



Hope (Church) Exmouth Annual Report for Year 1st May 23 to 30th April 24

Hope Church has continued to meet and serve its members and the local community.

As a CIO it has continued with the 4 trustees – Peter Chalkley (Chair), Robert Ferns, Ian Jukes and Mark Reynolds. Of those, Mark Reynolds and Ian Jukes are also elders, responsible for the spiritual leadership of the church. Neither receives remuneration from the CIO.

We employ a part time administrator for 16 hours per week.

The trustees have met regularly through the year and are involved in ensuring payments are made within agreed budgets. Day to day running expenses are budgeted for and monitored regularly. Commitments are only made after full discussion as to their implications and risks.

We continue to see church members being generous in giving regularly and, not having a paid church leader, we utilise the saving made to enhance the support we give to vulnerable and financially challenged families in our community. We have also supported families in a local primary school when they were unable to afford school trip costs.

We continue to financially support a church in Lesotho and will review this again next year. This is seen as a variable outgoing depending on exchange rates.

We continue to own and operate The Old Gospel Hall.

Hope Church is part of "Commission" in the New Frontiers family of churches. This gives a wider context for decision making and accountability. We give monthly into their costs.

Trustees responsibilities.


1. They meet our objectives by meeting to wait on God to oversee use of available resources
2. Banking controls: All transactions, online or cheques, require dual authorisation.
3. Internal controls. There is an expenses monitoring process. Financial controls are discussed with the trustees and carried out by the treasurer. We have no investments or grants. The leadership team seeks to act in unity on spiritual policy and financial matters.
4. Safeguarding. We have a policy in place and all necessary checks are done.
5. Major risks other than financial are assisted by our relationship with our regional apostolic input.

Signed

Date

4.11.24

Peter Chalkley - Chairman Trustees for Hope Church Exmouth

From: Mark Rich mark@simonamartin.com 
Subject: Hope Church
Date: 9 July 2024 at 09:54
To: Robert Ferns robferns@me.com

MR

Hi Rob,

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Please see below notes made of the accounts for this year and looking back over the comparisons for last year.

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 - Increase in Hall services due to sink and boiler service
 - Significant increase in hall redevelopment is due to damp remedial work
 - Lesotho involvement increase due to polytunnel and immigration system
 - Giving donations increase from last year
 - Increase in salary due to Laura's wage
- There are again some differences in the expense figures from last year but again it is minimal.
- Overall profit is down largely but again this is due to reasons above.

I have attached the examiner's report which will need to be filled when you submit the accounts.

I have also attached our fee note for your attention in due course.

Take Care

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