



ethos statement

The ethos of the **opendoor** centre exmouth is the motivation for all our work – it is the reason why we do what we do. It is to work together to extend Jesus' model of the kingdom of God on earth by living out a lifestyle of love, acceptance, truth, justice, mercy and forgiveness, according to his teaching. We are inspired by the message, life and example of Jesus through which God's unconditional love for all people is expressed. We acknowledge God's revelation in Christ and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord according to the Scriptures.

The relationships between staff and volunteers is the way this ethos is demonstrated and authenticated. It is through these relationships with each other, and those we seek to serve, that we practice our ethos.

Our ethos or motivation, and therefore our relationships, are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ and in his love, which compels us to serve others, putting their needs first, regardless of race, religion, or creed. To this end we aim to discover and follow God's guidance through prayer and study to the glory of the One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In this way, the **opendoor** centre operates on the understanding that our activities are simply an outworking of our faith; that our 'doing' derives directly from our 'being'. There is an essential and indissoluble link between the inner and the outer, the private life and the public face of the **opendoor** centre. The link between who we are and what we do cannot be broken.