




# EXMOUTH CHAPEL

Registered Charity No. 1169494

## **Trustees Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

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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 31/8/24)<sup>1</sup>

Mr Matthew Pitts	Chairman
Mr Alfred Tarring	

## 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.

<sup>1</sup> *Due to ill health and time commitments Brian Bibey and Diana Corrick stepped down from their roles during this year (December 2023). Three members of the congregation have been appointed as trustees, although this took place after the end of the financial year.*

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.

### 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, particularly on food preparation)
- 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 people from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds, with an open heart and mentoring as they request it.

## 4. Achievements and performance

We have been greatly encouraged this year by the ongoing life and witness of Exmouth Chapel. It has been a joy to welcome a number of new attendees, including families, and to see continued engagement in our events and missional activities. We were particularly delighted to host a baptismal service in July for one of our new members — a joyful and significant occasion for our fellowship.

Some visitors have come from the local community, having grown up in Exmouth, others have joined us from overseas having moved to the UK for work, or have gained refugee status. We have sought to ensure all are warmly included. The number of visitors attending the chapel has been another great encouragement to us.

We have seen steady participation in our weekday services and activities. Our less formal midweek gathering, Thursdays@TheChapel, remains popular — drawing in people who may not attend other services. The weekly Ladies' Get-Together continues faithfully, and we are especially thankful for the loyal team of volunteers who sustain our youth ministry. This includes the Sunday Club, Explore, Regenerate, and a toddler group. House groups remain a thriving part of church life, providing space for fellowship and Bible study.

Seasonal events such as Christmas and Easter have again offered valuable opportunities to share the hope of Jesus Christ with our wider community. These included well-attended carol services, family nativities, and joint Easter events with our brothers and sisters at Christ Church Exmouth.

Our annual Church Weekend continues to be a highlight and was once again led by Paul Cooke (France Mission and Belmont Chapel). This year's theme — The Mission of the Church — proved both timely and beneficial, reinforcing our focus on being a witnessing church. The younger men enjoyed a weekend away at Bernard's Acre, and the young people had a great time at SPREE, a youth camping event run by Southwest Youth Ministries (SWYM), generously supported by donations from church members. Our youth clubs also had the opportunity to visit Heatree House for an activity-packed weekend, made possible by the generous giving of a specific donor.

Our commitment to mission remains strong. Members of the Chapel actively support Christian work in Zambia, Rwanda, and conflict-affected parts of Europe. We also continue to prayerfully and financially support many other Christian organisations and missionaries working around the world.

We remain deeply thankful for the ministry of Simon Sweeney, our full-time paid elder, whose experience and leadership have been a great blessing. Mrs Chrissie Mulindabigwi continues as our Family & Youth Worker and has provided energetic and effective leadership, especially among young people and in offering guidance to parents.

As part of our commitment to safe and effective ministry, safeguarding training is carried out annually, led by our Safeguarding Lead and Chair of Trustees, Matthew Pitts. Food hygiene

training is delivered on a two-year cycle to ensure best practice across our hospitality and youth ministries.

Since August 2024, we have had to relocate our services due to safety concerns with the ceiling in the main hall — identified during an upgrade to our audio-visual system. While the building is held under a separate trusteeship, one of our deacons, John Wright, has overseen the redevelopment project on our behalf and further details will be included in next year's report. In the meantime, we are using another church building when available in the afternoon. Encouragingly, this change has enabled morning and evening congregants to gather as one body, and attendance has remained steady.

With confidence in God's continued guidance, we look ahead with expectation and faith, trusting that our worship, work, and witness will remain fruitful in the months to come.

## 5. Financial review

The accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 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 £92,994. 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 (15%) and our overall expenditure has also somewhat reduced by £1,910 (2%) due mainly to the repainting of the building in the previous year. By using a previous legacy we had budgeted for a reduction in our bank balances, but a further legacy of £15,000 has been received during the year, and the balances have remained constant.

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 Western Counties and South Wales Evangelization 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.

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Alfred Tarring  
(Trustee)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Matt Pitts', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Matt Pitts  
(Trustee)

4<sup>th</sup> June 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	EXMOUTH CHAPEL	1169494
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2023	To	Period end date 31/08/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & Legacies	75,887	13,925	-	89,812	87,943
Charitable Activities	2,194	-	-	2,194	1,552
Investments (Interest)	988	-	-	988	413
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>79,069</b>	<b>13,925</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,994</b>	<b>89,908</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>79,069</b>	<b>13,925</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,994</b>	<b>89,908</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations	3,656	12,925	-	16,581	19,428
Staffing Costs	56,074	-	-	56,074	53,451
Building Maintenance	1,632	-	-	1,632	8,051
Light, heating, water, telephone	5,111	-	-	5,111	3,792
Insurance	2,954	-	-	2,954	2,637
Other Charitable Activities	10,572	-	-	10,572	7,473
Raising Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Support	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>79,999</b>	<b>12,925</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,924</b>	<b>94,832</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>79,999</b>	<b>12,925</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,924</b>	<b>94,832</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 930</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>- 4,924</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>31,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,585</b>	<b>36,509</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>30,655</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,655</b>	<b>31,585</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	30,552	1,000	-
	Cash	103	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>30,655</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


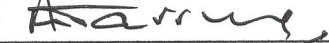
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

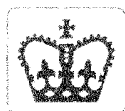
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
	Matthew Pitts	4/6/25
	Alfred Tarring	4/6/25





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 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1169494

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity  
("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2024**

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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  
all 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 in connection with the examination (~~other than that  
disclosed below~~\*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material  
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of  
the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning  
the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and  
Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts  
give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an  
independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection  
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

12-2-2025

Name:

Tim Davies

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

AAT Membership ID : 20319318

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