

# Financial Update August 2022 - Edition 2

Thank you again for your continued generosity and support financially. Since the update in Feb, we have closed the year end accounts and finalised budgets for the coming year. The following provides a brief summary of both the year end results and the 2023 budget along with other financial news.

## 2021/22 Year end results

### Headlines :

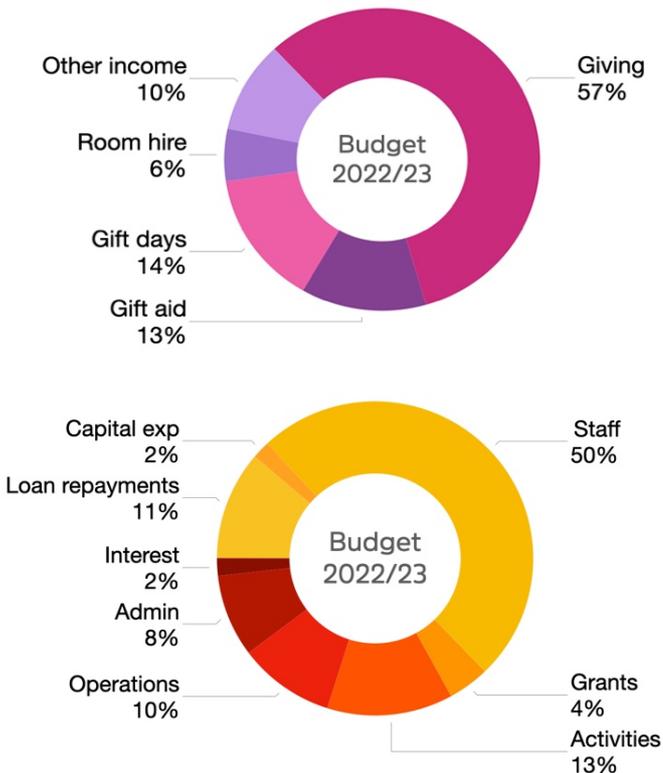
- Following an extraordinary March gift day, we finished the year £8k better off than budgeted ...**Thank you !**
- Although our net result was still an overall loss of £16915
- Continued to pay our loan repayments and meet all our costs despite covid-19 challenges.
- Expenditure fell broadly in line with our budget expectations
- Room hire income was again very small, but the good news is that we have seen a steep increase in hires since March.
- Energy costs have gone up substantially
- On the first of April our bank account had £110,203, comfortably in excess of the amount required under our Reserves policy.
- We recorded our best March gift day since 2017 !

For those that would appreciate a little more detail , a copy of our final accounts will be available shortly via our web site.

Income	Actual 22	Budget 23	Budget 24
Monthly giving	359198	377000	395900
Gift days	78951	73000	73000
Gift aid	84949	87600	91100
Room hire	8195	35000	35000
Other income	60974	66000	67000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>592267</b>	<b>638600</b>	<b>662000</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Staff	301205	328300	333200
Grants	20730	28000	30000
Activites	82074	85000	85000
Operations	58149	65000	70000
Admin	55166	56000	59000
Interest	12035	12000	12000
Loan repayment:	70175	61979	53340
Capital exp	9648	12000	12000
<b>Total Exp</b>	<b>609182</b>	<b>648279</b>	<b>654540</b>
<b>Nett result</b>	<b>(16915)</b>	<b>(9679)</b>	<b>7460</b>

## Budget : 2022/23

Each March we review our budgets and adjust on a 3-year rolling cycle. We are constantly amazed at God's provision and his faithfulness, and we see careful budgeting as an invaluable part of the toolkit of good stewardship, which must be our response.



### Budgeted income :

- We have budgeted for a 3% increase in giving for this financial year.
- Our income from rental is finally increasing again.
- In partnership with outside agencies, we hope to receive additional funding to support the growth of our community support activities.
- Gift aid remains an absolutely crucial element of our income

### Budgeted expenditure:

- Staff head count remains fixed for this year
- Activities costs will increase to normal levels following the end of all Covid-19 restrictions.
- Energy costs have increased dramatically
- Loan repayments continue to be a significant part of our expenditure
- We have no major capital expenditure planned for this year



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### Barnabas fund

The Barnabas fund has existed quietly for many years, with the purpose of providing crisis help for those in immediate financial need within, or connected to, the church family, inspired by Acts 2.45/Acts 4.34 – “there were no needy people among them”.

The fund is administered by the Eldership team with input from the trustees and the pastoral and community care service teams. In the last year alone, it has been used to minister to people in circumstances such as sudden loss of employment or the sudden death of a family member, and to enable access where appropriate to professional counselling. Because of the Barnabas fund we have been able to provide immediate and meaningful help and support, sometimes making the crucial difference that has enabled people to get through the toughest of times.

Until now the fund has had a deliberately low profile, being maintained largely through the generosity of a few individual members, but further funding is now required, and we anticipate that the needs going forward as we head into a period of great financial uncertainty may well be greater than in the past.

It therefore seems appropriate now to look to the wider church to share the ministry of caring for one another, and so this September we are focusing the gift day, firstly, on replenishing the Barnabas fund, and secondly, on financing our external mission giving, including in particular through Open Doors, which supports those in the wider church family in the toughest of situations. As the need increases, we want to give more, not less, as the Lord enables, and we are therefore setting a **target of £30,000 from this gift day** to be used in this way.

*Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."*

### Other financial news :

- The secondary loan we took out to add air conditioning to the building will be repaid in full this year.
- In partnership with :
  - Paradigm Housing Association - have agreed to provide some funding assistance to help with our emergency rehousing and furniture projects.
  - Open Doors - we have begun to provide monthly financial and prayer support to help the most persecuted parts of the church across the world.
  - Bucks County Council - begun discussions over joint funding of some further community projects.
  - Kings Church Ghana – sent a £7.5k gift to support ongoing work
- We are currently undergoing a full energy usage review, driven by both the staggering increase to the energy costs, and a growing understanding of our Christian responsibility. We will be looking at every aspect of energy usage, waste generation and exploring ways to shrink our environmental footprint.

### Status :

*The last financial year closed in a far healthier position than we had anticipated due to your generosity. We set this year's budgets in April/May, but as this year has developed we recognise that the economic climate has become more challenging. This may mean as the year develops that we face again a greater financial challenge than currently budgeted. For this reason, the red traffic light from our previous communication is now showing at amber rather than green.*



### Actions :

- Consider what you might give towards our Barnabas fund gift day on the 18 September.
- Pray for wisdom on our part as we move forward, as well as for a release of finances in order to enable us to do all that we feel led by God to do .
- If you have never given before and have questions of any sort, then please do ask.

### Gift aid :

Gift Aid remains a crucial part of our income and it's so easy for us to access if we have the right information. If you give and pay tax, please sign a Gift Aid Declaration. The Church will be able to claim an extra 25p on every £1 you give and if your marginal rate of tax is 40% (or 45%) you will also receive a tax benefit equal to 20% (or 25%) of your gross gift. For help with this please contact: David.Patterson@kca.church

On behalf of the Elders & trustees