Service. Rev. Glen Graham

11<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday Service. Rev. Glen Graham

18<sup>th</sup> June - Communion Service. Prof Noel Morgan

25<sup>th</sup> June - Family Service. Rev. Glen Graham

2<sup>nd</sup> July - Sunday Service, BMS Sunday. Rev. Glen Graham

9<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday Service. Rev. Glen Graham

16<sup>th</sup> July - Communion Service. Rev. Glen Graham

23<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday Service. Rev. Glen Graham

30<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday Service. Rev. Glen Graham

## Other dates for your diaries

Summer Church meeting: on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

Visit of Laura-Lee Lovering: 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

Farmers markets: 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Any contributions for the next "Network" need to be with Camille by 23<sup>th</sup> July; email at [mrs.camille.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.camille.harrison@gmail.com) or pass them on at Church on Sunday.