

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back;

LENGTHEN your cords,

STRENGTHEN your stakes,

for you will SPREAD OUT

to the right and to the left.  
Isaiah 54:1-4

**King's Church Vision and Finance report 2023**

King’s Church is a family on a mission, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. We’ve loved rediscovering and recalibrating to this calling over this last year.

God is taking us deeper. In the words of CS Lewis let’s go “Further up and Further in” to God’s purposes. In the words of Isaiah the prophet, we sense God leading us to trust his promise of fruitfulness in a barren land and that we, his church, should “**Lengthen, Strengthen and Spread Out**” (Isaiah 54:1-4), not hold back and hibernate!

- As a church family we are **spreading out** into all of Edinburgh and beyond. We would love to see many “Local Expressions” of the mission of King’s, our first being a new Alpha course starting in Granton next month.
- We would love to **spread** the love of Jesus further through helping those in need in our city. This year we are launching a debt advice service in partnership with Community Money Advice.
- We are also **spreading out** in terms of serving the wider church in Scotland, especially our New Ground Hub of three churches, with Dan giving more of his time to serve them.
- We also feel God calling us to prepare to **spread out** in church planting. We don’t know where, when or who (yet), but we are setting aside £10,000 of this year’s budget to contribute to this future need.

To **spread out** and not wear out we must also ensure we keep **strengthening** King’s.

- We are planning to **strengthen** the work we do with children and families on Sundays by employing a King’s Kids facilitator part-time.
- We’re **strengthening** our church family, through time spent at our next King’s Weekend Away (19–21st May).
- We want to keep **strengthening** members of King’s in love of the Word and the Spirit on Sundays and through the Grow Course, equipping people to follow Jesus in a season of many current cultural challenges.

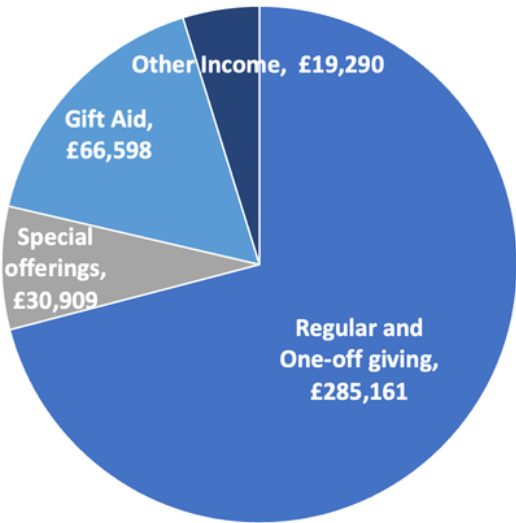
As well as **strengthening** our stakes and **spreading out**, we must also **lengthen** our ropes. **Lengthening** speaks of a stretch of faith. God is calling us to increase in generosity, service and prayer.

- We would love to invite you to pray more! We have a great opportunity to do this on Sundays at 6:30pm.
- We would love to invite you to give more of yourself in generosity and service to Jesus. This **lengthening** and **strengthening** will greatly help us to **spread out** and see Jesus made more famous in our city and region.

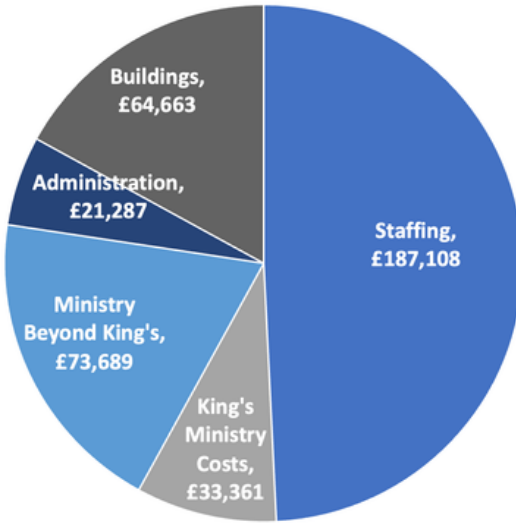
We hope you enjoy reading this finance report. God has been doing wonderful things in and through King’s Church. Thank you for your generosity.

If you have any questions relating to finance or giving please contact Janet Marriott (office), Dan Hudson (elders), or Phil Capon (Trustees).

INCOME £401,958



EXPENDITURE £380,108



# Income

## (£401,958)

### Regular and One-off Giving £285,161

We're so thankful for those who give generously and faithfully to ensure the needs of our growing church family are met.

### Special Offerings £30,909

During 2022 we took up special offerings for Ukraine (Newfrontiers Ukraine crisis fund; £11,706) and a combined Christmas offering for Ukraine, Safe Families for Children UK, Bethany Christian Trust and the Evergreen elderly befriending project (£15,275). (Gift aid, where applicable, was claimed for these amounts and added to the total).

We also received donations for the Barnabas hardship fund (£2,168), Brunsfield Basics Bank (£290) and our building fund (£1,470).

### Gift Aid £66,598

As a registered Scottish charity we are able to reclaim tax paid on donations by UK taxpayers. This effectively increases the value of each donation by 25% at no cost to the giver. If your donations are eligible for Gift Aid, please complete a Gift Aid declaration if you haven't already done so; contact Janet Marriott for more information. (If your circumstances change and you stop paying UK tax, you need to let us know).

### Other Income £19,290

We received income for charged events such as the church weekend away, youth weekend away, Grow (leadership training) course, church lunches, King's Tots etc. We also received sales income for POD booklets from other churches.

We also received rental income from various groups (our building facilitated three other Edinburgh churches gathering last year as venues were less available following Covid).

# Expenditure

## (£380,108)

### Staffing £187,108

Our staff team currently consists of three full-time pastoral staff (Dan, Chris and Luke), Lisa as full-time Church Administrator, Janet as part-time Finance Administrator, Events and Building Manager, and Gemma as part-time Youth Development Worker. We outsourced finance management to Kenny Roy (accountant) and cleaning to Julia Shaw. We plan to enlarge our staff team in 2023 to include a part-time King's Kids Facilitator.

During 2022 we also paid for other services including fundraising (grant applications for building repairs) and video production and graphic design.

### King's Ministry Costs £33,361

So much happens voluntarily in King's thanks to the generosity of so many. These figures don't reflect the full measure of what we do, but we spent the following: Social Action £3,043 (including Hub104 local youth café, Evergreen, Bethany Welcome Centre meals, Adoptive Tots, and set-up costs for the Community Money Advice service); Personal grants from the Barnabas Crisis fund £1,950; Children, youth and students £2,638; Hospitality and travel £5,775; Evangelism £1,255 (Street café, POD, books and resources); Events (e.g. weekends away) and staff/leader training/conferences £19,194.

### Ministry Beyond King's £73,689

We extended our ministry reach through local and global partnerships. We gave to meet the needs of New Ground, our family of churches (£19,400; church planting and apostolic ministry), Welcome Church Berlin (£2,565), John 3:16 Trust (£2,160), Edinburgh City Mission (£1,200), Sputnik Creative Arts (£996), Hope Church Borders (£600), and Friends International (£2,000). We also distributed £4,000 of the Barnabas Crisis fund to support Ukrainian refugees and £1,000 to aid local families struggling with costs of living (via Safe Families).

In addition, we distributed the amounts of special offerings taken during the year (plus Gift Aid): Ukraine (£13,595 in May 2022 and £13,424 in Jan 2023), Safe Families (£4,161), and Bethany Christian Trust (£2,000).

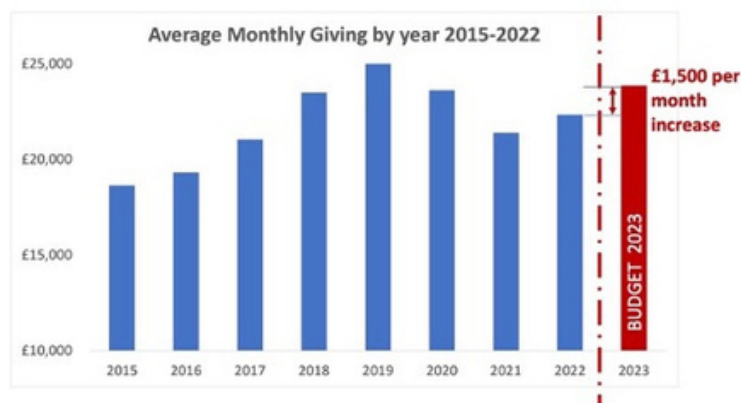
### Administration Costs £21,287

We ensured we met our legal and charitable obligations and admin needs, including audit and accountancy fees, legal fees, bank charges, health and safety certification, IT equipment, software and consumables, licences and subscriptions, training, and office running costs.

### Buildings £64,663

Our building has been a great blessing and well-used! We continued to pay back a mortgage (the amount outstanding is £125,475) and invested into ensuring our facility at Gilmore Place was welcoming and well-maintained. We invested substantially in replacing our building's obsolete heating system and repaving one of the entrance areas (£36,165). Other costs include Insurance (£6,462), mortgage interest (£4,483), utilities (£10,308), and maintenance (£7,235).

# HOW CAN I RESPOND?



As elders and trustees we prepared a budget for 2023 that meets our current needs (allowing for the increase in costs we are all experiencing) but also takes steps into the mission God has called us on together to **Lengthen, Strengthen and Spread Out.**

Across our King's family some of us will be feeling significant financial pressure right now. Please don't feel obliged to give more! As you trust God with your needs, we would also love to invite you to access help from the Barnabas crisis fund if you need (see below).

For others, perhaps you're able to give a little more in this season, or to start giving to King's and partner in the calling God has given us. We would love to see our average monthly giving increase to £23,500 (an increase of about £1,500) to meet the budget we've set).

God will meet all our needs (yours, mine, and those of King's Church) according to his glorious riches. Let's keep our eyes on him, our hearts soft to respond to him, and our hands open to bless others.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### 1. DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK

You can use online banking to set up a Standing Order for a fixed amount every month. This is free of bank charges and really helps us plan ahead.

### 2. THROUGH CHURCHSUITE

If you click on the link at the bottom of the weekly email it will allow you to set up a direct debit for a fixed amount each month. You can cancel this yourself at any time.

### 3. ON SUNDAY AT THE GIVING STATION

We have a self-service giving station available at the back of church, near the Connect Desk, which you can use to make donations via contactless or chip and pin.

## WAYS TO RECEIVE

The Barnabas Crisis Fund is named after Barnabas in the New Testament, who used his money to bless and encourage those in need within the church family. This fund has been created thanks to the generosity of the many "Barnabases" in King's. If you're part of King's and struggling to pay bills or buy food or clothes please get in touch. We typically can make grants of up to £200 and you can apply more than once.

If you are in need, speak to a small group leader or elder, or email [chris@kingschurchedinburgh.org](mailto:chris@kingschurchedinburgh.org).

## OUR BANK DETAILS

**King's Church Edinburgh**

**Sort Code: 83-06-08**

**Account Number: 10863956**

If you need to make a Gift Aid Declaration, or need to let us know if you no longer pay tax, please contact [janet@kingschurchedinburgh.org](mailto:janet@kingschurchedinburgh.org)