

Application for Hope Church Membership

Thank you for expressing interest in becoming a Member of Hope Church.

Applications for Membership at Hope Church are considered if the Applicant has been actively attending church and events for 6 months or more, that they agree to the 4 Membership Conditions and also based on the successful outcome of a Visit from a Church Leader. The 4 Membership Conditions are:

- 1. You have accepted and will continue to follow Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour
- 2. You agree to the Statement of Faith and the Vision.
- 3. You agree to come under the spiritual oversight of the Leadership
- 4. You commit to attend, serve, give and grow

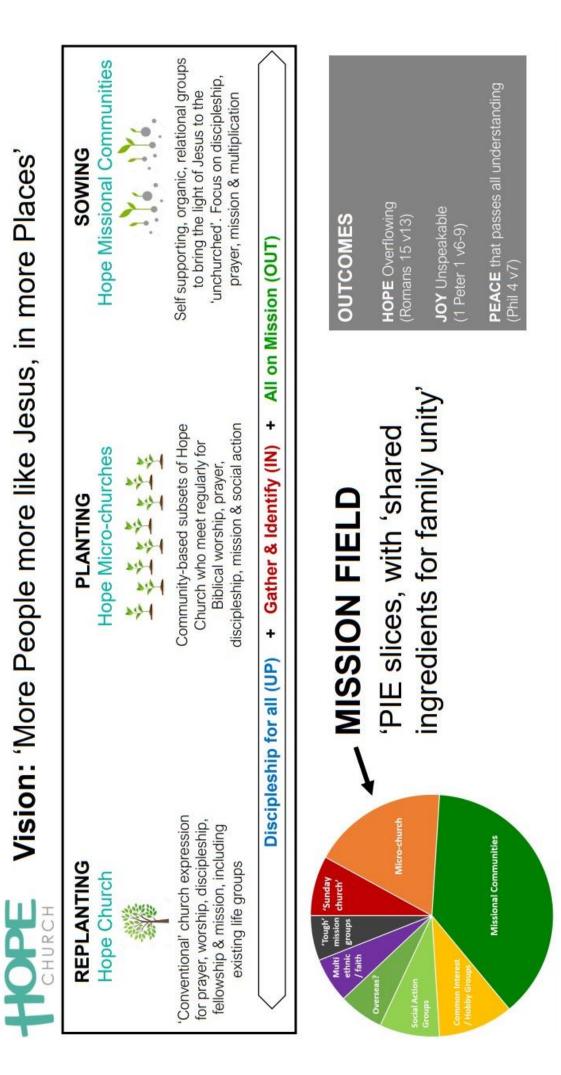
Attached is a copy of the Vision and the Statement of Faith. Please read these thoroughly before the Visit and come prepared with any questions. As part of this Visit we will start by introducing ourselves and asking you to introduce yourself, your life story and most importantly your journey to faith in Jesus Christ.

Attached is also a Membership Declaration Form. You don't need to do anything with this at the moment. If you are accepted into Membership, we will ask you to read, complete and sign this form.

The Membership Visit will take about 2 hours and ideally be at your home, unless there are mitigating circumstances that will not make this possible. We will contact you separately to arrange this for a time that is mutually convenient.

Many thanks for your interest in Membership and we look forward to arranging the Visit and spending time with you to explore this calling.

Grace and peace on behalf of the Hope Leadership Team





Hope Church Statement of Faith

WE BELIEVE in

- 1. The unity of God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons, all equally one God.
- 2. The supreme authority of God in creation, revelation, salvation, restoration and final judgment.
- 3. Jesus Christ as absolutely God and perfectly human; His virgin birth, His perfect life, His death in our place, His bodily resurrection, His elevation to the right hand of God, and His coming again in glory.
- 4. The disobedience and guilt of all people before a holy God, causing people to be separated from Him and subject to His final judgement.
- 5. Jesus Christ's sacrifice in our place, as the sole and sufficient grounds of freedom from the guilt and the power of our disobedience against God, and its eternal consequences.
- 6. God's forgiveness, solely on the basis of His grace and mercy, through faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work on our behalf.
- 7. The Holy Spirit's living presence in every follower of Jesus Christ, teaching us about God and our identity in Him, interceding on our behalf, making us more like Jesus and empowering us to live a Godly life. The Holy Spirit convicting, empowering and equipping us, providing insight for day-to-day living, works of service and bearing good fruit. The Holy Spirit uniting the church as the body of Christ and demonstrating God's healing, restorative and transformative love for the world.
- 8. The divine inspiration and final authority of the Bible as the Word of God in all matters relating to belief, faith and daily living.
- 9. Baptism of Believers, by total immersion, as an outward sign of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
- 10. Regularly celebrating communion through bread and wine to remember Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and our new life in Him.
- 11. The independence of the local church, under the headship of Jesus Christ, and the spiritual authority, integrity and accountability of its servant leaders.
- 12. The encouragement, equipping and releasing of every follower of Jesus Christ in using spiritual gifts for worship, service, ministry, building up of the church body, sharing the Good News about Jesus Christ and advancing the Kingdom of God through the supernatural demonstration of His power.
- 13. Marriage as the union of one man and one woman for life, to the exclusion of all others, and that marriage is the only place for a sexual relationship.
- 14. The future return of Jesus Christ who will judge all people, exercising God's justice, and receiving those He has rescued to live with God forever.

Membership Declaration Form

I agree to the following Membership conditions and wish to become a member of Hope Church

- 1. I have accepted and will continue to follow Jesus as my personal Lord and Saviour
- 2. I agree to the Statement of Faith and the Vision
- 3. I agree to come under the spiritual oversight of the Leadership
- 4. I commit to attend, serve, give and grow

Name:	Signature:	
Date:		

Consent to be added to ChurchSuite

ChurchSuite is the main way that we stay connected to each other. There are options within ChurchSuite that give you control over what details are made visible to others. Everything is only visible to those within the Hope Church. Your details can be removed from ChurchSuite at any time. To do this, contact the Church administrator on <u>hello@hopechurchdawlish.org</u>

YOUR PERS	ONAL DATA			
Title:	First Name:			
Last Name:				
Full Address:				
Home Telephone:	Mobile:			
Email:				
Please tick if you are a Member of Hope Church.				
(Please tick) I consent to having this information stored within ChurchSuite. We'll use this to inform you of anything you are involved in at Hope Church or events happening at the Hope Centre. We won't pass this on to a third party.				
Signature:				