



# MULTIPLYING FAITH

King's Church Finance Report  
March 2020

## January 2020 marked King's 18th Birthday! Happy birthday church!

Over that time God has had us on a journey of multiplication.

King's Church began in 2002 when a dozen people moved to Edinburgh, led by Matt & Ann Clifton Brown, wanting to share the message of God's grace and see a church community established that was relationally attractive and authentic, loving Word and Spirit.

A lot has happened over the last 18 years! That one small group has multiplied to a church with 16 small groups. Our demographics have multiplied across all ages and stages and nationalities. Nations Sunday a few weeks ago was a glorious celebration of what God has done. That church that once met in a home now gathers over two Sunday services in an amazing building God provided along that journey. That one church has multiplied into two churches – having sent 30 of our best to plant King's West Lothian in September 2017. In recent months we've seen a steady stream of people coming to faith in Jesus.

Together we feel God is calling King's Edinburgh to be a church with these unique fingerprints:

## X A Church for ALL

Like the Apostle Paul, we want to become "all things to all people, so that some might be saved" (1 Cor. 9:22). God is calling us to multiply our diversity, to enable us to reach more people with His good news.

## X A Church for ALL EDINBURGH

God is calling us to build a city-wide church with a heart and representation in every locality, every postcode, every school catchment. We see this happening in the next season through many more small groups being multiplied across ALL parts of Edinburgh.

## X A Church where we're ALL IN

Like the early church who "devoted themselves" (Acts 2:42), we see King's inviting those would consider themselves on the fringes into deeper levels of devotion to Jesus and his church, helping people discover and operate in their spiritual gifts so that the mission and work of King's can multiply and grow.

## X A Church where we preach ALL OF THE GOSPEL

We see a church that teaches biblical truth with authority, where the Spirit moves to confirm His word with signs and wonders following. We see a church that multiplies the compassion of Jesus through care for the poor, the elderly, families in need and to our friends, neighbours and families.

## X A Church that sends into ALL THE WORLD

Our vision isn't just to bless and serve our city of Edinburgh, but to multiply the life of King's wherever God will send us, to the ends of Scotland, Europe and the World!

Alongside all our regular activities as a church, in 2019 we were able to make some exciting steps in reaching these objectives:

- We launched King's Kids and invited Rachel Fleming to join our staff team to help us **multiply ministry into our children and King's Kids leaders**.
- We installed disabled access to our main meeting space, so that we can **welcome more people** into our church community.
- We relaunched our Sunday evening service as a "taster" for King's, creating a gathering based around **building relationship, developing leaders, and welcoming new people** in.
- We reorganised our small groups' oversight structure to improve our investment in small group leaders and to **create opportunities to coach and multiply** more small group leaders through the POD training programme.
- We sent Matt and Ann Clifton Brown and a small team to Berlin to **encourage and support the leaders of the New Ground church plant** there. Matt has also been working with our church plant in West Lothian to appoint elders in the next few months.
- We **invested in new and existing leaders**; we transitioned the leadership of 7 teams within King's in 2019! This all sets us up for future growth and multiplication.
- We **served the wider body of Christ in Scotland**; we hosted Together for Scotland, the first gathering of all Newfrontiers churches in Scotland for many years. It was an amazing faith-stirring time.

This report details the breakdown of our income and expenditure for 2019. God has been faithful to meet all our needs according to his glorious riches (Phil. 4:19). As elders and trustees, we're so grateful for the evident grace displayed in King's Church through sacrificial, generous, heart-felt giving. This was especially evidenced in the Special Offering in May 2019. You gave a remarkable £28,227 in one day! By God's grace we've been able to do so much more than we could ask or imagine. Please keep excelling in this wonderful gift. We will never out-give God – He just gives us more and more!

Much love,

Dan & the elders and trustees

## X INCOME £493,279

### Regular giving ("Tithes") £300,311

200 individuals (including married couples) gave regularly to King's in 2019. Our church plant, King's West Lothian, became financially autonomous in January 2019, which meant their donations no longer came through our accounts. Wonderfully, our overall levels of giving still increased during this year!

### Sunday Offerings £10,586

These are the donations received through the offering bags on Sundays.

### Special offerings £64,227

We received a remarkable £29,579 for the Special Offering, which was then split between (a) the Berlin church plant, (b) New Ground, (c) the Open Doors appeal to help persecuted Christians in Sri Lanka, and (d) ongoing disabled access improvements. We received a further £25,000 in donations to our building project fund, a £5,000 donation to help international students facing financial difficulties, £1,500 for Berlin, £884 for the work of Bethany Christian Trust, and £2264 towards vouchers for our Christmas Hampers for Safe Families appeal.

### Gift Aid £79,276

A benefit of being a UK charity is we are allowed to reclaim tax paid by any donors who pay UK income tax. This increases the value of a gift by 25% - please fill in a form if you haven't already done so! Also, please let us know if you no longer pay tax and we will update our records.

### Conferences & Events £20,860

We charge a ticket price for some events, conferences and weekends away that we run. Some of these events were subsidised by King's Church to make them accessible to more people.

### Building Hire £6,590

We received income from community groups using our facilities, including the Chinese Elderly Association, JKS Karate, the Danish-Scottish Society and private hires.

### Other £11,429

We receive a regular contribution from King's West Lothian as Matt CB continues to support them towards establishing their own eldership and becoming an autonomous New Ground Church. We also received nominal amounts of bank interest and other miscellaneous items.

## X EXPENDITURE £470,882

### Staff £219,816

In 2019 our staff team comprised Dan Hudson, Matthew Clifton Brown, Luke Davydaitis, Chris Rawson (full time elders), Ann Clifton Brown (3 days; finance admin.), Karis Cookman (2 days; church admin), Janet Marriott (3 days; Academy, facilities & events), Nathanael Smith (2 days; students), and Gemma Morton (3 days; youth development). George Gibson continued to do graphic design on an ad hoc basis. We reviewed our written staff policies and invested in a simple HR system. We were blessed with volunteer interns Carrie Tench and Ruth Mukonoweshuro. We paid for cleaning and gardening services and occasional caretakers for building hires.

### Staff incidental expenses £3,504

Travel, mileage, parking, coffee bills, books etc. and a staff Christmas meal!

### Staff training and Newground Connections £7,593

We invested in our staff and helped them keep them (and us as a church) well-connected with our family of churches, New Ground, and the wider church in Scotland. This can be costly as the travel distances are often large! Four eldership couples attended the New Ground Together Conference, we sent Matt and Ann to Berlin, we paid Ruth's "Impact" training fees, and enabled staff to attend a variety of other topical and leadership themed conferences.

### Giving away £41,590

Freely we have received, and freely we have given. We gave donations to New Ground (£19,000) for church planting and

apostolic extension, King's West Lothian (£9,993), the Open Doors charity that aids the persecuted church (£7,000), the John 3:16 Trust that supports evangelist Adrian Holloway (£2,160), Edinburgh City Mission (£1200), the Sputnik Creative Arts Hub (£990), Hope Church Borders (£600), Evangelical Alliance (£200), and other (£609). There is a pending gift to the New Ground Berlin Church plant of £7,000, one to Bethany Christian Trust for £885, and miscellaneous pending gifts of £446.

### Evangelism & Social Action £12,656

We invited friends, neighbours, and colleagues to our Big Quiz night and to our Sunday Alpha launch. We welcomed over 600 to our carol services and hundreds to other Christmas events and open homes across Edinburgh. We continued to run Alpha and to roll out the POD (Path of Disciples) programme, which has now been participated in by 100 people in King's and been helpful for many in making first steps in their faith. We cooked and cared for guests of the Bethany Care Shelter. The monthly Evergreen café provided a sociable environment for elderly people in our community to feel support. Hub104 continued to gather teenagers from our community into our building and to form supportive relationships and hear about God's love. Kings Tots continued into its fifth consecutive year under Helen Harris's leadership to help local families feel supported through providing a place to come on a Wednesday morning. We gave away 21 hampers to families in need at Christmas through the Safe Families for Children charity, together with £2,600 in supermarket vouchers. We provided emergency accommodation for individuals who were at risk and without other support.

### Conferences & Events £32,742 (Offset by £20,860 income)

We continued to run our training programme Academy for a total of 40 participants until June. We ran a small group leaders' training day in North Berwick. We hosted "Together for Scotland", which was a Newfrontiers Scotland-wide event. We ran the Freedom in Christ course and a marriage day, and regularly hosted the Edinburgh "Sputnik" creative hub. We ran a youth Connections weekend and took our teens to the Newday youth festival down in Norfolk. We ran a Student and 20s weekend and a Student weekend in 2019. We organised travel to the Ashburnham New Ground event in August and provided meeting and eating space for the Ten8 student outreach week. We also had regular delicious church Sunday lunches and had a week and a half-night of Prayer.

### Other key ministries £6,382

We invested in our kids (£886), youth (£1,173) and university students (£631). Our more Sunday-specific spending included the Worship & Technical (£960), Sunday morning hospitality (£2,676) and Connect (£56) teams. These small amounts don't reflect the massive volunteering effort that makes these and other teams flourish.

### Facilities £48,333

Just like a family home, it costs money to run a busy well-used building. The spending in this area covered utilities (gas, electric, water; £11,323), insurance (£6,373), mortgage payments (£19,490; 155k balance remaining on mortgage), housekeeping (£1,367), and maintenance/health & safety (£9,780).

### Building refurbishment £85,691

Through an amazing combination of professional contractors and King's volunteers we improved the entrance areas and flow of the building and added disabled access to the main auditorium. We relocated the office and created a future space for parents/carers and babies (currently used by the "Heroes" King's Kids group). We upgraded our fire evacuation alarm, and carried out some professional design work for renovating the King's Kids Rooms in 2020.

### Operations and Admin £12,575

We run a crowded and efficient office for our staff and also ensure our church operations are compliant with best practice and the legal requirements such as GDPR and employment and health and safety laws: legal, payroll & accounting (£3,065); office costs, stationery, phones, publicity and software subscriptions (£5,910); media and publicity including website redesign for 2020 (£2,311); bank charges (£1,288).

# JOIN THE MULTIPLYING ADVENTURE

God meets the needs of King's Church through the faithful generosity of his people. He has big plans for us to walk in – to multiply his Kingdom all over the world – all of which will cost money!

He wants you and I to excel in the grace of giving. Perhaps you could prayerfully consider one of these three responses?

## 1. Start to give financially to King's

Perhaps you're new to the church, perhaps you've never got around to it. It's a wonderful faith journey to give money away.

## 2. Increase your giving to King's

Evaluate your giving prayerfully; perhaps you're able to excel a little more.

## 3. Give a lump sum if you're able.

Whatever and however you choose to give, if you're a UK Tax Payer please ensure you complete a Gift Aid declaration if you haven't already (email [ann@kingschurchedinburgh.org](mailto:ann@kingschurchedinburgh.org) for more details).

It also helps us plan, if you're a regular giver, to let Ann know if your circumstances change and you need to adjust your giving or if you stop paying tax on your income.

Our bank details are as follows:

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