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Editor's note:

The next *Review* will be for December 2025 / January 2026. Items for inclusion need to be sent by 15th November to the email address below. Please only use this address for *Review* items.

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Worship in October

Sunday 5th	Harvest	Revd Janine Atkinson	Communion
Sunday 12th		Revd Barbara Bennett	
Sunday 19th		Revd Janine Atkinson	
Sunday 26th		Revd Janine Atkinson	

Worship in November

Sunday 2nd		Revd Janine Atkinson	Communion
Sunday 9th		Revd Janine Atkinson	Remembrance
Sunday 16th		Revd Barbara Bennett	
Sunday 23rd		Revd Janine Atkinson	
Sunday 30th		Revd Janine Atkinson	

Remember that clocks go back one hour on
Sunday 26th October

Jenny Newman is stepping down as church secretary. We now have a new email address secretary.glenorchyurc@gmail.com
This is regularly monitored and is to be used for all messages appropriate for the church secretary.

We welcomed Janine back from her sabbatical in the 3rd week of August

From the minister...

Dear Friends

I'm not long back from my Sabbatical and I feel refreshed for it, and it's good to be back amongst you all again.

During those 3 months of sabbatical, I focussed my thinking on the stories of Abram (Abraham) and Sarai's (Sarah's) journeys and their adventures and misadventures as they are recorded in the book of Genesis, and I've written a series of 8 Bible Studies that we will use at Glenorchy next spring (look out for details in the new year).

Read Genesis 11: 27 – 12: 6 Go to the land that I will show you!

Of course, it's not unusual to set out on a journey, people do it all the time! But they usually have a destination in mind and they plan it with some foresight and knowledge.

Even great explorers and pioneers set out with some navigation and geographical knowledge. But some of their journeys of exploration went awry. Christopher Columbus, for example, 'found' new lands called the Americas by accident. Of course, many people already lived there! (a fact of life for Abram and Sarai on their travels). Columbus was really looking for a new way to get to China and India!

Like Abram, God calls the Church to be a pioneering people, willing to go wherever God calls us – even when we feel ill equipped and out of our depth. God still calls us to the land that God will show us!

When I was a child, my child brain 'heard' that God told Abraham and Sarah (for that is how I was taught their names) to go to Canaan. Well, that sounded like enough of a challenge to me! But at least there was a destination in mind, which seemed problematic enough, but achievable.

It was many years before I realised that it was Abram's Father, Terah, who set out with Abram et al for Canaan (which was already populated – by Canaanites!) not Abram.

After Terah's death, the challenge to travel got tough. Gone were the destination and the patriarch (Terah). Now, fresh from the Word came *this* call:

^{1b} [‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you’.](#)

What? How on earth do you navigate when you don't know where you are going and what lies ahead in the vast unknown, in a shifting and dry desert without the familiar landmarks you have relied on. How do you leave the familiar behind to embrace the new?

But with God's call was a tantalising *promise* ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

The Universal and local Church is still called by God to be a blessing. Down though millennia, we have heard God's call to be a blessing to others, not just to be blessed ourselves. The hymn goes, 'for when we give, we will ourselves receive'. (*Make me a channel of your peace* – *Rejoice and Sing: 629*) Our 'giving' of blessing comes first.

God's challenge to the Church is the same today, to 'Go.... from all that is familiar, to the land that I will show you', go, into the unfamiliar, shifting desert that surrounds you now. It's on your doorstep, but it's forever changing, almost before our eyes.

We must listen and work out how we will respond to God's call – now

Rev. Janine

News of the Church Family

During September, three Church friends have died.

Mrs Joan Kirvan, who recently has been a resident in Knapp Cross Care Home. Please remember her son Ian in your prayers.

Derek Pratt, the husband of the late Audrey has died. He was in Dove Lodge Care Home. Please remember his two sons and their families in your prayers.

Mrs Sheila Crunden died in Wonford Hospital. Sheila organised days out and holidays for people involved in the Stroke Club. Please pray for her many friends who will miss her.

Pam and Michael Diffey had falls in August and both were admitted to Wonford Hospital. Pam has broken her leg in three places and is now in plaster from her toes to the top of her thigh. She will be in plaster for a few more weeks and is unable to weight bear on her other leg.

Michael suffered a haematoma which is slowly healing.

Please remember them in your prayers

Congratulations

Sheila & Peter Brain, who celebrated their
Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 14th August.

Dedication of the Plaque to the Memory of David Lee.

It took a long time, but David Lee's Memorial Plaque was finally put in place in time for worship on 7th September, 2 years after David died. This provided us with another opportunity to remember and say thank you to David.

It took the Stone Mason a while to source the Dartmoor Granite that we wanted to represent David and his love of Dartmoor. It's also unfussy, like David, with no pretensions of grandeur.

David's life touched the lives of others in many different ways.

He was a lifelong friend to many, and a beloved brother to Diana and uncle to Emma, Kate and Daniel, and it was so good that Diana was able to join us at that service.

David was someone who followed Christ honestly and faithfully. Someone who counted the cost of following Jesus and gave of himself tirelessly to this Church, this community and the world with generosity and humility.

Many of you will remember the extent of David's involvement, which includes: The Exmouth Choral Society; The Organists' Association; as a local Lay Preacher; The Exmouth Christian Aid Committee; The Jamieson-Bystock Charity Trust; The Bible Society Committee; Glenorchy's Mission Committee; The Glenorchy Job Café; The General Purposes Committee; The Mary Parminter Trust; The Walking Group; as a generous giver to many charities, including Exmouth's Open Door, and The PDSA - that was news to all of us when we found out!

We still remember his Christ-like care for the least and the lost and the way he had faith in others who put their faith in him, people who often attract mistrust and wariness. David had no truck with pretention and was aware of a world full of need. He could not change the world of course, but he did change the world for some people.

David's words at the end of his will summed up his theology and philosophy.

'Remember, there's a world of need on your doorstep'

Dedication of David's Plaque

Lord God, remembering David with gratitude and warmth
and celebrating his life and work,
we dedicate this plaque in honour of his life, well lived.

We thank you Lord God for giving David to us,
for everything he achieved during his life,
for his care and concern for people and place
for the friendship and the light that David brought into our lives.

Our lives are richer for knowing David.

So, help us to take forward what David gave us
for the rest of our life's' journey.

We thank you Lord that within your love and eternal purposes,
David will never be lost to us.

We ask all our prayers in the name of our risen Lord Jesus

Amen

David's sister, Diana, with his plaque.





Nourishing Space is an opportunity to relax and enjoy reflective worship

Nourishing Space is a time and place to feed your faith and enrich your spirit

It's a **midweek moment** of prayerful reflection to help us see God's hand at work in our experiences

Join us in the Vestibule on

**Weds 29th October (not 22nd this month)
and Weds 26th November**

for about half to three quarters of an hour

Stay after the Lunchtime Concert with your picnic lunch

or bring along a sandwich at about 1.30pm if you want to come to

Worship and share in some social time

or just come for the worship!

Revd Janine is available for pastoral conversations

before the service from 1.15pm and afterwards for a short time

Organists visiting Glenorchy Church. All church organs differ.

Members of the Exeter and District Organists Association are visiting four church organs in Exmouth on Saturday 4th October. They take turns to play short pieces at each church. They will arrive at our church at about 2.30 pm and leave about 3.30 pm. You will be welcome to come in and listen to them during that time. *Peter*

Glenorchy Church
‘For the future, take us’

If you read my Dear Friends letter, you will not be surprised that the Elders and I have decided that the time is *now* to get our teeth into the business of looking forwards to what God is calling and urging us on to for the future life of our witness to God’s love from Glenorchy Church.

What will be authentically us, but different enough to respond to the new adventures that lie ahead in the business of responding to God’s call to be the Church in Exmouth?

We have set a date to start thinking and planning in earnest!

Please join us on Wednesday 22nd October at 2pm.

**Teas, coffees and cake will be available
before we start from 1.30pm.**

You will perhaps know the first verse of this great Timothy Dudley-Smith hymn:

*‘Lord for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today’.*

The last verse is this

*Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

For the future take us!

Rev Janine

(the date of this meeting is shown by an asterisk * on page 21)

Church Directory. An updated Directory is planned. If you have changed your postal address, telephone number or email address, please make sure you have told Jenny Newman by the end of October. The Directory is issued only to church members and adherents and should be kept confidential by everyone.



Lunchtime Concerts Autumn 2025

- October 8th Andrew Millington *Organ*
15th Samantha Muir *Guitar and Ukulele*
22nd Beacon Trio: Joyce Clarke *Piano*,
Anna Cockroft *Violin*, Ruth Lass, *Cello*
29th 'Cello for Two':
Annabel Rooney and Jane Greenwood
- November 5th 'Singing for Fun Exmouth' *Choir*
12th Robert Stephenson *Flute*,
Roger Stephenson *Piano*
19th Joyce Clarke *Piano*
26th Wood Farm Wind Quintet
- December 3rd Chris Gradwell *Clarinet*,
Walter Bruster *Piano*

Wednesdays at 12.30 pm

Andrew Millington was, in succession, Director of Music at several Cathedrals , including Exeter Cathedral

Organ Music

After morning Worship, I will play

On Sunday 5th October, "Con moto moderato in D" by Henry Smart

On Sunday 2nd November, the March from "Water Music" by Handel.

Peter Johnstone

Eco Matters

How many fish are there in the Earth's seas ? Well - Nobody knows !

We can, however, make a good estimate of the weight of discarded plastic in the oceans – and it stays there, while we keep adding more. It is thought that by 2050 the total weight of plastic will exceed the total weight of all the fish and whales, in the whole world.

Over many years (centuries) the larger plastic items, such as bottles, will weather and break down into ever smaller pieces, eventually becoming microscopic in size and spread throughout the oceans. Larger sea creatures, including turtles are swallowing larger pieces now, mistaking it for food. We don't know what harm the microplastics, found in all fish, do. Some pass through them and are excreted unchanged but many plastics, including polystyrenes, contain poisonous substances which will harm them and us.

During the first two weeks of August, a U.N. conference on plastics was held in Geneva. Representatives from 180 countries attended. The U.N. has tried since 2022 to come up with a way of tackling plastic pollution. The aim this year was to come up with an agreed legally binding treaty. They failed to do so and failed to put any limits on the production of plastic – largely because of opposition from oil producing countries. One encouraging feature of this conference was that grass roots groups such as litter pickers and youth groups were allowed to speak out. There is also pressure from many countries for future talks.

Peter Johnstone

Decorating our Church for Christmas

Dear Friends,

This year we are again dividing the tasks of decorating the church into two mornings to make it less tiring for everyone. It also means that there are two opportunities to come and help, joining friends to dress our lovely church for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Free coffee or tea will be available.

Please note it will be on Thursday and Friday this year, 28th and 29th of November, from 9.30 a.m. not the Saturday, as The Bible Society are holding their Christmas Fair on the Saturday, 29th.

On Thursday, 28th November from 9.30a.m. help is needed to unpack and erect our new prelit Christmas tree which should be exciting!

It was agreed that two of the original 6ft trees be kept, one for the Church porch and the other for the bottom of the stairs as you enter Church. Also a third 4ft tree for the Church hall.

We know the fun in putting these together but there are only three this year!

Lights and batteries will need be checked for these.

On Friday, 29th November from 9.30a.m. help is needed to decorate the trees. Also to set up the nativity scenes and decorate the window sills. I will decorate the 'Big Window' but would value some help too.

Please make this an enjoyable and rewarding team effort by coming on either of the mornings or both. It cannot be done without you and everyone can help in some way.

N.B. Revd Janine has asked that, if you have a spare nativity set, you might kindly lend it to the Church to be used on one of the window sills or in the hall over the Christmas period. They would make a very meaningful addition to the decorations.

Please let Janine or myself know if you have one we can use.

Angela

Christian Response to Eastern Europe



Thank you for all the donations received in the last two months. The charity have been sending a truck either to Moldova or Ukraine every month this year and it will continue for the rest of the year with the Shoe Box truck being the last one. The Warehouse will be open in October on Wednesday 1st 10am-3pm and Saturday 18th 10am -1pm. The Warehouse is in Spiders Lane, just off The Marles. I can collect on a Tuesday from about 5pm and on a Friday from about 4.30pm. In November the Warehouse will be open on Wednesday 5th 10am-3pm and on Saturday 15th 10am-1pm. Please donate clothing in good condition, bedding, including duvets, but no feather ones, and curtains.



Thank you to all who support the Food Bank with food donations or money. When out shopping please donate an item in Tesco's or the Co-op Food Bank donation box or trolley. Thank you for all the Food Donations given for the Harvest Display.

During the next two months we will be accepting Christmas Celebration Food.

Shoebbox Appeal

By the time you are reading this, the shoeboxes will have been blessed and delivered to the warehouse and, very soon, will be on their way to Moldova.

Thank you to those who donated money or contents or a complete box. As everything in a box must be brand new, each box costs approximately £18 to fill. If you are able to contribute something towards the cost of the contents, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please speak to Sheila Johnstone (Shoebbox co-ordinator).



Charity Christmas cards

will be on sale at the Saturday Coffee Morning from the middle of October and most of November. Buy what you need, not the whole pack. Cards from the Leprosy Mission, Tear Fund and Embrace the Middle East.

Let's stop plastic getting into our lakes, rivers and seas .

Jesus said to them, "Throw your net out on the right side of the boat and you will catch some fish." So they threw the net out and could not pull it back because they had caught so many fish."

John 21 verse 6

For Rainbow Poster

Looking for birthday or Christmas presents ? Here are three opportunities to buy what you need.



Saturday 11th October

Christian Aid Rainbow Fair

in Glenorchy Hall 9.30am-12noon. Glenorchy stall colour is **RED**. There is a Rainbow coloured box in the Vestibule for your donations. Anything coloured **RED**. Two people will be required to run the stall on the day.

Saturday 25th October Mission

Coffee Morning with Stalls

9.45am-11.45am.

Items to sell on the Bric a Brac stall will be welcome. There will be a box in the Vestibule for your donations. There will be a marmalade stall as well. All proceeds to support our three charities this year.



Saturday 29th November Bible Society Christmas Fayre 9.45am-12noon There will be a big Bric a Brac stall on several tables and Marmalade with cakes and savouries. Coffee or tea with cake or cheese scone £1.00. All proceeds to the work of Bible Society overseas. Free literature

For Harvest poster from notice board

October

Wednesday 1st

10.00am Art Group

Thursday 2nd

9.15am Job Café

Friday 3rd

9.30am to 12.00 setting
up Harvest display

3.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 4th

9.45am Coffee Morning &
Viewing Harvest display

Sunday 5th

10.30am Harvest

Thanksgiving Service with
Holy Communion

Revd Janine Atkinson

Tuesday 7th

1.45 Elders Meeting

Wednesday 8th

10.00am Art Group

12.30 Lunchtime Concert

2.00pm Bible Group

Thursday 9th

9.15am Job Café

Friday 10th

Setting up Christian Aid Fair

Saturday 11th

9.45am Christian Aid

Rainbow Fair

Sunday 12th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Barbara Bennett

Wednesday 15th

9.30am Art Group

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 16th

9.15am Job Café

Friday 17th

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 18th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 19th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

October

Wednesday 22nd *

9.30am Art Group

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 23rd

9.15am Job Café

Friday 24th

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 25th

9.45 Missions Coffee

Morning with stalls

Sunday 26th

10.30 Missions Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

Tuesday 28th

1.45 Glenorchy Crafters

Wednesday 29th

10.00am Art Group

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert

2.00pm Nourishing Space

Thursday 30th

9.15am Job Café

Friday 31st

7.00pm Table Tennis

November

Saturday 1st

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 2nd

10.30am Family Service

with Holy Communion

Revd Janine Atkinson

Tuesday 4th

1.45 Elders Meeting

Wednesday 5th

9.30am Art Group

12.30 Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 6th

9.15am Job Café

Friday 7th

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 8th

9.45 Coffee Morning

Sunday 9th

10.30am Remembrance

Day Service.

Revd Janine Atkinson

Wednesday 12th

10.00am Art Group

November

Wednesday 12th

9.30am Art Group

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert

2.00pm Bible Book Group

Thursday 13th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 14th

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 15th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 16th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Barbara Bennett

Wednesday 19th

10.00am Art Group

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 20th

9.15am Job Café

Friday 21st

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 22nd

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 23rd

10.30am Bible Sunday

Revd Janine Atkinson

11.30 Church Meeting

Tuesday 25th

1.45pm Glenorchy Crafters

Wednesday 26th

10.00am Art Group

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert

2.00pm Nourishing Space

Thursday 27th

9.15am job Café

Friday 28th

12.00-3.00pm setting up

Bible Society Fayre

3.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 29th

9.45am Bible Society

Christmas Fayre

Sunday 30th Advent 1

10.30am Family Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

Plastic shopping Bags

Shopkeepers often say “would you like a bag for your shopping?”

If they then offer you a plastic bag, say “No, thank you. Have you a paper bag?”. Even if they say “ This plastic bag will soon break down” - it will break down into microplastics which pollute land and seas.

COP 30

The next United Nations meeting about Climate Change will take place in Brazil in November. Listen out for reports about it in the News.

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