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Editor's note: The next *Review* will be for October / November 2025. Items for inclusion need to be sent by 13th September to the email address below. Please only use this address for *Review* items.

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Worship in August

Sunday 3rd	Revd Iain McDonald	Communion
Sunday 10th	Revd Peter Brain	
Sunday 17th	Revd Barbara Bennett	
Sunday 24th	Revd Janine Atkinson	
Sunday 31st	Revd Janine Atkinson	

Worship in September

Sunday 7th	Revd Janine Atkinson	Communion
Sunday 14th	Revd Michael Diffey	
Sunday 21st	Revd Janine Atkinson	
Sunday 28th	Revd Janine Atkinson	

Future maintenance of the Manse

A unanimous vote by the 32 members present at the Church Meeting on Sunday 20th July decided that responsibility for the future maintenance of the Manse will be taken over by the South Western Synod.

Revd Janine is on Sabbatical leave. We hope and pray that she will be spiritually uplifted and refreshed during this time.

She will be returning at the end of August.

Thank you to the Revd Peter Brain for writing the following message for us.

Dear friends

Unlike when I lived in various cities, I do not feel annoyed or even frustrated when delayed by traffic in Exmouth, especially in the present holiday season. Without all these extra people (and their vehicles) our town would struggle economically. Most of the job vacancies we deal with at the Job Café are linked to the tourist 'industry'. People, especially large families, come and enjoy spending their money in our town. And why not ? There is a strand in religious traditions of several kinds, including Protestant Christianity, which is suspicious of enjoyment as such and pleasure in particular. Dylan Thomas coined the memorable phrase 'Bible-black' to describe this attitude and we know what he means. But Jesus would not agree.

In one of his encounters with the Pharisees (Luke 7, vv31-35) he compares himself with the abstemious John the Baptist and says that, in contrast, 'the Son of Man has come eating and drinking and you say ... a glutton and a drunkard!'. On several occasions Jesus is invited out to dinner; there is no record of his refusing such an invitation. Apart from Jewish ritual meals, which he carefully observed, there was for example the dinner party where a woman (probably Mary Magdalene) poured precious ointment over his feet or the occasion when Matthew invited Jesus to meet and eat with his tax-collector friends.

So let us welcome those who visit our town to relax or celebrate. I trust you will find time and opportunity to do the same before summer/autumn ends.

Peter Brain

Glenorchy Church 250th Celebrations 2027

We want 2027 to be an extra special year celebrating all Glenorchy Church has done over its 250 years and how the church is looking forward.

A planning group has met a few times to think about the 250th Celebrations.

Various ideas are being considered and we already have some suggestions and commitments. We need a few more people to get involved in planning events and to help make this a special year in the life of the Church.

Can you help? Have you ideas, a bit of time, information and/or contacts who can contribute?

We intend the planning group to meet again in September.

If you wish to be involved please contact Janine or one of the Elders.

News of the Church Family

Linda Meikle who had a fall some months ago and after a time in hospital was in Greenslade Care Home in St Thomas, Exeter.

Angela has been visiting her. Linda is now a resident at Dove Lodge 79 Salterton Road. Lyn Bellamy is also a resident in the home, so they have company.

Please remember Sue Densham and her family in your prayers as her son Colin is very unwell.

Birthdays

Margaret Cumming and Shirley Vanryne recently celebrated their 95th Birthdays.

Congratulations !

Organ Music

I play extra special pieces on the first Sunday of each month. What's coming up: After the service on Sunday 3rd August I will play "Highland Cathedral". This piece has become famous as "the Scottish Anthem". The arrangement I will play begins quietly with a passage imitating the skirl of bagpipes. After half a minute the main tune appears, quietly. Then the tune repeats with wide spread chords which make the piece sound grand and loud , although I won't be using the organs loudest stops !

On Sunday 7th September I will play "Allegro Maestoso" by Mendelssohn and on 5th October I will play "Con moto moderato in D" by Henry Smart

Peter Johnstone

Church Choir. There will be choir practices at 3.00 on Fridays 19th and 26th September to prepare for Harvest Sunday 5th October.

If you enjoy singing, please come and join us.

Peter Johnstone

Eco Matters

“Extreme Weather”. Earlier, in the Spring, Atlantic storms brought flooding to some parts of Britain and we’ve recently had a prolonged hot and dry spell.

We were spared the 30 C temperatures of London and the East. Exmouth benefits from sea breezes.

Central and southern Europe fared far worse, with spring floods, then 40 C temperatures and wildfires. By comparison we should say we were comfortable – after all we were able to live without using gas boilers to heat radiators to keep warm indoors - as we need to do for the other three quarters of the year. Let’s not forget that burning gas – and petrol – is, in part, the cause of this extreme weather.

Exeter University and its partner, the Met Office, is a powerhouse of expertise in climate issues. During the first week in July, an international “Climate Forum” was held at the university to develop ideas that can be presented at the United Nations COP30 Conference in November in Brazil. On the agenda were discussions of “tipping points”. These are irreversible events - some of which have occurred already – others may occur this century. Warming of the seas has already resulted in corals on some large coral reefs dying off after centuries of growth. The melting of glaciers in the Arctic and in mountainous areas is raising sea levels and submerging coastal communities.

Let us pray for international cooperation and action soon.

Peter Johnstone

"Dear Janine and the Glenorchy Congregation,

We want to express our sincere thanks for your kindness in accommodating us in your building over the past year.

It has been a great blessing to us that we could continue to meet together and we are very thankful for your help in enabling this !"

Matthew, Simon, Alfred, The Elders and Congregation of Exmouth Chapel



Exmouth Chapel



The redecorated interior

The Peace Candle

We light the candle at the start of every Sunday Service.

"Peace is not when everyone agrees with each other. Peace comes through respecting other peoples' points of view without agreeing or sharing them, which allows everyone to work and share together." Anon.

This was quoted by Revd Barbara Bennett at the start of her service on Sunday 15th June.



The Warehouse will be open on Wednesday 6th August 10am-3pm and on Saturday 12th August 10am-1pm. Jenny can collect late on Tuesday afternoons and on Fridays after 4.30p.m.

The Warehouse will be open on Wednesday 3rd September 10a.m.-3p.m. and on Saturday 20th September 10a.m.-1p.m. Jenny can collect on Tuesday 5th late afternoon and on Friday 15th after 4.30p.m.

If you have access to a computer, laptop or tablet, go to the CR2EE Website and log on to Facebook and there you will find the last lorry which went to Ukraine being loaded and 7 days later being unloaded in Ukraine.

The charity need good quality clothing for children, teenagers and adults. Good quality bedding including duvets, blankets, duvet covers, and brand new pillows -not feather ones. Shoes if they are brand new or do not look as if they have been worn. Good quality curtains are welcome and material for making clothes etc. Thank you for your continued support for this charity.

Shoeboxes

Please remember to bring your completed shoeboxes to the church service on 28th September at which they will be blessed before beginning their journey to Eastern Europe.



Thank you to all who donate food to the Food Bank, via the box in Church or the trolley in the Big Tesco or the crate in the Co-op when you are shopping. You can give money in the green collecting Box on a Sunday. With the School holiday upon us the demand for support will increase and we like to give treats to the children. Approximately 400 bags are distributed each month. The Church does keep an out of hours bag should people be in need of food. The Salvation Army Hall is a hive of Activity on a Tuesday and Friday 8am-4pm. Clients collect their bags of food in the afternoon, or the bags are delivered by a team of volunteers.

Bric-a-Brac Stall.

On Saturday 23rd August at the Church Coffee Morning 9.45am-11.45am, there will be a Bric-a-Brac Stall to help raise money for Mission Funds and the three Charities we are supporting.

In the Vestibule there is a pink striped box. Please place in the box anything you would like to donate to the stall. Marmalade will be on sale as well.

Looking ahead:

Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts

Our Autumn series of Lunchtime Concerts will begin at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 8th October, when Andrew Millington, former organist at Exeter Cathedral, will play for us on the Glenorchy Church organ.

Exmouth in summertime

There is plenty going on in our town in the summer if you know when and where to look for it. A regular event is the Town Band playing in the Manor Gardens from 7.30 pm on Monday evenings until 25th August.

A rare all day event took place on Saturday 19th July, when the “Morris Federation” held its 50th Anniversary Day of Dance in Exmouth. There were, remarkably, fifty groups of dancers taking turns at eleven sites around the town.



August

Friday 1st

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 2nd

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Family Service

and Holy Communion

Revd Iain McDonald

Saturday 9th

9.45am Coffee Morning

2.00pm Beach Labyrinth

at Orcombe Point

Sunday 10th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Peter Brain

Saturday 16th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 17th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Barbara Bennett

Saturday 23rd

9.45am Coffee Morning

with Bric a Brac and

marmalade stalls for

Mission Funds

Sunday 24th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

Tuesday 26th

2.00pm Glenorchy Crafters

Saturday 30th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 31st

10.30am Family Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

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September

Tuesday 2nd

2.00pm Elders meeting

Wednesday 3rd

9.30am Art Group

Thursday 4th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 5th

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 6th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 7th

10.30am Family Service
and Holy Communion

Revd Janine Atkinson

Wednesday 10th

9.30am Art Group

10.30 Mission Committee

Thursday 11th

9.15am Job Café

Friday 12th

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 13th

9.45am Coffee Morning

September

Sunday 14th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Michael Diffey

Wednesday 17th

9.30am Art Group

Thursday 18th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 19th

3.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 20th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 21st

10.30am Family Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

11.30am Church Meeting

Tuesday 23rd

2.00pm Glenorchy Crafters

Wednesday 24th

9.30am Art Group

Thursday 25th

9.15am Job Café

Friday 26th

3.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 27th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 28th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

Blessing of the Shoe Boxes

Harvest Celebration is on

Sunday 5th October

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