

The Vision

We are to be living, fertile ground for God to build His kingdom in Exmouth, truly visible as Christ's Church, bearing fruit because we are rooted strongly in God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, and in His living Word. We are to be prayerful, passionate and Holy Spirit-led.

We are to be a distinctive church, part of the Free Church of England family, known for living out the love, grace and peace of God, where the Bible will be clearly preached, the Gospel heard, and Jesus' presence felt.

We will be known to be that **'house of bread'** mentioned in Bryn Franklin's prophesy - one that feeds the town's hungry with Jesus (the bread of life) and confidently **shows God's grace to the people**, serving them **whoever** and **wherever** they are. We will be a church **without limitation or borders**, as we give God a platform to move powerfully in the community.

A church where we can personally, collectively and missionally, **grow, mature and go deeper** in our faith and ministry, led by a strong and **full leadership team** and **by a pastor**, who will be God's man, appointed in God's time.

We will be a praying church - **a house of prayer** - committed to praying together regularly, as a whole body, and giving space to **listen to Him**.

A church of **disciples** - encouraging and building up **each other**, as well as **new believers** and those who are seeking. Responders to outreach will be supported. We aim to accommodate regular baptisms.

A church that equips and disciples **children & young people in Exmouth**, with strong links to the college, schools and other churches in the area - nurturing a thriving and vibrant Christian partnership. We will disciple and raise up future leaders - 'mighty oaks' for God's Kingdom— lead by **a committed children's and youth team and overall leader**.

There will be freedom and space to express our **worship** as the Holy Spirit leads. It will be a 'safe' environment of **Christ-centred expression** where the Holy Spirit can move and speak in tangible ways, for us to respond in our worship. There will be a healthy group of musicians to form a **rota of bands**, and opportunities to conduct worship in **community events**.

We will be a **diverse and welcoming church**, relevant to families; mature Christians, a balance of men and women, where **all are valued and have a role to play**. Holy Spirit-given gifts will be encouraged and nurtured to build each other up, and to minister.

We are to be a **unified** church that **honours each other and puts God first before our own agendas**. There will be no room for pride. **A culture of love, honour, truth and reconciliation**.

We won't pour new wine into old wineskins. We'll think outside the box. We will approach every decision **prayerfully, submitted to God, with an open heart and mind. We will be alive, adaptable and relevant** - so we will make Jesus known in Exmouth in fresher, more accessible ways, to all. We'll embrace new technologies and methods to reach out to the community.

We commit to be a **living, fertile ground for God to build His Kingdom in Exmouth**.

God's will be done.