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Worship in June

Sunday 7th	Revd Janine Atkinson	Communion
Sunday 14th	Revd Barbara Bennett	
Sunday 21th	Revd Patrick Henderson	
Sunday 28th	Revd Ruth Dillon	

Worship in July

Sunday 5th	Revd Janine Atkinson	Communion
Sunday 12th	Revd Michael Diffey	
Sunday 19th	Revd Janine Atkinson	
Sunday 26th	Revd Janine Atkinson	

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This email address is regularly monitored.

From the minister:

Dear Friends

Some years ago, when we lived in a very diverse community of faith communities, an urge for ice cream took us to Charlotte's Jersey Ice Cream Parlour. It was there that what started with ice cream became so very much more.

This was our first visit there (we really needed to get out more!). We hadn't realised that there was much more there than the ice cream.

This Ice cream parlour was a place where people of different faiths, and no faith, came to enjoy the simple pleasures of life... ice cream and family time together.

Ice cream is not the only attraction there. There are also donkeys, goats, wallabies and the Belted Galloway Cows (or 'Oreo-Cookie Cows' - black with a white band round their middle).

It was whilst admiring the cows from the hill top on that clear sunny evening with the urban sprawl of Dewsbury, Mirfield, Ravensthorpe, Norristhorpe, Heckmondwike, Brighouse, Wakefield and Ossett set before us, that I noticed two Muslim women and their children, just like us, enjoying the animals and the view. Then one of the women spread out a coat on the ground, knelt and bowed forward to pray.

One of the children disturbed her, asking why she was praying there.

The woman stood up, put her arms around the girl and answered, 'look at all this... all these places we can see from here... it's beautiful. So much beauty and so many people... and God loves it all and everyone there so very much'.

The little girl agreed and left, and the woman returned to her knees and continued to pray.

I did not kneel, but I prayed there also... like her, thankful to God for the beauty of the place, and the vantage point that spread out before us the communities in which God's churches, mosques, synagogues and gurdwaras are set and the multitude and diversity of people we rub shoulders with daily. I thanked God there and then for his love for the variety of life and the vibrancy and immediacy of faith that metaphorically 'brought me to my knees' in a moment of encounter I could not have anticipated.

Although I knew it already, we have more in common with people who express their faith differently than sets us apart. Our prayers in multiple languages join when we call on God for love, hope and peace to unite us... because God loves all who seek peace, love and unity and act justly as a beacon of hope for the world.

So, thank God for family and friends, relaxing summer evenings, ice cream, unexpected pleasures, animals, the variety of humankind - loved and made in God's image, the urban sprawl, the hill-top and its lush greenness and for moments of faithful encounter that bring us to our knees in prayer.

Rev Janine

News of the Church Family.

Easter daffodils were delivered to housebound members and friends, including those in Care Homes, after the Easter Service and were very much appreciated.

Some people are confined to their home and will appreciate a visit or a phone call.

PRAY-GROUND AT HOME

A Sense of Smell



You will need:-

A bottle of a favourite Perfume, Aftershave, or Bubble bath / Shower gel.

Set Up:- Place the open bottle on a table

Instructions:- Enjoy the smell for a while!

Our sense of smell (aroma) is one of the strongest senses we have for triggering memories.

In the Bible, God is described as being 'ever present' like the scent of a perfume that lingers and sticks around us.

Think about a time when you felt close to God (or God felt close to you) - a treasured time - and as you think about it, sniff the perfume (or alternative) and let the scent of that perfume 'help' you to remember.

Perhaps next time you smell that perfume, it will help you to remember that time when you and God felt close to each other.

The Bible tells us that we are like the 'pleasing aroma' of Christ' to God when we are doing the things that please God - when we love our neighbour as we love ourselves, for example.

Think about ways in which you can be the 'aroma' of Christ to the people around you.

Say thank you to God for being present in your everyday life.

Put a dab of perfume on your wrist or some bubble bath in a bowl of water, and let the 'aroma' remind you of God's presence, with you, always.

'For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing' 2 Corinthians 2: 15

Glenorchy Mission Partners Fund

We are off to a great start!

During May we were able to send a donation of £400.00 each to all 3 of our Partner Charities for 2026 – Rehoboth, Devon Freewheelers and Exeter Hospice.

We have had grateful letters of thanks from all 3 and are looking forward to hearing about the work of Exeter Hospice during the Summertime Special Concert on 20th June and from Devon Freewheelers at our Mission Sunday Service on 25th October.

Don't forget that every penny counts for these vital services to exist to help us and our neighbours – so keep those coppers and silver coins dropping into your Mission Boxes.

Focus on Exeter Hospice

Every day matters when you have a life-limiting illness and Exeter Hospice aims to help people make the most of every single one. That might mean supporting people to get the right pain relief, inviting them to social activities, offering practical advice, or providing specialist end of life care.

Hospices are surprisingly hope-filled and life affirming places where everyone matters and everyone receives the most loving and kind care.

The support people receive is tailored to their individual needs and preferences. All of the care that Hospice provides is free of charge to those they care for. But providing it is very costly.

Exeter Hospice believes in supporting the whole person – and those who love them. Their aim is to enable people to feel less stressed and more in control, so that they can enjoy each day. Because every day matters.

Exeter Hospice provides a range of services:-

Support at home

Support Helpline

Managing

Symptoms

Short stay specialist
ward

Spiritual Care

Specialist Dementia Support

Care Navigators

Support for Friends and Families

“Nothing was too much trouble... My dad was always treated with dignity and respect and staff made a real effort to get to know him. They ensured that his last days were peaceful and comfortable and allowed us to spend as much time as possible with him.”



Hospiscare
Caring in the heart of Devon

ART EXHIBITION
by
Anne Empson at home
Friday & Saturday
5th & 6th June
Fairfield Lodge
Fairfield Road
Exmouth
EX8 2BL
10am till 7pm
Come and enjoy friendship,
refreshments and artwork
Proceeds to Glenorchy Mission Fund
Bus 99 or 157 from town or
5 minutes walk from
seafront via Carlton Hill

Summer Mission Concert
Saturday 20th June 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

This year we holding our Mission Concert in the afternoon as many of us prefer not to go out in the evening so please come and support this event. It will be a lovely afternoon listening to outstanding musical talent with light refreshments in the interval and you will help raise funds for our Mission work.

Tim Laurence-Othen, pianist and Iryna Ilnytska, mezzo soprano have very kindly agreed to give up their Saturday afternoon to come and perform for us.

They are both very accomplished entertainers and we are grateful to them.

Our chosen Charity partners for this year are:-

Exeter Hospice,

Devon Freewheelers (Blood Bikes)

Rehoboth in Zimbabwe offering a loving home to orphaned and abandoned children.

Do join us. Tickets are **£8.00** including light refreshments, from members of the Mission Committee or on the door.

Glenorchy Church Exmouth

Summertime



Special Concert

Saturday 20th June at

2.30pm

**with Tim Laurence-Other on piano
and Mezzo Soprano Iryna Ilnytska**

Admission £8

all of which will benefit

Glenorchy's 2026 Mission Partners

Exeter Hospice

Devon Freewheelers (Blood Bikes)

and the Rehoboth Community

in Zimbabwe

Favourite Readings Afternoon for Mission Funds

Poetry or Prose

Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 2.30 p.m. in the Hall.

Your Mission Committee are holding another afternoon where you can bring your friends to share together readings of favourite poems or prose. All are welcome.

The theme this year is **The Seaside** but you may still read your own choice if you wish.

When you buy your ticket you will be given a slip on which to enter your name and the title of your chosen poem or reading. This is important for the smooth running of the afternoon and will ensure there are no duplicate readings.

Please return the slips to Angela by **Sunday 12th July**.

All are welcome to take part but please keep your reading to a **maximum of 4 minutes**.

There will be a lovely selection of cakes to enjoy afterwards with tea or coffee.

Tickets £5.00, as last year, from members of the Mission Committee.

Please support this event.

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Reminiscences from Mary Bennett.

In 1940, when I was six years old, I was sent to the Orthopaedic Hospital, because I couldn't sit still or stand properly. The result from the lovely Canadian doctor was "Do ballet". WOW! My life changed. I had a purpose. I can remember dancing at the Civic Hall, before the blitz, in Exeter, entertaining the American troops, and also at Cover House , now County Hall.

When I was fifteen my mother said I was too old for ballet, so I changed to ballroom. Great. Now grown up, during classes I met a lad whose mother taught classes at Pinhoe youth club, so along I went to help! Gerry turned up with a friend to learn, and I was his chosen teacher. We obviously hit it off, so I was persuaded to try his hobby, road cycling. Great. No bike, so I used his younger brother's racing bike. I had two hobbies.

Life goes on. In 1951 we got together again, after his National Service. We married and moved to Cornwall. We had two little boys. Cycling had to stop, and ballroom was no longer fashionable, so I trained with the Keep Fit Association and got my Diploma. Also, a surprise beautiful daughter.



With a job move for Gerry, we moved to Clyst St Mary. I joined the W.I. There were a lot of young members, as well as the older villagers. They wanted Keep Fit classes. I worked for East Devon Further Education, doing classes in Clyst St Mary, Clyst St George, Broadclyst, Whimble, Exmouth and Budleigh. We had a display team of about 12, and performed at many local fetes. I did my final class at Budleigh in 1990.

Time for retirement and adventures. We moved to Talaton. Doing the Historic Churches bike ride, we stopped at Glenorchy. Amazing reception, drinks and food, and met Jenny. She probably doesn't remember! So, on moving to Exmouth, Glenorchy became our chosen place of worship. Very Happy. After working with a physio, I can now help others with "Chairacise".

Mary Bennett

I hope Mary's interesting story will be followed by others in future editions. If you'd like to contribute an article, please contact me to offer.

Peter Johnstone



The charity Christian Response to Eastern Europe have sent 4 large trucks to Moldova or Ukraine this year, thanks to your generosity in donating items, of clothing, for adults and children, curtains and bedding, toiletries and towels. Bikes & scooters are also taken,

if there is room on the truck.

The Warehouse in Spiders Lane, is open on Wednesday 3rd June 10am-3pm and Saturday 20th 10am-1pm and on Wednesday 1st July 10am-3pm and Saturday 18th 10am-1pm. I am usually able to collect donations on the Tuesday for Wednesday or Thursday or Friday for Saturday. Monetary donations are welcome to help towards the cost of transport and other expenses. All people involved with the charity volunteer their services.

Thank you for your support.

Jenny Newman



Exmouth Food Bank offers to supply food to families and people in need including rough sleepers. Emergency bags of food are available for out-of-hours need, including one in Glenorchy

Church. Donations of food can be made in the main supermarkets, Tesco and Co-op or in the donation box by the entrance or monetary donations in the green box by the front door. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR

June

Wednesday 3rd

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 4th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 5th

10.15 Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 6th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 7th

10.30am Family Service

and Holy Communion

Revd Janine Atkinson

Gift Day

Wednesday 10th

9.45am Art Group

10.30am Mission Committee

Thursday 11th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 12th

10.15 Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 13th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 14th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Barbara Bennett

Tuesday 16th

10.00am Job Café Steering
Group

Wednesday 17th

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 18th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 19th

10.15 Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 20th

9.45am Coffee Morning

2.30pm Missions Concert

Sunday 21st

10.30am Family Service

Revd Patrick Henderson

June

Tuesday 23rd

2.00pm Glenorchy Crafters

Wednesday 24th

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 25th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 26th

10.15 Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 27th

9.45am Coffee Morning

7.00pm Bible Society

Concert in Exmouth Chapel

Sunday 28th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Ruth Dillon

July

Wednesday 1st

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 2nd

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 3rd

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 4th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 5th

10.30am Family Service
and Holy Communion

Revd Janine Atkinson

Tuesday 7th

2.00pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday 8th

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 9th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 10th

7.00pm Table Tennis

July

Saturday 11th

9.45am Coffee Morning
with Missions stalls

Sunday 12th

10.30am Family Service
Revd Michael Diffey

Wednesday 15th

9.30am Art Group
2.30pm Missions
Favourite Readings

Thursday 16th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 17th

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 16th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 19th

10.30am Family Service
Revd Janine Atkinson
11.30am Church Meeting

Wednesday 22nd

9.30 Art Group

Thursday 23rd

9.15am Job Café

Friday 24th

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

9.30am Art Group

Thursday 30th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 31st

7.00pm Table Tennis

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