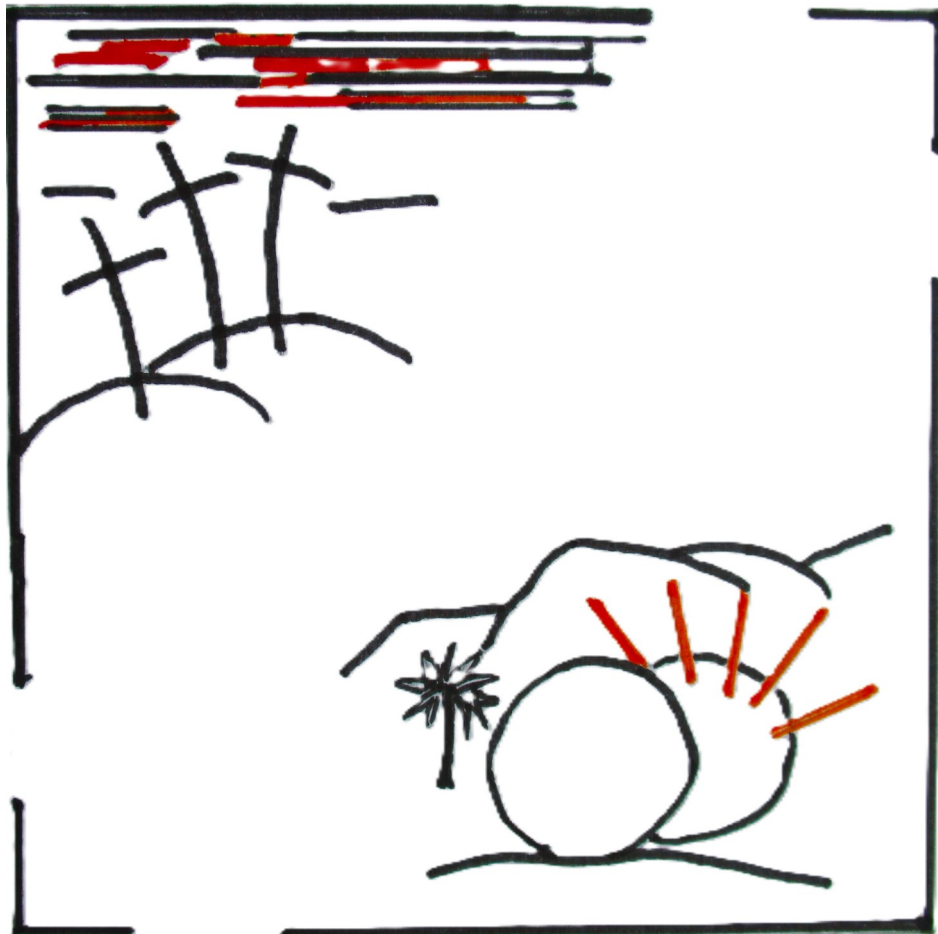


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Worship in April

Holy Week	Two Services	see details on Page 7	
Sunday 5th	Easter	Revd Janine Atkinson	Communion
Sunday 12th		Revd Michael Diffey	
Sunday 19th		Revd Janine Atkinson	Baptism
Sunday 26th		Revd Janine Atkinson	

Worship in May

Sunday 3rd		Revd Janine Atkinson	Communion
Sunday 10th		Revd Ruth Dillon	
Sunday 17th		Revd Janine Atkinson	
Sunday 24th	Pentecost	Revd Janine Atkinson	
Sunday 31st		Revd Peter Brain	

Days Off

Please remember that Revd Janine's days off are
Mondays and Tuesdays.

Messages appropriate for the church secretary should be sent to
the email address secretary.glenorchyurc@gmail.com

This email address is regularly monitored.

Dear Friends. A little girl and her mother were sitting in church. The little girl had her head cradled on her mother's arm so that she was looking at the Cross on the wall at the front of the Church at an angle.



'Mummy' she said, 'the Cross looks like a great big kiss.'

At school, the children had all made Easter cards. On the front of the card was a lovely, brightly painted picture of a basket of flowers.

One little boy, aged 6, took his card home and gave it to his mum.

Inside the card, under his 'Happy Easter' greeting, he'd drawn a small pencil-drawn picture of Jesus on the cross.

His mother looked at it, and admired his skill in drawing such a good picture, and then asked her son 'Why have you put x's for his eyes?' he replied, 'they're not x's, they're kisses; because Jesus died with love in his eyes.'

So, this resurrection Sunday,

may we see the twinkle of love in Jesus' eyes

and consider the value and cost of that love.

This day, may we notice the good things around us.

This day, may we see the signs of joy... and peace...

and hope that you Lord send us

This day, Lord... this day... make it the day of our resurrection

into your all-embracing love Amen

In Christian love and holding you in prayer that this Easter will be a blessing and a joy for you as you encounter Jesus – risen, lively and active through our love and the work of the Holy Spirit (to be continued!)

Rev Janine

Holy Week Pray-Ground

A Prayer activity to do yourself, with children or grandchildren

Hearts

You will need:- 4 heart shapes cut out of red or pink paper (1 for each significant day in Holy Week) sticking plaster; a towel, 4 nails (or use cocktail sticks / pins as an alternative)



Now!
*Draw a heart on the sticking plaster.
Cut a zig zag line across today's heart then stick it back together
with
the sticking plaster .*

Jesus kept loving even when his heart was broken by all the people who hated him and his friends who betrayed him when he needed them most.



Maunder Thursday:

*Draw a cross on today's heart and
place it on a towel*

Jesus washed his disciples' feet and wants us to love each other as much as he loved and cared for them.



Good Friday:

*Poke the 4 nails (or substitute) into
today's heart*

Jesus kept loving even when he was nailed to a cross.

It was not the nails that held Jesus to the cross, but his love for you and me because Jesus died with love in his eyes.



Easter Sunday:

*Draw a question mark ? and an exclamation mark !
on today's heart*

Like the disciples we are both puzzled and incredibly happy to find that Jesus did not stay dead, but is alive forever.

Based on an idea found at <http://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com/2013/02/the-whole-heart-series-for-lent.html>



Holy Week at Glenorchy Get the Easter Message in full

Join us on:-

Sunday 29th March, 10.30am

Palm Sunday Worship

Thursday 2nd April, 4pm

to remember Jesus' Last Supper at a
reflective Maundy Thursday
Communion Service

Friday 3rd April, 10.30am

to reflect on and enter into the
events of Good Friday

Sunday 5th April, 10.30am

for Easter Sunday thanks and praise!

Holy Week – prayers and reflections

Lord God of all time, you whose Son worshipped in your Temple,
I worship you now in another time and a different place,
a place, now, as then,
where heaven and earth are joined in prayer and praise.
Bring me ever nearer to your presence as I approach you now,
and speak your words of life and love for into my heart.

Amen

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus arriving in Jerusalem to the joy of the crowd – a King arriving in *peace* on a *donkey*.

But sometimes it's easy to forget what was going on during the hours and days between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, because Jesus and his disciple weren't just in Jerusalem for a family get-together and a bit of sight seeing

Matthew 21: 12 – 17 – *Jesus tips up the tables in the Temple*

¹² Jesus went into the Temple area. He threw out all those who were selling and buying things there. He turned over the tables that belonged to those who were exchanging different kinds of money. And he turned over the benches of those who were selling doves. ¹³ Jesus said to them, “The Scriptures say, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer.’ But you are changing it into a ‘hiding place for thieves.’”

¹⁴ Some blind people and some who were crippled came to Jesus in the Temple area. Jesus healed them. ¹⁵ The leading priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he was doing. And they saw the children praising him in the Temple area. The children were shouting, “Praise to the Son of David.” All this made the priests and the teachers of the law angry.

¹⁶ They asked Jesus, “Do you hear what these children are saying?”

He answered, “Yes. The Scriptures say, ‘You have taught children and babies to give praise.’ Have you not read that Scripture?”

Matthew 26: 6 – 13 - *A woman anoints Jesus’ head with costly perfume*

Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper. ⁷ While he was there, a woman came to him. She had an alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. She poured the perfume on Jesus’ head while he was eating.

⁸ The Disciples saw the woman do this and were upset at her. They said, “Why waste that perfume? ⁹ It could be sold for a lot of money, and the money could be given to those who are poor.”

¹⁰ But Jesus knew what happened. He said, “Why are you bothering this woman? She did a very good thing for me. ¹¹ You will always have the poor with you. But you will not always have me. ¹² This woman poured perfume on my body. She did this to prepare me for burial after I die.

¹³ The Good News will be told to people all over the world. And I can assure you that everywhere the Good News is told, the story of what this woman did will also be told, and people will remember her.”

What extravagance! The disciples were *not* impressed.

If Jesus has taught them anything he has taught them to embrace the poor and the marginalised of society... But now for, some reason, Jesus isn’t batting an eyelid at the expense of this perfume, poured on his head he’s not only allowing it but condoning it.

According to **Matthew’s** account of the days between Palm Sunday and Jesus arrest these and other controversial teachings and activities seems to seal his fate – and, following the anointing of

Jesus with costly perfume Judas was so angry that he headed off to meet with the chief priests to agree terms and betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

So, we have *two* 'controversies' introducing two 'calls to worship'.

The Temple forecourts were intended to be places of prayer and worship.

Jesus clearly hadn't taken the appropriate 'how to win friends and influence people' course! His criticism of the priestly sanctioned business deals going on there were a clear example to the powers that be of his rebel rousing, trouble causing ways! He had to be stopped; he was upsetting the balance of power.

In the second controversy, Jesus seemed to the disciples to be allowing a costly outpouring of love and gratitude at the expense of the poor. And the disciples, didn't like it.

But these incidents can also be read as 'calls to worship'. The Temple forecourt was intended as a place of prayer for all nations... it was known as the court of the Gentiles, a place intended for anyone and everyone as a place of prayer. But business had squeezed this inclusive opportunity for prayer out, and Jesus wanted it re-established.

Then, with the pungent smell of perfume filling the room and their nostrils, with the disciples' practical sense ringing in their ears *and* with the sight of the woman wasting money to anoint him, Jesus reminded them *all* to focus on *him* and the sacrifice he's is going to make.

The woman had come to worship, to thank Jesus for *whatever* it was he'd done for her (we aren't given her name in Matthew's account, so we can't be sure what she's grateful for) but whatever it is, she's

recognised the call to worship and located her worship and adoration precisely in Jesus, in this costly outpouring which mirrors Jesus' costly outpouring for us.

These controversies and calls to worship are as relevant today as they were then

Worship must be made possible for all people, it must be unhindered and for us it's located in Jesus, for all that he has done for humankind in opening up the way to know God through his example in life, death and resurrection.

Prayer

Loving God,
how lavishly you pour out
the costly gift of your grace upon me.
Fill my home and my life
with the fragrance of your love,
so that I may show your glory
as I serve you and love all people. Amen



Social Time

Perhaps a Quiz?

or Games?

or a great opportunity to
meet new people

Lady Glenorchy's Afternoon Tea+

Invite your friends and come along
yourselves for

**Afternoon Tea at Three on Thursday
7th May**

3pm – 5pm

£3.50 per person

for

Sandwiches, Cakes, Tea or Coffee

Prayer for Peace

Lord God

we turn to you as we witness to the rising
and increase of conflict and the fear laid upon ordinary lives.

Trusting in your steadfast love,

We hold before you our brothers and sisters in the Middle East,
In communities already stretched beyond endurance.

We remember all whose hearts are filled with dread today.

Help them to know that you surround them
with your love and compassion.

Be a fortress for those who cannot flee
and a shield for those whose work is to heal and to hope.

Open paths for wisdom, restraint and justice
where none seem possible.

Give courage to peacemakers

and teach us to stand with those who suffer,

to pray without ceasing

and to hope, even now, in your redeeming love. Amen

Glenorchy Bible Book Club

On **Wednesday 22nd April at 2pm**

join us to think about

Jesus' Resurrection and Post Resurrection Appearances



News of the Church Family

Several people have been unwell in recent weeks. Jean Curl has been able to have her second knee replacement operation and is gradually able to get out and about.

Angela Morland had a fall and broke 2 bones in her wrist and is restricted in what she is able to do.

Louise Pugh has had a couple of falls recently and was not able to get out. Wendy Marshall has a problem with her feet, but hopefully the treatment is working and she will be able to wear her favourite shoes once again.

We remember Barbara Mellor whose husband, Ian, died suddenly in February. Please remember Barbara and her family in your prayers.

Some members and friends are no longer able to get to Church due to age and infirmity, with 8 members or friends in Care Homes.

Heartfelt thanks from Josephine McLauchlan and family for your presence at the Service of Thanksgiving for Ian on Tuesday 3rd February.

Thank you also for the cards and messages of sympathy received and for your donations to Cancer Research.

Gift Day Sunday 24th May 2026

If you are a taxpayer, please enclose your gift in a Gift Aid Envelope and put it on the Sunday collection plate.

The envelopes are available in the church. Thank you.

Glenorchy Mission Fund 2026

Each year Glenorchy Church raises funds for three charities, chosen by our Mission Team as an active expression of our love and care for the world beyond our doorstep

In 2026 we are supporting

Rehoboth – Bulawayo Zimbabwe

A home from home for children who have been orphaned, rejected or abused by their biological parents

Exeter Hospice

Caring for people living with life limiting illnesses

Devon Freewheelers

a free Bike Service offering courier and transport service to deliver life-saving blood to NHS establishments, across the South West.

This expression of concern gives us an opportunity to *learn* about each charity and the work they do, as well as to *give generously* during the year in support of their work

This year we are planning to raise a minimum of **£3,000 to split equally between our three charities.**

Look out for information about learning opportunities and fundraising events and activities on our Noticeboards and in 'The Review' – our Church Magazine

*You can give online to our Mission bank account
Glenorchy Mission a/c*

Sort Code: 77-10-05 Account no: 00001698

Glenorchy Mission Projects 2026

Spotlight on Devon Freewheelers

Devon Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service Is dedicated To Saving Lives!



The Devon Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service is a registered charity (no: 1180264) providing a vital and efficient service to the NHS.

Their team of volunteer riders, drivers, call handlers, and fundraisers transport blood, medical samples, equipment, medication, and other essential supplies to hospitals, air ambulances, and other NHS establishments.

Devon Freewheelers plays a vital role in supporting the NHS by ensuring that essential medical supplies are delivered quickly and efficiently. This helps to improve patient care and save lives.

By delivering essential medical supplies, they directly contribute to:

- Improved patient care
- Reduced waiting times for vital treatments

Saving lives

Saving Money: The 'Blood Bike' service is provided free of charge, at no cost to the NHS, or any of our users.

Why Blood Bikes? There are thousands of motorcyclists who volunteer their time to blood bike services across the United Kingdom.

Saving Lives: The riders and drivers volunteer their time to serve their local community at no cost to the patient, the NHS, doctor surgeries. Our service is free to anyone who needs our help.

Blood To HeliMed: They provide a free transport service to three air ambulances in Devon, Dorset and Somerset, supplying them with blood stocks on board the aircraft for transfusion at the scene of a critical incident.

Lunchtime concerts



Exeter Road, Exmouth

April 1 st	Phil Bonser	<i>Clarinet, with</i>
	Dorothy Raven	<i>Piano</i>
8 th	David Norrish	<i>Violin, Mark Perry Piano</i>
15 th	Iryna Ilnytska	<i>Soprano, with</i>
	John Draisey	<i>Piano</i>
22 nd	Samantha Muir & Lara	<i>Guitars</i>
29 th	Cantemos	<i>Choir</i>

Wednesdays at 12.30 pm

refreshments from 12.00

admission free: donation invited

Concerts will resume in October

Church Choir. We have not been able to prepare an anthem for Easter Sunday because several choir members have been unwell. We may be able to sing, instead, at Pentecost on Sunday 24th May or on Trinity Sunday 31 May.

Eco Matters

Where are you flying for your holidays this year ?

Our modern world in a world of long distance travel (for some!). Our great grandparents travelled less often and shorter distances.

Now it is said that 264 million flights are taken from British airports every year but that only 11% of humanity ever fly during their lifetime.

Flying is what the world's well-off people can do.

All long distance travel is expensive but air travel should cost more than it does ! An international agreement in the 1940s, the Chicago

Convention, established that there would be no tax on aircraft fuel. Fuel for other means of transport is taxed.

Is flying one cause of Global Warming ? Exhaust emissions from aircraft react chemically with the upper atmosphere producing more "greenhouse gases" than they would at lower levels. 3½ % of global warming is due to flying.

It has been suggested that hydrogen could be used as aircraft fuel with only water emitted as exhaust. The cost of storing large quantities of hydrogen effectively and safely at airports for refuelling would be hugely expensive - making hydrogen for fuel impracticable.

Existing aircraft are well maintained and will operate for decades. It is not expected that radical changes in design will appear until 2075.

In France there is already a law preventing air travel for journeys which would take less than 2½ hours by train. Their trains are faster and more efficient than ours - we couldn't have such a law !

Peter Johnstone



OPEN DOOR CENTRE

“Open Door” provides support, all year round, to many Exmouth residents in difficult circumstances. This valuable work is supported by grants from secular community organisations and local churches.

You can visit their café in Church Street - which also has other rooms where counselling takes place, using trained counsellors.

There are six main project areas: the Community Café (like other cafes open to everybody—do try it out), the Craft Room, Men’s Shed, the Parent Hub, Haven and the Community Hub. They also support young people in the Community College (secondary school).

These projects support various different kinds of need. Individual churches cannot run all these worthwhile projects because we don’t have the training and experience for these different needs and our age profile makes it difficult, too.

There is a scheme for individual giving called “Open Door Keyholders”.

For more information online look at info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk

Peter Johnstone

Chess

Do you enjoy an occasional game of chess, as I do ?

Please speak to me on a Sunday or phone me on 07488 368814 so that we can arrange a game.

Thank you. David Slough

Christian Response to Eastern Europe.



The Warehouse in Spiders Lane will be open on Wednesday 1st April 10am-3pm and Saturday 18th 9am-1pm. The dates in May are Wednesday 13th and Saturday 16th.

Jenny can collect on Tuesday late afternoon or after 4.30pm on a Friday. Donations of clothing and bedding in good condition are welcome. Sorry, no kitchenware. Bicycles in good condition will be welcome at the Warehouse. Thank you for your continued support for this charity working in Moldova and Ukraine.



Exmouth Food Bank in the Salvation Hall Shepperd Row.

The Food Bank is a hive of activity on Tuesdays and Fridays, when all donated goods are dated up and sorted into their different categories and placed ready to be put into bags ready for delivery or collection in the afternoon. If you are able to donate, items can be given in the Co-op in Magnolia Centre or the Main Tesco. Items can be placed in the donation box in the entrance to Church or money can be placed in the green box on the table in the entrance. The demand is increasing almost weekly.

Thank you to all who donated to the Charity.



Christian Aid 10th -16th May Week

There will be Coffee morning with Stalls in Glegorchy Hall on Saturday 16th May 9.30am-12noon. A box will be in the vestibule for Bric -a- Brac items to sell. Cakes and savouries will be welcome on the day from 8.30am.

Food for thought :

Genocide ...is biblical.

Loving your neighbour ...is biblical.

...but only one is Christlike.

Slavery ...is biblical.

Chain breaking ...is biblical.

...but only one is Christlike.

Patriarchy ...is biblical.

Counter-cultural elevation of women ...is biblical.

...but only one is Christlike.

Retributive violence ...is biblical.

Grace filled restoration ...is biblical.

...but only one is Christlike.

Segregation ...is biblical.

Unity ...is biblical.

...but only one is Christlike.

Christ transforms, not the Bible. Be wary of those who know one but not the other.

Jordan Harrell

CALENDAR

April

Wednesday 1st

9.45am Art Group

12.30 pm Lunchtime Concert

Maundy Thursday 2nd

9.15am Job Café

4.00 pm Service

with Communion

Good Friday 3rd

10.30am Service

Saturday 4th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 5th Easter Day

6.00 am Sunrise Service

Lifeboat Station

10.30am Family Service

and Holy Communion

Revd Janine Atkinson

Wednesday 8th

9.45am Art Group

12.30 pm Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 9th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 10th

10.15 am Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 11th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 12th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Michael Diffey

Wednesday 15th

9.45am Art Group

12.30 Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 16th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 17th

10.15 Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 18th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 19th

10.30am Family Service

with Infant Baptism

Revd Janine Atkinson

April

Wednesday 22nd

9.45am Art Group

12.30 pm Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 23rd

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 24th

10.15 am Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 25th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 26th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

Tuesday 28th

2.00pm Glenorchy Crafters

Wednesday 29th

9.45am Art Group

12.30 pm Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 30th

9.15am Job Café

May

Friday 1st

10.15 am Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 2nd

9.45am Coffee Morning

2.00 pm Missions Event

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Family Service

with Holy Communion

Revd Janine Atkinson

Wednesday 6th

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 7th

9.15am Job Café

3.00 Lady Glenorchy Tea Party

Friday 8th

10.15 am Chairacise

7.00 pm Table Tennis

Saturday 9th

9.45 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 10th

10.30 am Family Service

Rev Ruth Dillon

May

Wednesday 13th

9.30am Art Group

9.00 pm Bible Study

Thursday 14th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 15th

10.15 Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 16th

9.45am Christian Aid

Coffee Morning

Sunday 17th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

11.30am Annual Church Meeting

Wednesday 20th

9.30am Art Group

Thursday 21st

9.15am Job Café

Friday 22nd

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 23rd

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 24th Pentecost

10.30am Family Service

Revd Janine Atkinson

Gift Day (see Page 13)

Tuesday 26th

2.00 pm Glenorchy Crafters

Wednesday 27th

9.45 am Art Group

Thursday 28th

9.15 Job Café

Friday 29th

10.15 Chairacise

7.00 pm Table Tennis

Saturday 30th

9.45 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 31st

10.30 am Family Service

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