

Kingdom Culture Church

Annual Report 2023/24

Introduction

This report highlights the activities of the church during the year and sets out the current financial position.

General Update

Preaching Series

The year started with the preaching theme of “hearing God’s Voice”.

From September we commenced with the theme “The Missional Church” looking at the history of the Church, why we exist, having a missional focus and what that looks like in 2023. A quote is “The Church is the gospel made visible.” We want to represent God well in whatever sphere we find ourselves in.

We have had services with different formats during August including a “Touching Heaven” evening of worship and prayer and a Church family BBQ at the Youth Centre both events were well attended.

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We were also asked by the new Mayor of Spennymoor Town Council if we could host a Civic Service for him as part of our service in September. This was such an honour and confirms the direction we have been heading as a church to represent Christ well in every sphere of our lives and society. It was a great opportunity to connect with other dignitaries and guests during the service and over the buffet lunch which the Council provided.

Kingdom Groups

Two new Kingdom Groups have also started in July.

Research Project

The church research project has continued exploring faith and where we work and has almost completed Stage 2 'Let's Learn'. The Learning Hub has met to explore the information gathered from the first stage of the project. The Learning Hub took a break during August while Jean Carter, as the Lead Researcher, completed the data analysis and finalises the themes that will inform the next stage 'Let's Learn' which started in September 2023. During this stage, the vision statements and actions for the church were identified and initiated. The Learning Hub members formatted some mini-vision statements derived from the key themes within the research data (participant's stories). An action plan has been produced and will be shared with the Board and the congregation during the summer of 2024.

AGM

It was good to be able to have our AGM & vision service 9th September. People were encouraged hearing about the different initiatives we have been part of during the last year and by the percentage of the income that has been used to bless others. We look to continue to build on connections we have in the community and internationally as a Church.

Safeguarding

We designated part of our Sunday Service 19 November as 'Safeguarding Sunday' where we highlight the importance of safeguarding procedures, the availability of our policy and raise awareness of our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy.

Church Growth

We have had a number of Nigerian families who have moved to the area to study at a local University, join KCC. We currently pick up over 20 of them to bring to Church from Sunderland. We are looking to start a Kingdom Group with them.

This has increased the number of children and young people attending and we've now started a fortnightly youth meeting on a Sunday which takes place while the main service is happening. There have been 17-19 youth in attendance.

House of Prayer/Church Office & Storage

We have been blessed with free access to a flat in Spennymoor town centre which housed our House of Prayer, church office and gave us a significant amount of storage for church items.

The landlord has decided to sell the property, so we no longer have access to the flat. The face-to-face prayer sessions have moved into homes and the items stored have been moved to our home.

We need to source some significant storage space soon, ideally with space for a church office.

Alpha

An Alpha Course continues at Spennymoor Football Club. We are seeking to build on connections we are establishing with the club and all of its charity work into the community.

Christmas Carol Concert

Our church carol concert is Mon 18 December held in Spennymoor Town Hall, the Town Mayor plans to attend and ticket proceeds were given to the British Red Cross appeal for the Middle East crises.

Growing Leaders Course

Four of our congregation have just finished the Growing Leaders Course run by Cranmer Hall at Durham University. It is an excellent course, laying and reinforcing foundations in their lives, developing their leadership and coming alongside other members of the congregation to help develop them. The course runs over 12 months, with the next one starting at the end of March. We currently have 10 people joining the March 2024 Durham course. We also have one person on the Teesside cohort of this programme.

Mission Trip

A mission trip to Bangalore has been planned.

Financial Update

Our income for the year totalled £116,224 through tithes (£67,002) and contributions towards external programmes (£8162). We also made back claim for Gift Aid which contributed a total of £41,059.

Expenditure totalled £58,830 with the main areas of expenditure being:

Room Hire	£8,069
She Is Ministry	£3,502
Media	£4,652
Guest Speakers	£2,100
External Gifting	£19,488
Equipment	£7,362

External Gifting included £6,000 to India Appeal supporting the church in Bangalore, India, and £2,000 to Water Carriers charity.

Most of the finance spent on equipment related to improving the quality of the worship on a Sunday through the purchase and upgrading the sound equipment.

There is currently £151,812 in the savings account.



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/1/2023

To

3/31/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Tithes / Offerings	66,277	-	-	66,277	73,738
Gift Aid	41,059	-	-	41,059	-
Water Carriers	200	-	-	200	10
Bangalore	880	-	-	880	950
Kingdom Heart	-	-	-	-	271
India Covid Appeal	1,095	-	-	1,095	10
External Gift & Programmes	6,371	-	-	6,371	-
Other	493	-	-	493	-
Missions	1,184	-	-	1,184	1,033
Interest	1,815	-	-	1,815	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	119,374	-	-	119,374	76,012
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	119,374	-	-	119,374	76,012

A3 Payments

Bangalore	1,420	-	-	1,420	420
Water Carriers	2,000	-	-	2,000	4,000
India Covid Appeal	6,000	-	-	6,000	1,000
External Giving - General	10,068	-	-	10,068	5,021
Kingdom Heart	1,138	-	-	1,138	1,399
Internal Programmes - Other	2,285	-	-	2,285	118
Visiting Speaker	2,100	-	-	2,100	1,800
Kingdom Kids & Teens	330	-	-	330	481
Other Offerings	-	-	-	-	1,850
Courses	-	-	-	-	225
Bank Charges	114	-	-	114	251
Insurance	236	-	-	236	227
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Media	4,652	-	-	4,652	1,989
Safeguarding	149	-	-	149	426
Subscriptions	1,617	-	-	1,617	712
Equipment	7,362	-	-	7,362	13,095
Baby Showers	-	-	-	-	150
Catering / Hospitality	1,716	-	-	1,716	1,648
Flowers	997	-	-	997	308
Gifts	-	-	-	-	1,172
Postage / Stationery / Printing	1,710	-	-	1,710	1,888
Room Hire	8,069	-	-	8,069	5,514
Welcome Packs	155	-	-	155	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	-	-	-	5,620
Events	1,523	-	-	1,523	209
Licences	617	-	-	617	1,143
Missions	-	-	-	-	3,326
Food Bank	411	-	-	411	-
She Is	3,502	-	-	3,502	-
St Johns	450	-	-	450	-
Transport	1,074	-	-	1,074	-
Community Outreach	-	-	-	-	500
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A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Video Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	59,695	-	-	59,695	54,492
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	59,679	-	-	59,679	21,520
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	112,509	-	-	112,509	90,989
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	172,188	-	-	172,188	112,509

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account - HSBC Savings	151,812	-	-
	Bank Account - HSBC ****8742	20,376	-	-
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		-	-	-
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	Video Equipment	Unrestricted	798	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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