

# A planting of the Lord



## for the display of his splendour

ISAIAH 61:3

KING'S CHURCH EDINBURGH  
VISION & FINANCE REPORT 2024



## Welcome to the King's Church Finance Report 2024!

King's Church is a family on a mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We're thankful for all the wonderful progress of the last year and are expectant for more in 2024.

Isaiah 61 gives us a thrilling vision of what God's chosen servant, anointed by the Spirit, will do. The transformation of lives – blind eyes opened, captives set free, and ruined places restored – seeing society changed for the better as a result of God's people and God's presence.

We long to see churches planted. God has prophetically called King's to plant many similar churches across the Lothians and Scotland. This will come about by his Spirit anointing us to share the good news and start new congregations. Excitingly, many new people have started attending King's in the last year. Some new to Edinburgh, some new to Christianity – God is giving us.

We feel that as we keep moving forwards towards planting churches, led by the Spirit, we are to Invite, Invest and Increase.

### 1. Inviting the "Crowd" into the Family

We want to make it easier for newer people in King's to step into this wonderful family. Our Welcome Group is often a place where people start this journey of faith and belonging.

For everyone sitting on the balcony on a Sunday we also want to ensure that it's easy to see, hear and connect by creating a new welcome and giving area.

### 2. Investing in Developing Leaders

For King's to grow healthily and to start new churches we need to invest in leadership development; through coaching, through discipleship and through training (such as the GROW events). We especially see a need to invest in younger leaders. In September we plan to restart our internship programme, for those in their early 20s willing to give a year out for God to serve in King's. We also hope to send a good number to the New Ground Younger Leaders Conference in June 2024. Caring for our existing leaders is also a priority. This summer Dan Hudson will be taking a 3-month sabbatical to rest and recharge.

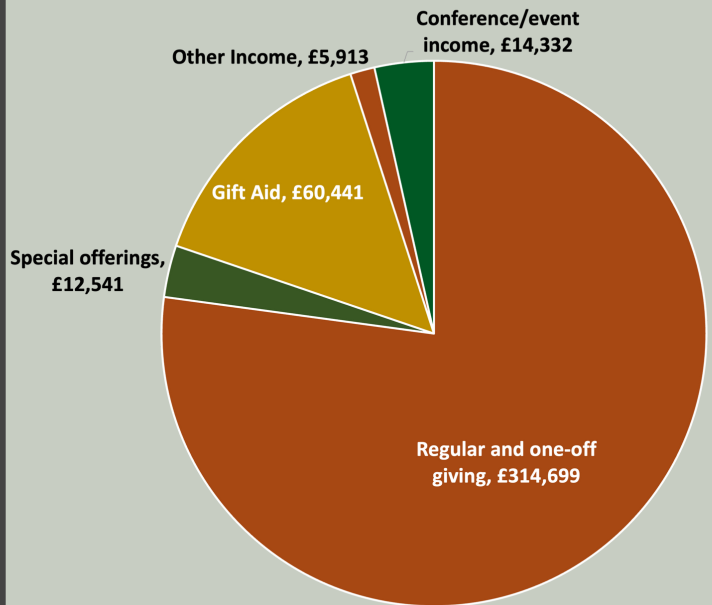
### 3. Increasing in Dependence on God

All our best progress as believers comes when we bring our requests before God and patiently wait for His direction. We want to put increasing value on corporate prayer in a culture where many live busy lives. Small groups now receive monthly updates of shared prayer priorities for our church. We will also continue gathering to pray at 10 on Sunday mornings and on one Sunday evening each month to worship and seek God together.

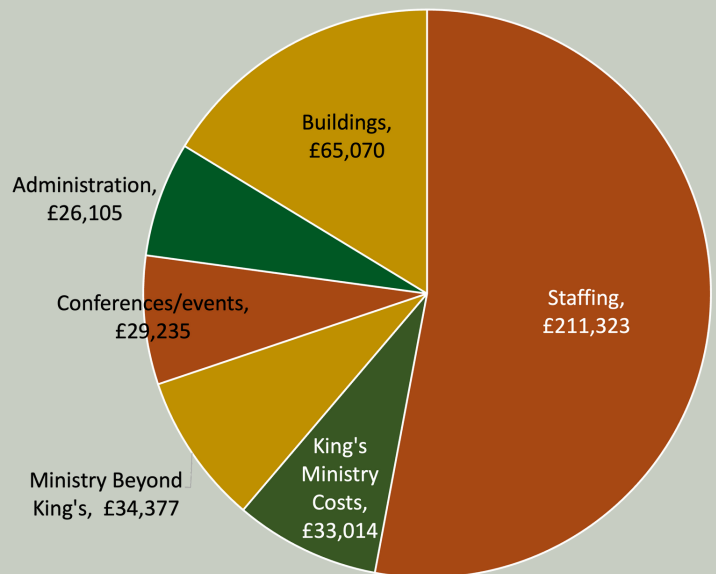
Along with everything else that's happening at King's, all of this is only possible through the financial giving of the many in King's. Thank you so much for your generosity, service and love for the church Jesus is building. There is so much to come! We would love to invite you to partner with us in giving as we move forward this year.

If you have any questions relating to finance please contact Janet Marriott (staff team), Dan Hudson (Elders), or Phil Capon (Trustees).

## INCOME (2023) £407,926



## EXPENDITURE (2023) £399,124



# INCOME £407,926

## Regular and one – off giving £314,699

We're so grateful for the many in King's whose faithful and systematic generosity ensure the needs of this growing church family are met.

## Special offerings £12,541

We received financial gifts for the Barnabas Account (hardship fund), £763, the Building Fund, £1320, Christmas Offerings (supporting Ukrainian refugees and Bethany Christian Trust), £7909, Bruntsfield Basics Bank, £644, New Ground, £660, Turkey – Syria Earthquake Relief £140.

## Gift Aid £60,441

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 declaration form if you haven't already done so. Contact Janet Marriott for more information. (If you stop paying UK tax, please also let us know.)

## Other Income £5,913

We received income for building hire £2,100, the Grow Course, £1,790, Path of Disciples resource development £164 and donations towards various church lunches.

## Conferences and Events £14,332

We received income for tickets sales for events such as the 2023 Church Weekend Away, the Youth Connections Weekend, and Magnitude. This was used to subsidise the operational costs of these events.

# EXPENDITURE £399,124

## Staffing £211,323

Our staff team grew this year to include Joanna Clark as our amazing part-time King's Kids ministry lead. We continued to employ three full time pastoral staff (Dan, Chris and Luke), Lisa as full time Church Administrator, Janet as part-time Finance Administrator and Events/Bookings Manager, and Gemma as part-time Youth Development Worker. We continued to outsource Finance Management to Kenny Roy (accountant) and cleaning to Julia Shaw and Nicola Reid. We also paid for some video production and graphic design for our Christmas events, preaching and teaching resources, and outside signage.

## King's Ministry Costs £33,013

So much happens voluntarily in King's thanks to the generous service of so many. These figures don't represent the fullness of all we do, but we spent the following:

Social Action £5,641 (including the Hub104 youth café, Evergreen, Bethany Welcome Centre meals, Adopted Tots, Community Money Advice service fees), Kids, Youth and Student Ministry £6,332 (we have up to 80 under 18s on a Sunday morning!), Hospitality £1,665, Evangelism £3,540 (Street Café, POD, Share Life course, Try Praying Booklets, Granton Alpha course, Boroughmuir Easter assemblies, North Edinburgh festival outreach). We also made emergency donations of £1,000 from the Barnabas Account to support church members in financial crisis.

## Ministry Beyond King's £34,377

We love extending generosity beyond King's to the Lothians, Scotland and the World. This included the following donations:

New Ground (our family of churches), £6,000, Bethany Christian Trust, £3,513, Newfrontiers Ukraine crisis fund, £3,513, Welcome Church Berlin £2,400, John 3:16 Trust (evangelist Adrian Holloway) £2,160, Friends International, £2,000, Evergreen hampers, £1,659, King's West Lothian £1,500, Hope Church Borders £600, Edinburgh City Mission £1,200, Jubilee+ (social action), £1,020, Sputnik (creative arts), £996, Busy Project, £800, CU mission weeks, £600, Bruntsfield Basics Bank, £619, plus various other gifts.

## Conferences and Events £29,235

Investing in equipping and community is so important. We enjoyed a wonderful church weekend away, and our youth attended the Connections conference and the Magnitude summer festival. We hosted and led six GROW training events. (See the 'income' section for ticket sales against these conferences and events.)

We also put on events for our wider community – the Christmas café and carol service, and Messy Christmas for families with young kids. We paid for various staff and leaders to attend training events and New Ground equipping and prayer events.

We also ran our very first New Ground Scotland Hub elders and wives event and a Scotland Prayer Day.

## Administration Costs £26,105

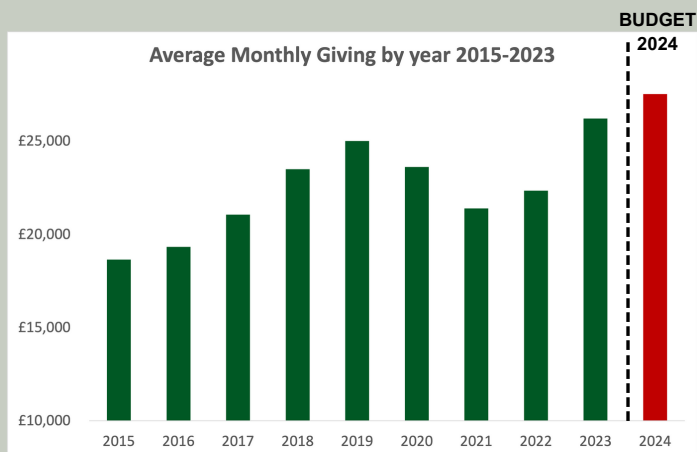
We met our numerous legal and charitable obligations – audit and accountancy fees, legal fees, bank charges, and health and safety certification. We reviewed and invested in training, IT equipment, licenses and subscriptions, software and consumables, and ran an office for seven staff.

## Buildings £65,070

Our building is well used and a great blessing to many people. We continued repayments on our remaining mortgage of £116,167 and spent as follows: repairs & maintenance, £27,828 (including roof repairs to our aging roof, £9,060, and repaving the cracked front steps and paving, £6,924), utilities, £14,494, insurance, £7,080, mortgage interest, £8,196 (80% increase on 2023).



# HOW CAN I RESPOND?



The elders and trustees have prepared a budget for 2024 that meets our current needs (allowing for the cost-inflation we are all experiencing) but also moves us forward in the mission God has called us to. We would like to invite you to be involved!

In a diverse family like King's, some will be feeling significant financial pressure. Please don't feel obliged to give more! As you trust God with your needs we would invite you to access help from the Barnabas account.

For some, perhaps you're able to give a little more, or review your giving to King's. We would love to see our average monthly giving increase by £1,500 to meet the budget we have set.

Thankfully, God will meet all our needs (yours, mine and those of His church) according to His glorious riches (Philippians 4:19). Let's look to Him, keep our hearts soft to Him and allow Him to direct our hands to bless others.

## PARTNER WITH US

You can GIVE financially to King's in 3 ways:

### 1. ONLINE BANKING

You can make a gift or set up a regular payment from your online bank account (see bank details below). This is free of any bank charges and really helps us plan ahead.

### 2. THROUGH CHURCHSUITE

Click the link at the bottom of the weekly news email and it will allow you to make a one-off payment or set up a direct debit instruction that can be easily amended or cancelled.

### 3. ON SUNDAYS AT THE GIVING STATION

We have a contactless machine near the Connect Desk in the church where card and cash donations can be made. You can give by card or cash at the giving station near the connect desk.

## BANK DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME:

**King's Church Edinburgh**

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

**10863956**

SORT CODE:

**83 - 06 - 08**

## NEED FINANCIAL HELP?

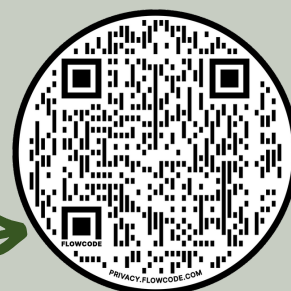
You can receive financial help from the King's "Barnabas Crisis Account". If you're part of King's and struggling to pay bills or buy food or clothes we would love to chat to you.

Typically we can make grants of up to £200 and you can apply more than once if needed. Please speak to a small group leader, member of staff or an elder, or email [chris@kingschurchedinburgh.org](mailto:chris@kingschurchedinburgh.org)

## GIFT AID

You can allow King's to reclaim an extra 25% on your donation at no cost to you. Please complete a Gift Aid Declaration (contact [janet@kingschurchedinburgh.org](mailto:janet@kingschurchedinburgh.org) for more info).

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