





# EXMOUTH CHAPEL

Registered Charity No. 1169494

## **Trustees Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

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## 1. Reference and Administration details.

Charity Name	Exmouth Chapel
Registered Charity Number	1169494
Principal Address	Exmouth Chapel 17-19 Exeter Road Exmouth EX8 1PN

Charity trustees who manage the Charity (as at 31/8/23)

Mr Alfred Tarring	Chairman
Mrs Diana Corrick	Secretary
Mr Brian Bibey	
Mr Matthew Pitts	

## 2. Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	CIO - Foundation
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection method	Appointed by current trustees

The Chapel is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which was entered on the Register of Charities on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity and meet every six months or more often if required, although this had to be curtailed by sickness of some of the trustees. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The day to day running of the charity is undertaken by the deacons of Exmouth Chapel, and we are very grateful to the support given by an enthusiastic band of Chapel members. The Elders are responsible for the spiritual direction of the Chapel and meet together once a month.

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces, and are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand to manage the risks that have been identified. Insurance cover is in place. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) checks, supported by regular reviewed policies are made for those who work with children or other vulnerable groups within the Chapel.

As Trustees we are confident that we provide a safe and trusted environment for our staff, volunteers and members of the public. As an organisation we ensure that staff and volunteers including Trustees, are aware that Safeguarding is a priority. Our policies and procedures are robust and are reviewed annually. Should an incident be reported the staff are fully aware of the steps and reporting procedures to follow.

In view of the health and age of the current Trustees it is our intention to appoint new Trustees over the coming year.

### **3. Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the charity as set out in the CIO are summarised as follows:

- 1) To worship and serve God
- 2) To advance for the public benefit the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of belief appearing in the schedule in Exmouth and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit.

#### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered the requirements to be of benefit to the public as required by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that the activities listed below, which are attended by members of the public as well as Chapel members, meet those requirements.

- Sunday Christian services with provision for adults and young people
- mid- week prayer and Bible teaching meetings and house-groups
- fortnightly coffee and activity mornings
- weekly meetings for ladies
- weekly toddlers group
- youth clubs
- courses for specific groups as required. (e.g. Basic Christianity, parenting courses and sessions for vulnerable families)
- weddings, funerals, adult baptism and dedication services

We also

- aid Christian organisations and individuals at home and abroad practically and/or financially.
- provide food for a local food bank, and kitchen facilities to refugees from Afghanistan
- visit the sick bringing practical, emotional and spiritual support
- provide a safe, child friendly environment for children and young people to play, talk and learn about Jesus. Welcoming so called 'problem families' with an open heart and mentoring them.

## 4. Achievements and performance

Our worship, work and witness has continued throughout the year and has now returned to near normality following covid-19. Our congregational numbers were reduced as a result of the lockdown, but we have been encouraged to see these gradually increasing Sunday by Sunday. Although numbers at our Communion service on Sunday afternoons are smaller than in the morning, about a third of the congregation is different from the morning. The All-Age service held once a month has also brought in families who do not attend other services.

We have also been encouraged by the numbers attending our weekday services and activities. The less formal 'Thursday@Chapel' has continued to be popular, and, again, there are those who attend who do not come to other services. The ladies have continued their 'Get-together' once a week. We are well blessed to have an active and loyal band of helpers who maintain our youth activities, which includes the Sunday, Explore, and Regenerate Clubs together with a toddler group. House groups have continued to thrive and have provided a time and place for fellowship and bible study.

We have repeated our Church Weekend as the challenging ministry has proved very beneficial. The younger men have enjoyed a weekend away at Bernard's Acre and the young people enjoyed a weekend at SPREE.

A few of our faithful, elderly members have passed away, but, we have been pleased to welcome some new members, including families. We have also been pleased to provide both spiritual and practical help to several immigrants from Syria and Afghanistan who have been staying in the town.

We have continued to be blessed by the help of Simon Sweeney who is our full-time paid elder: he is experienced and qualified as a church leader and we have greatly benefitted from his ministry and leadership over the year. Mrs Chrissie Mulindabigwi has continued as our Family & Youth Worker and has provided efficient and helpful leadership with our work amongst the young people and with parents who have benefitted with help and guidance in bringing up their families.

The Chapel has continued its interest in mission overseas, and Chapel members have an active role in supporting Christian work in Zambia, Rwanda and with relief to Ukraine which included a visit by Simon. We also prayerfully and financially support many other Christian organisations and missionaries.

We are grateful for God's continuing faithful help during this year and we are confident in the hope and expectation that the Church being well equipped will go forward, and to make good progress in the future months.

## 5. Financial review

The accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 were subject to an independent examination by Tim Davies and have been approved by the trustees. They are openly available to the Chapel leaders and congregation.

The Income for the Chapel comes almost exclusively from freewill offerings at the Chapel and the income for the year was £87,511. This is a 3% increase over the previous year, which in the light of the difficult cost of living increases, has again displayed the generous giving of the congregation. Our giving to outreach and mission has reduced somewhat (18%) but our overall expenditure has increased by £5,057 (5.6%) due mainly to the repainting of the building and to increased staff costs. We have seen a reduction in our bank balances, but this is well within our budgeted target. We have continued to employ 2 paid staff, and it is planned to continue with this position for at least the next 12 months.

We are grateful to God for His faithfulness to us, and we are dependent on the generosity of those committed to the work of the Chapel, to whom we are also grateful.

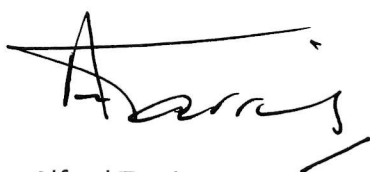
The church building is owned by a separate Trust and is made available to Exmouth Chapel free of charge. Exmouth Chapel is responsible for the upkeep of the property.

### Reserves Policy

The trustees seek to maintain a reserve of funds equivalent to three months typical expenditure. In view of the age of our building we also seek to maintain a minimum of £5,000 to cover any unexpected property related expenditure. Our reserves are currently greater than our current policy in view of the higher-than-normal salary costs.

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.



Alfred Tarring  
(Trustee)



Matt Pitts  
(Trustee)

19<sup>th</sup> May 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

EXMOUTH CHAPEL

No (if any)  
1169494

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/09/2022

To

Period end date  
31/08/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & Legacies	73,562	14,381	-	87,943	85,748
Charitable Activities	1,552	-	-	1,552	1,708
Investments (Interest)	413	-	-	413	55
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>75,527</b>	<b>14,381</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,908</b>	<b>87,511</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>75,527</b>	<b>14,381</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,908</b>	<b>87,511</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations	4,421	15,007	-	19,428	23,695
Staffing costs	53,451	-	-	53,451	50,157
Building Maintenance	8,051	-	-	8,051	2,695
Light, heating, water, telephone	3,792	-	-	3,792	3,064
Insurance	2,637	-	-	2,637	2,355
Other Charitable Activities	7,473	-	-	7,473	7,809
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Support	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>79,825</b>	<b>15,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,832</b>	<b>89,775</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>79,825</b>	<b>15,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,832</b>	<b>89,775</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,298</b>	<b>- 626</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,924</b>	<b>- 2,264</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>35,883</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,509</b>	<b>38,773</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>31,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,585</b>	<b>36,509</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balances	31,531	-	-
	Cash	54	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>31,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

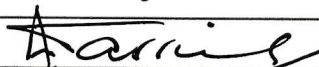
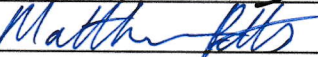
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alfred Tarring	19/05/2024
	Matthew Pitts	19/05/2024





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Exmouth Chapel

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1169494

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/07/2023**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below\*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

*Tim Davies*

Date:

*14<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

Name:

*TIM DAVIES*

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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