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Editor's note: The next *Review* will be for October / November 2026. Items for inclusion need to be sent by 8th September 2026 to the email address below.

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Worship in August

Sunday 2nd	Revd Rosemary Solomon	Communion
Sunday 9th	Revd Barbara Bennett	
Sunday 16th	Revd Patrick Henderson	
Sunday 23rd	Revd Barbara Bennett	
Sunday 30th	Revd Peter Brain	

Worship in September

Sunday 6th	Revd Barbara Bennett	Communion
Sunday 13th	Revd Barbara Bennett	
Sunday 20th	Revd Peter Brain	
Sunday 27th	Revd Michael Diffey	

(Note: Changes to the above may occur.)

Our Minister, Rev'd Janine Atkinson, has been unwell and unavailable to lead services and carry out other duties for two months.

Please remember Janine and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

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

This email address is regularly monitored.

A message for the summer season from Rev'd Peter Brain.

Unlike my usual feelings when I lived in London or Manchester, I do not get annoyed to be stuck in a line of traffic in Exmouth! I know that every traffic queue means more custom for the holiday and leisure-related traders in the town. Now we are into the main holiday season, a reflection of work patterns across the country. A long 'summer' holiday was the tradition of the legal and educational establishments, though these days workers have much more flexible arrangements and of course more money to go abroad. Back in the day, e.g. between the wars, a fortnight in July or August meant that the whole town just decamped to Blackpool and everything closed.

Some churches also closed when the town closed. It was of course different in the big cities. The church where I was minister in inner-city Liverpool changed its style quite radically but certainly did not close. Now all the energy went into running a holiday playscheme over 4 or 5 weeks, after which we all needed a holiday. Whether this counted as Christian witness can be discussed; I think it did. There were plenty of appreciative comments from the locals who got the message that we were there for them, as much as for the Sunday congregation who mostly lived at a distance. How do you measure that? God knows. But a welcome is what Jesus would offer.

Now in this 'holiday town' hospitality is the main 'industry', 52 weeks a year, but mostly in the summer. Our calling is to offer a welcome and a friendly atmosphere.

To coin a phrase (!) 'Let no-one feel they are a stranger'.

Peter Brain

News of the Church Family

Linda Meikle is in hospital following a stroke, no visiting at present.
David Warner is in hospital following surgery on his shoulder.
Ian White is now home following a stroke.
Eve Conner is struggling to cope at home.
Please remember these people and other Church Friends and Members in your prayers.

Elders

At the May Annual Church Meeting Jean Curl stood down after serving for 6 years.

John Greenslade and Sheila Johnstone also stood down, for health reasons.

Since May we have had only one serving Elder, Jenny Newman.

Church Choir

There will be practices at 3.00 p.m. on Fridays 11th and 18th September to prepare for Harvest Sunday, 4th October.

If you enjoy singing please come and join us !

Peter Johnstone

Lady Glenorchy



The Founder of our church made an unexpected appearance on the BBC1 programme “Fake or Fortune” on 23rd July, which was investigating the painter of a picture of an Indian Princess.

The painter was thought to be the Scottish artist Catharine Read, who is known to have painted this picture of Lady Glenorchy around the time of her marriage to John Campbell, Lord Glenorchy in 1761.

The Lady Glenorchy picture is in the McManus Art Gallery in Dundee and the paint used in the two pictures was compared and found to match.

Lady Glenorchy began founding churches after her husband died in 1771 and that continued until her own death in 1786, aged 44.

These churches included our own here in Exmouth, a large one in Edinburgh and a chapel at Cromford, near Matlock, which was originally a house for an employee of industrialist Richard Arkwright. Lady Glenorchy bought it for use as an independent chapel. Both these other churches have been demolished.

Peter Johnstone

The Derbyshire village of Cromford is familiar to Sheila and I because we used to stay in a Christian hotel called “Willersley”, which is at Cromford. The hotel was being built for Arkwright’s home when he died. It is now used as a privately owned activity centre.

Hot and Dry

There were many wild fires in Britain but the one around Nethy Bridge in the Cairngorms received the most publicity. Much worse were fires in France and Spain. In those two countries around half a million people had to leave their homes for their own safety. Less reported were fires in other parts of Europe.

In the last edition I recommended taking up an offer of a free viewing of “The People’s Emergency Briefing” at the cinema on 18th June. Nobody spoke to me about that but I hope that you do have a feel of urgency about the climate.

A preacher in our church in July said in her sermon “We know what we ought to do about the climate, and we do not do it.”

Let us pray that God will give us the strength and courage to
acknowledge this and to respond. *Peter Johnstone*

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Organ Music

I will be continuing to play special organ pieces after morning services. In August last year, I played a piece which has become known as “The Scottish Anthem”. It was written for the bagpipes but is the tune is well suited to other instruments—particularly wind instruments like the organ.

I will be playing “Highland Cathedral” after the service on Sunday 9th August.

On Sunday 6th September I will play a piece which was a favourite of David Lee, our previous organist, called “Tuba Tune” by Gordon Lang.

Peter Johnstone

Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts

We are in our summer break from the 12.30 Lunchtime Concerts.

Weekly concerts will begin again on Wednesday 7th October with a Concert given by Nigel and Tina Guthrie on the organ, piano and flute. They are, like all our players, fine musicians—so don’t miss the opportunity to hear them !

For our full Autumn programme, watch out for the poster which will be on our outside church notice board at the beginning of September.



The CR2EE Warehouse in Spiders Lane will be open on **Wednesday 5th August 10am-2pm and Saturday 15th August 10am-1pm. Wednesday 2nd September 10am-2pm and Saturday 19th September 10am-1pm**

Jenny can pick up items the day before. Always needed are bedding and clothing. A truck was loaded on Thursday 16th July. The charity have already sent 6 trucks this year to Moldova or Ukraine. Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to provide a shoe box for child or an adult, please speak to Jenny or Sheila J. Jenny can provide an empty shoe box.

Harvest Donations.



All the donations for the Harvest display will be going to the Food Bank. Tins and packets containing Fruit, Vegetables, Cereals, Tinned Meat and Fish, Soups, Squash, Coffee & Tea and Long Life Milk will be welcome. A small amount of fresh fruit will be welcome as it can be distributed the following Tuesday.

Setting up the display will be on Saturday 3rd October in the church from 10am.



Christian Aid in May. The Church envelope collection raised £351 and the Coffee Morning raised £218.44. Thank you to all who supported the event.

Book the date now of the Christian Aid Rainbow Fair in Glenorchy Hall on Saturday 10th October. Our colour this year is yellow and orange. There will be a box in the Vestibule from September onwards for your yellow and orange donations.

Anything with those colours will be acceptable.

CALENDAR

August

Saturday 1st

9.45 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 2nd

10.30 am Family Service

With Holy Communion

Revd Rosemary Solomon

Friday 7th

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 8th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 9th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Barbara Bennett

Friday 14th

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 15th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 16th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Patrick Henderson

Thursday 20th

10.00 am Showing of

'People's Emergency Briefing'

in Holy Trinity Church

Friday 21st

7.00 pm Table Tennis

Saturday 22nd

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 23rd

10.30am Family Service

Revd Barbara Bennett

Tuesday 25th

2.00 pm Glenorchy Crafters

Friday 28th

7.00 Table Tennis

Saturday 29th

9.45 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 30th

10.30 am Commitment for Life Service.

Revd Peter Brain

3.00 pm Songs of Praise

Strand Gardens

September

Wednesday 2nd

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 3rd

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 4th

10.15am Chairacise

3.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 5th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 6th

10.30am Family Service

and Holy Communion

Revd Barbara Bennett

Wednesday 9th

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 10th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 11th

10.15am Chairacise

3.00 pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Table Tennis

September

Saturday 12th

9.45am Coffee Morning

12 .00 to 4.00 pm

Orcombe Point.

Beach Labyrinth.

Sunday 13th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Barbara Bennett

Tuesday 15th

10.30 am Job Café

Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday 16th

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 17th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 18th

10.15am Chairacise

3.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 19th

9.45am Coffee Morning

September

Sunday 20th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Peter Brain

11.30am Church Meeting

Tuesday 22nd

2.00 Glenorchy Crafters

Wednesday 23rd

9.45am Art Group

Thursday 24th

9.15am Job Cafe

Friday 25th

10.15am Chairacise

7.00pm Table Tennis

Saturday 26th

9.45am Coffee Morning

Sunday 27th

10.30am Family Service

Revd Michael Diffey

Wednesday 30th

9.45 am Art Group

October

Saturday 3rd

10.00 am Decorating the Church for Harvest.

Sunday 4th

10.30am Harvest Service

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