



**KING'S
CHURCH**
EDINBURGH

VISION & FINANCE REPORT 2026

KEEP IN STEP

"Since we live by the Spirit let us keep in step with the Spirit"

Galatians 5:25

Welcome to the King's Church Finance Report 2026!

This is an exciting document to read. It shows how faithful God has been in providing for all the needs of King's Church and how He is enabling us to be a blessing from Edinburgh to the Ends of the Earth.

Our vision this year is to "Keep in Step" with what He is doing:

- In step with the Spirit
- In step with one another
- In step with God's mission.

He's calling us to carefully keep going on the mission He's given us to start new church communities across Edinburgh and the Lothians. Each step requires faith, obedience, and courage. Each step requires us to keep focusing on Jesus, loving one another, with the Great Commission at the centre of our gaze.

2026 Priorities:

- King's North Community is gathering 3 out of 4 Sundays and looking for a new Sunday morning venue.
- King's Midlothian Community is beginning to gather informally and plan next steps.
- Gilmore Place is changing. Some of our more mature leaders are moving to serve in other communities, while other leaders are stepping up and growing.

God spoke to us about this season; He said he was putting His fire inside King's, and making us into a lighthouse as He removed bricks to begin churches in other places. Our response is simple: Do it Lord. And help us, Lord.

Adjusting Rhythms and Structures:

- Our annual weekend away will not happen every year. This will allow communities and other groups within King's the opportunity to organise their own gatherings and to focus more locally as well.
- Safeguarding and King's Kids are important areas of church life to invest in. We are therefore adjusting staffing and support structures to ensure we build well and safely for the future.
- We are continuing to develop leaders, especially encouraging and equipping younger leaders for the years ahead as we grow and send.

Partnerships

We want to keep in step with our wider church family, New Ground, as it moves into a new season under James Silley's leadership. We want to be a church that is effective in reaching our city with the gospel. We want to keep in step with the wider church across Edinburgh, the Lothians, and Fife, especially as we continue the Everyone Edinburgh project to deliver John's Gospel into every home in our city.

Faith and Finance

All of this is about Jesus. We love Him. We long to see Him worshipped by many thousands more. We long to see His kingdom come and even to speed His return. We are excited – and we know God is with us. He has promised to meet our needs according to His glorious riches, not according to our own limited resources. Yet He also invites us to partner with Him, responding in faith to see financial needs met.

We invite you to step into this vision alongside us. We are deeply grateful for the generosity, service, and love already shown by so many of you.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to build the church Jesus is growing across our region. We hope you enjoy reading this report of income and expenditure for 2025. If you have any questions related to finance, please contact: Janet Marriott (Staff Team), Dan Hudson (Elders) or Phil Capon (Trustees).

INCOME 2025

£574,710



Regular and one-off giving £382,841

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. There were 168 individuals who gave more than once during 2025.

Special offerings £92,620

We received financial gifts for the Barnabas Account (hardship fund) £3,849, the building fund £1,325, Christmas offerings (supporting the charity Open Doors, Edinburgh City Mission, and Evergreen Hampers) £11,996, Bruntsfield Basics Bank £690, Special Offering (Everyone Edinburgh, King's Church West Lothian, New Ground, and King's staffing) £60,898, miscellaneous donations (e.g. one off gifts to specific ministry areas) £1,224, Gift Aid of £12,638 was reclaimed and allocated to these amounts.

Gift Aid £69,962

As a registered Scottish charity we are able to reclaim tax paid on donations by UK taxpayers. This 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 (more details are given at the end of this handout). Contact Janet Marriott for more information. (If you stop paying UK tax, please also let us know.)

Other Income £7,776

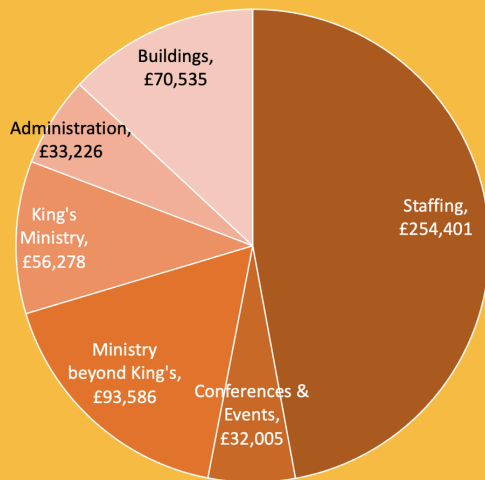
We received income for King's Tots £420, building hire £100, Hub104 £1,102, bank interest £4,650, Path of Disciples translation £200, payments from other churches and book sales £460, and various church lunches, North community quiz, and ceilidh, £844.

Conferences and Events £21,511

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

EXPENDITURE 2025

£540,031



Staffing £254,401

We're grateful for our staff team, some of whom are full-time and some of whom are part-time who continue to work hard in key areas of King's and also in supporting and serving the wider church in Edinburgh and our New Ground church family:

- Dan Hudson, Luke Davydaitis and Chris Rawson: Elders
- Lisa Loughren: King's Life and Operations Lead
- Janet Marriott: Finance Administrator and Events/Bookings Manager
- Ethan Samson: Youth Development Worker
- Jo Clark: King's Kids Lead
- Karis Cookman: Safeguarding Lead
- Ruth Noble: Administrator
- Peter Bates: Student and Young Adults Lead
- Peter Johnson: Pastoral Integration Lead (voluntary role)

Grace Dawes and Andrew Lucas completed their internships in summer 2025. We continued to outsource Finance Management to Kenny Roy (accountant) and cleaning to Julia Shaw and Nicola Reid. Chris Rawson will be taking a planned sabbatical in 2026.

King's Ministry Costs £56,278

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:

North Community (venue hire and equipment) £8,099, Internship Costs £2,185, Evangelism £3,354, Hub104 youth café £2,160, social action (Evergreen, Bethany Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre meals, and Adopted Kids Club) £1,838, Kids, Youth, and Student Ministry £12,424, hospitality £2,750, Sunday service costs £6,936, books £579, worship £2,429, meetings & travel £6,203. We engaged with the Everyone Edinburgh gospel distribution project. We invested in training of 3 younger leaders (Lisa Loughren, Pete Bates, Ethan Samson) by sending them to Catalyst Leadership Training £7,321.

Ministry Beyond King's £93,586

We love extending generosity beyond King's to Edinburgh, the Lothians, Scotland, and the world.

This included the following donations:

From our annual special offering: King's Church West Lothian £18,000, New Ground (our family of churches) £18,000, Everyone Edinburgh (Herald's Trust) £12,500. From General funds: New Ground £18,000, Hope Church Borders £2,400, King's Church West Lothian £2,400, Welcome Church Berlin £1,800, Redeemer Church Rotterdam £400, John 3:16 Trust (Evangelist Adrian Holloway) £1,080, Friends International (supporting Kelly Huang) £3,600, Evergreen hampers £1,142, Young Life International £1,500, Edinburgh City Mission £1,200, Alianca Oopittikuxa in Mozambique £1,200, Jubilee+ (social action) £1,020, Basics Bank £2,167, Evangelical Alliance £100, Miscellaneous gifts £1,627. We also made emergency donations of £5,450 from the Barnabas Account to support church members in financial crisis.

Conferences and Events £32,005

We enjoyed another sun-drenched church weekend away with Dave & Liz Holden speaking! Our youth attended the Connections Weekend and Magnitude summer festival. We hosted and led three GROW training events, covering Life in the Spirit (Terry Virgo), Growing in the Prophetic (Sarah Varley), and Grow for Women. We also began the Bible Course for around 50 participants (See the income section for ticket sales against these conferences and events). We also put on events for our wider community – a local park Easter Egg Hunt with over 150 children participating, Kids Christmas Storytime event, and three carol services across our two communities. In our North community we hosted a ceilidh and a quiz night for the local community. We also paid for various staff and leaders to attend training events and New Ground equipping and prayer events. We continued to develop our New Ground Scotland Hub, gathering as leaders and holding a Prayer Day in November.

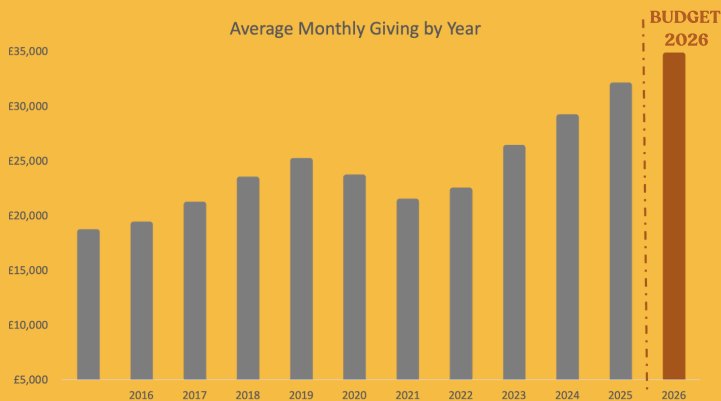
Administration Costs £33,226

We met our many legal and charitable obligations – audit and accountancy fees, legal fees, bank charges and health and safety certification. We reviewed and invested in IT equipment, licenses, and subscriptions, website development, software and consumables, and ran an office for 10 people to work from.

Buildings £70,535

Our building is well used and a great base for our Gilmore Place and One Church events. We continued repayments on our remaining mortgage of £92,857, and other spending as follows: repairs & maintenance £21,503 (including car park wall repair £5,158, roof repairs £4,320, new boiler £4,800, new cooker £832), architect design fees £5,978, audio and visual technology improvements to balcony of Gilmore Place £9,956, Utilities £11,761, insurance £9,820, mortgage interest £6,605, regular service contracts £4,912.

BUDGET 2026



As elders and trustees we have prepared a budget for 2026 that meets our current needs (include wage and cost increases) and also moves us forward in the mission God has called us to. We would love to invite you to be involved.

Our three main additional priorities in 2026 are:

- Enable Our King's Church North to meet weekly (covering added rental costs).
- Upgrade our welcome areas at Gilmore Place through a small building project.
- Invest in developing younger leaders by sending staff members Lisa Loughren, Pete Bates and Ethan Samson to monthly New Frontiers leadership training in Milton Keynes.

For some, perhaps you're able to give a little more, or review your regular giving to King's. We would love to see our average monthly giving increase by 10% to meet the budget we have set. In the summer we will have a special offering to also contribute to some of these priorities and some bigger Kingdom causes beyond Edinburgh.

Thankfully God will meet all our needs (yours, mine, and those of His church) according to His glorious riches. He always provides! Let's look to Him, keep our hearts soft to Him and allow him to direct our hands to bless others.

Need financial help?

In a diverse family like King's we're aware some will be feeling significant financial pressure. Please don't feel obliged to give more. As you trust God with your own needs we warmly invite you to access support from our Barnabas Account for those in need of financial assistance.

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 or email lisa@kingschurchedinburgh.org

Gift Aid

If you pay UK income tax, you can allow King's to reclaim an extra 25% on your donation at no cost to you. Please complete a Gift Aid Declaration via the QR code (contact janet@kingschurchedinburgh.org for more info).

Gift aid
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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. Unlike other ways to give, this is free of any bank charges and really helps us plan ahead.

ACCOUNT NAME:
King's Church Edinburgh
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
10863956
SORT CODE:
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2. CHURCHSUITE

Scan the QR code below to go to a Giving page that 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 each of the Connect Desks in building at Gilmore Place where card and cash donations can be made.