

Cullompton Baptist Church

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The Network

Hello, and welcome to the April & May issue of "The Network".

"Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World."

John 1: 29

Many of you will be reading this on Easter day. So a happy and blessed Easter to you all.

We know the events so well, we don't always remember the full extent of what the event means for us.

Firstly on the individual level. Our salvation from sin and death was completed. Jesus totally died and yet passed through death completely. God was satisfied with what Jesus did. Satan no longer calls the shots over our lives. We are given a new life. All we need to do is follow Jesus and have him as our King and Saviour.

Second, we become a new People. Followers of Jesus, we are given a new calling. It is the calling all humans had before the fall. We are God's priests in the world, taking care of all creations including all humans. We offer the world this new life by explaining what it is like and then living it.

What a reason to celebrate this great day. The Church is given its reason for existence and each one of us is given the reason for our hope.

And so to another special day at the end of the period this magazine covers; Pentecost which is on the 19th of May. For Cullompton Baptist Church, we do the wonderful thing of celebrating the birthday of the World Church and of our own congregation. This year, we will be 324 years old. Our service is being taken by our old friend David Beazley. I am hoping there will be some kind of lunch afterwards.

A few things to bring to your attention:

Firstly, our next fellowship meeting is on the 9th of April at 2.30pm in the school room.

Secondly, School Pastors are holding a fundraising cream tea in our School room as part of the spring festival on the 13th of April. This will run from 11am till 1pm. Do come along and support us.

Finally, I want to thank Marilyn and Margaret for agreeing to be deacons again. It is my joy that Zara has been elected to be a deacon for the first time. I am looking forward to what she will bring to the life of the Church.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in the months to come.

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.

Sunday Services - 10:30 am

7th April - Sunday Morning Service - Rev. Glen Graham - John 17: 1 - 19

14th April - Sunday Morning Service - Rev. Glen Graham - John 17: 20 - 26

21st April - Communion Service - Rev. Glen Graham - Haggai 1

28th April - Family Service - Ray Ursell

5th May - Sunday Morning Service - Rev. Glen Graham - Haggai 2: 1 - 9

12th May - Sunday Morning Service - Rev. Glen Graham - Haggai 2: 10 - 23

19th May - Communion Service - Rev. David Beazley - Church 324 Anniversary

26th May - Family Service - Rev. Glen Graham - Psalm 74

Other dates for your diaries

9th April - Fellowship meeting; 2.30pm in the School room.

13th April - School Pastors fundraising cream tea, 11am to 1pm in the School Room.

Answers to the QUIZ TIME

1. How many days are there in Lent? **40**
2. What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"? **Spring**
3. What is the first day of Lent called? **Ash Wednesday**
4. What do we call the day before Lent begins? **Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras**
5. What word is never said or sung during Lent? **Alleluia**
6. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt? **Pretzels**
7. What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent begins? **Hot cross buns**
8. What event in the life of Jesus do the palms recall for us? **The entrance into Jerusalem**
9. How many Stations of the Cross are there? **14**
10. What is the Triduum? **"Triduum" comes from the Latin word for three, and it includes the three holiest days of the Church year from sundown on Holy Thursday, through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to sundown on Easter Sunday.**

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