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There's no escaping the fact that the past few years have been a period of huge disruption, both for the church and for us as individuals, as we've faced the enormous challenge of the Covid pandemic. Some of us have lost loved ones, others have had to deal with uncertainty around work and housing, we've all had to adapt practically and psychologically, and the scars of this are evident all around us.

And yet, in the midst of this global crisis we've seen God pour out His grace and do amazing things in our church; not least in February 2022 when we moved into King's House and began to establish a house of prayer and presence, hospitality and healing, innovation and renewal, and mercy and justice, right in the heart of King's Cross. We've also had the joy of sending out Anna Mason to plant St Gregory's in North Cornwall, as well as seeing the Spirit move in our Sunday gatherings. We've taken the first step on a journey of conversations about human sexuality; and earlier this year we recorded songs of hope written by KXC Worship, to share some of God's unfolding story in King's Cross with the wider church.

As we look to the season ahead, in a world filled with uncertainty and the looming cost of living crisis, it would be easy to give in to fear. But we believe that it's an incredibly exciting time for the church – a time to step forward in faith, and to be a community marked out by compassion, courage and creativity.

KXC began in 2010 as a small group of people who made big sacrifices, walked in faith, and lived wholeheartedly. We trust that what got us to this point will propel us forward into the next season as we continue to recklessly give ourselves away to God, each other, and the people of King's Cross and beyond. This is a time to dream big dreams and pray big prayers together. There is hope on the horizon and the best is yet to come.

Much love,
Bee and Pete Hughes

LOOKING BACK

AS WE'VE CONTINUED TO MEET AND WORSHIP AS A CHURCH, OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE SEEN GOD MOVE IN REMARKABLE WAYS. SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON HAVE BEEN:

KING'S HOUSE

Having seen incredible generosity from the congregation, Diocese and grant-making bodies, in February we were able to move into our very own premises for the first time!

This amazing, newly-restored building has enabled us to restart Sunday services in person and online, and see KXC Kids and Youth relaunch in their new spaces. We have also hosted some brilliant mid-week events including a King's House Party, summer Volunteers BBQ, and team training nights. We've seen collaboration and growth in our local mission projects and partnerships, and the auditorium being used for creative external events. King's House has received a nomination for 'Best Venue for Hybrid Events' at the London Venue & Catering Awards 2022.

CHURCH PLANTING

Over the summer we sent out Anna Mason to launch St Gregory's, a new Anglican church in North Cornwall. The congregation have given over £125,000 towards launching St Gregory's, as they look to see people come to faith in Newquay and the surrounding areas. The Table network continues to flourish, supporting churches in Finsbury Park, Brockley, Bow, Devon and Nottingham.

ARK COWORKING

ARK Coworking is an affordable coworking space in King's Cross serving freelancers, startups and social enterprises. In the past year ARK hosted over 100 members, supported 6 startups through its spARK programme, and donated £8.8k to a range of charities & projects through ARK for Good. It was also awarded a B Corporation Best for the World award in the area of community. Earlier this year, ARK moved into its new home at All Saints Church on the Caledonian Road.

KXC WORSHIP

We believe that prayer and worship are the primary tools we have to participate in everything God has in store for us as a church. Since the church was started, our worship leaders have written songs which have become a soundtrack to life at KXC. In 2022 we recorded two nights of worship at King's House creating the Hope Again and, soon to be released, Light of Peace EPs, including songs I Will Not Stay Silent and Pull Me Through. The Hope Again EP has been streamed more than 555,000 times on Spotify, Apple Music and YouTube, and Jesus Name Above All Names has been nominated for the Step FWD Contemporary Worship song of the year award!

MISSION

COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

A key component of the King's House vision is to be a house of mercy and justice.

Since moving in, we've had around 500 people accessing some form of support during the week. We've seen collaboration between our local mission partners providing wrap-around support for those accessing ministries. For example, a Little Haven toddler group parent being referred to Choices Boutique, and to Growing Hope for support with her older child. Crux have supported people in conflict through mediation and developed and recorded a podcast at King's House exploring how to reduce serious youth violence. Over the last year, Growing Hope King's Cross has supported over 130 children and young people with additional needs and 155 adults, through access to therapy services, groups and courses.

Our prison ministry at HMP Pentonville is back in full swing, running the Alpha Course midweek and the second Sunday service each month. With men on release, we've continued partnering with London City Mission and The Message Trust, seeing three of those men offered employment at Neal Street Espresso in Covent Garden. We've seen 4 of our CAP clients become debt free in the last year – a combined total of over £40k of debt. KX Brunch, our cafe for those affected by homelessness and isolation, is also back up and running a full service. We serve 25–30 guests each week, and it's been great to see some of them come along to our Sunday services afterwards.

Over 75 men have attended our Bridge the Gap 5-a-side football sessions, which provide opportunities to build community, relationships and bridge the gap between football and church. We're continuing to build relationships with local asylum seekers and refugees connecting with around 20 individuals across our Tuesday evening football sessions and Saturday morning café. We have also begun the pilot phase of our Job Support Clinic.

VENTURES

Through our Ventures ministry we provide space to celebrate and nurture a culture of pioneering within our community and wider church family. Over 100 came to our church-wide gatherings in the past year, and began our Ventures Workshops, where 20 from our congregation explored new entrepreneurial ideas that pursue social justice and care for God's creation.

EVENTS/HIRE

We have begun to hire out the Upper Room at King's House for conferences, events and creative projects. Every hire invests straight back into the community services hosted in the building, practically fuelling the ongoing story of new life in King's Cross. So far we have hosted 25 events, welcomed over 2,500 people to the building, and generated £30k in the process.

FESTIVAL GATHERINGS

Last September over 300 from the KXC family headed out of London for the Big Weekender at Restore Hope Latimer. This was a chance to reconnect with one another over worship, teaching, games, great food, and bonfires. The fun continued in May at Wildfires, as we joined with thousands of people from across the UK coming together to seek God and contend for the next Great Awakening.

NEWCOMERS

We love welcoming newcomers at KXC, and have hosted 296 people at newcomers meals over the past 12 months. We have then sought to help integrate these Newcomers into church life through socials, church events, and Hubs, in order for them to feel fully part of the KXC family, serving God's purposes in this part of London.

HUBS

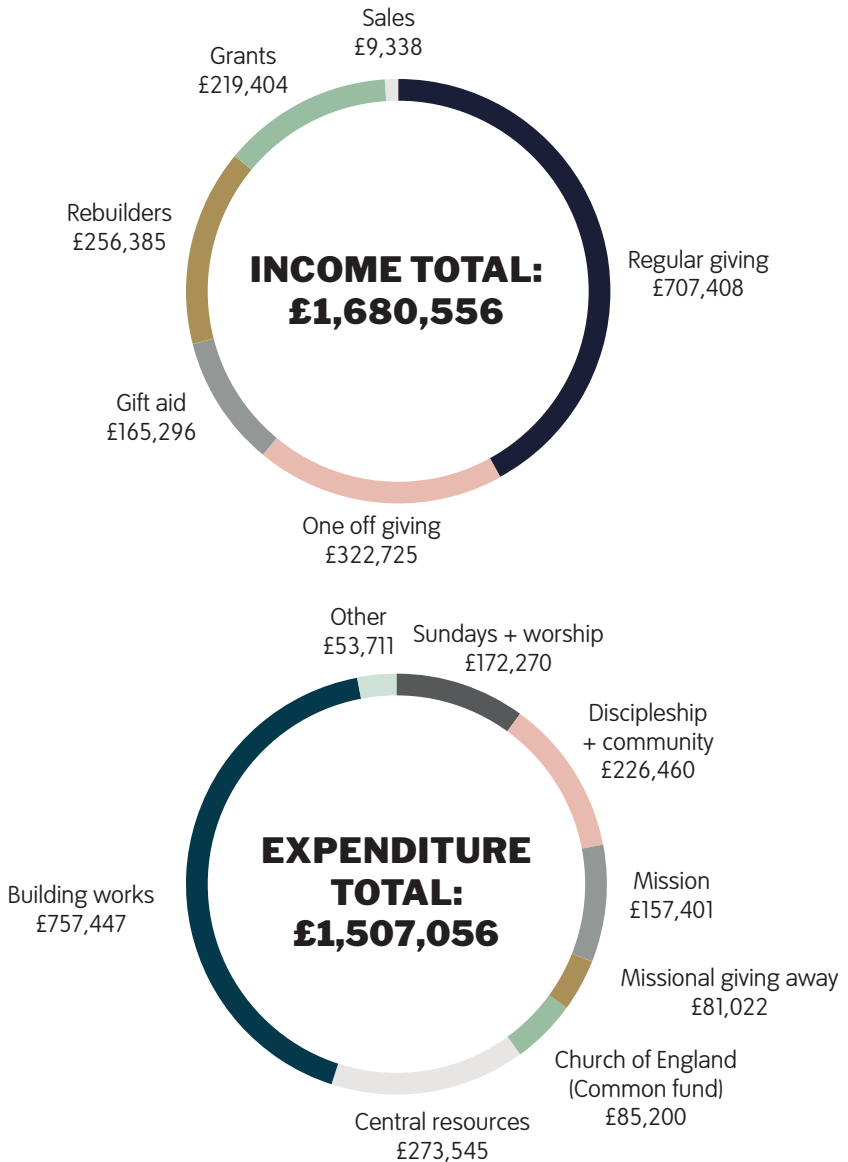
Hubs are our small group mid-week communities where we practically live out the KXC vision of recklessly giving ourselves away to God, each other and the people of Kings Cross and beyond. There are currently 39 Hubs meeting across London plus a number of dedicated Hubs for newcomers.

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE

As our congregations have grown, we've been keen to create space for as many people as possible to join us for worship, teaching and ministry on Sundays. We've recently launched a new 12pm hour-long service, to offer a fourth option on a Sunday, and one which we hope makes church an open and welcoming space particularly for those who may not be familiar with the environment. By adding this extra service but keeping the community cafe before and/or after each gathering, we're increasing capacity without losing connection.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

We have recently received audited accounts of our income and expenditure from January - December 2021, and the graphs below show a summary of how this can be broken down. The figures include significant income and expenditure on the King's House restoration project.



ALL GIVING TO KXC HOWEVER BIG OR SMALL IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

Here are examples of some of the different areas of church life and what your giving enables:

£10

Per week enables us to host Little Haven

£38

Per week supports a client through our CAP debt centre

£50

Per week enables us to open the cafe at a Sunday service

£100

Hosts an evening of Alpha

£150

Per month supports newcomers at KXC

£260

Per month enables Bridge the Gap sessions for asylum seekers + refugees

£500

Per month enables us to run our kids or youth ministry

£2500

Per month seed funds a new church plant

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RICH DI CASTIGLIONE AND SAM BAILEY

When your heart is ready to to break
You've got empty hands and worn out faith
When it feel like prayers have gone to waste
And the promise seems so far away

Lift up your eyes
There's hope on the horizon
Oh look to Christ
His Kingdom is arriving
Give him glory
In the waiting
Hold on to hope

In the space between the now and not yet
There's a song to sing he won't forget
Cause a broken heart's not laid to waste
If it's an alabaster jar of praise

Come, Gather your strength
Open your heart
Give him your hallelujah and trust
Trust him again
Deep in the night
Pour out your hallelujah and know
You're not alone
You run with the saints
Singing out hallelujah
To God, God on the throne
He is our hope
Worthy of highest praises

Hallelujah
Hallelujah





LOOKING FORWARD

As we look ahead to the coming season, we've named six priorities for us as a community:

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

This winter the country is facing a deepening cost of living crisis, driven by rising inflation, and the growing cost of food and energy. As a church we want to use our resources to support people within the church, in the community around us, and in seeking justice and change in the wider culture.

KING'S HOUSE CAFE

Since moving into King's House in 2022, the building has been the most amazing gift for hosting Sunday services, community projects and partnerships. In the year ahead, we want to explore opening the cafe space more widely to the local community, pursuing our vision for King's House to be a place of hospitality and healing.

KIDS AND YOUTH

Children and young people have been hugely impacted by the pandemic, and we want to invest the best of what we have to see this emerging generation both come to faith and come alive in their faith, whilst having a whole lot of fun! We have a wonderful new Kids Pastor, Joelle, we're employing a new youth worker, and we're preparing to relaunch First Fridays for young people in the local area.

DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

Rebuilding as a church in the aftermath of the pandemic, it is vital that everyone's able to find a place to belong and grow in their faith.

A key priority is therefore resourcing our smaller settings – Hubs and Pattern groups – to be places where people deepen their faith, find friendship and community, and are encouraged and supported to become more like Jesus.

RESOURCING

We have some amazing resources which we've been blessed with and we want to invest in them so that they can serve the wider church. The KXC Worship EPs are a good example of a resource that is already being circulated in this way. Currently in development, or under discussion, are BREAD (daily Bible readings), study notes on Pete's book, All Things New, and small-group resources to accompany some of the teaching series we've undertaken.

CHURCH PLANTING

KXC is a resource church and we want to continue to explore fresh opportunities to plant and establish new churches across the UK through the Table network. Over the past few years we've given away £130,00, and raised an additional £200,000 as a community, to invest in church-planting across the country. In the coming months, we are launching a partnership with All Saints Church on Caledonian Road, offering resources and support as it seeks to walk out its mission as a parish church in the local area. We're also in conversations about other potential plants in the season ahead.

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At KXC we believe you get the most out of family life by giving the most to it. We don't have a membership and don't define who's in and who's out, but we ask everyone who calls KXC home to do four things.

COME

The Sunday gathering is the moment where we gather together to celebrate the goodness of God, open up the Scriptures, and pray for God's empowering presence to fall upon us. It's really tough to develop meaningful community through sporadic attendance and so we want to encourage everyone to come regularly on a Sunday.

BELONG

In a city where it's so easy to feel isolated, we want KXC to be a place that everyone can find home. Key to this are our smaller mid-week communities – Hubs and Pattern Groups – which enable people to get to know one another and explore practising the way of Jesus together. To sign up and find out more, head to our website.

SERVE

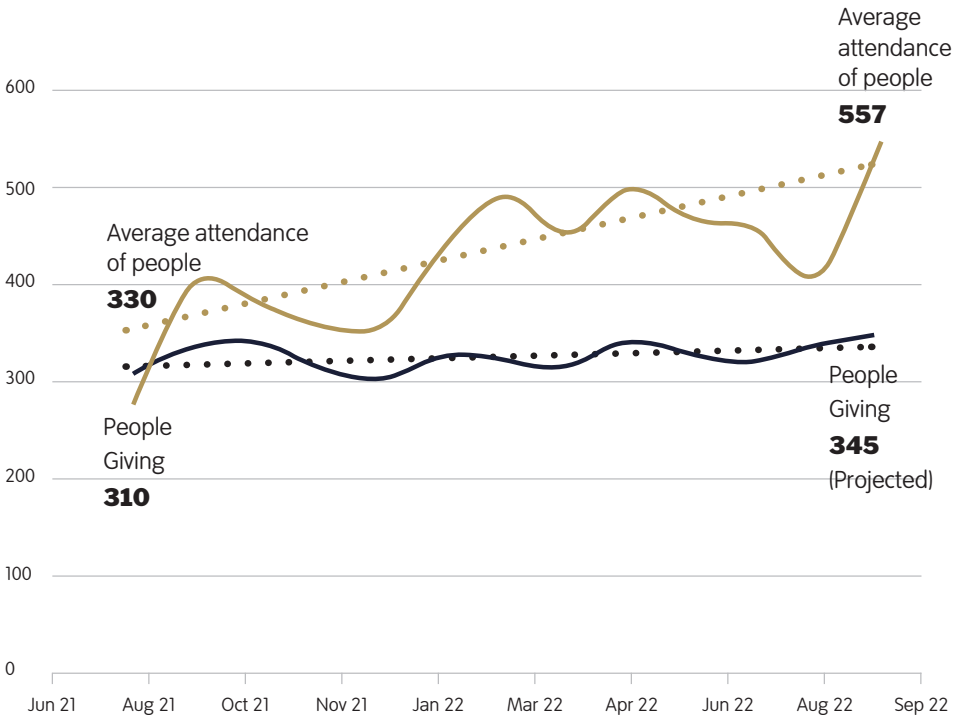
Serving is an incredible way to build community within the church, and an incredible way to transform community beyond the church. As well as encouraging people to serve on Sunday teams, we'd equally love for everyone to find a place to regularly serve in one of our local mission projects.

GIVE

Jesus said where your treasure is there your heart will be also and so we'd love everyone to give financially as we believe that investing your finance means investing your heart. Just think of a church community where everyone's heart is fully backing the vision to recklessly give ourselves to God, each other and the people of King's Cross and beyond.

CURRENT GIVING

Over the past three years and since the pandemic our community has experienced a lot of change. Since regathering our congregation has grown by roughly 50% and we now have over 600 people gathering across 4 congregations on a Sunday.



Our prayer is that over the coming year the whole church can come together to see an overall increase in giving of £200,000. This will be made up of a combination of one-off gifts and new and increased regular giving. We understand that this is a significant increase, but believe that as the church steps into new levels of generosity, greater faith will be released to see God’s kingdom come in ways we could never imagine.

GIVING TARGET: £200,000

COST OF LIVING CRISIS: £50K

Approaching this winter, we are aware of the rising costs of food, rent and utilities, and want to be bold in how we respond with generosity. The KX Care Fund is one such way of responding, but we would also like to raise further funds as we look creatively at how to address the emerging situation.

KING'S HOUSE CAFE: £20K

King's House hosts most of our Sunday services, our church office, and many of our community projects and partnerships, as well as external events. One area we are excited to press further into is the possibility of opening up the King's House cafe more missionally. This could both provide greater levels of hospitality for those using the building, and also serve the hundreds who pass by every day as they travel through King's Cross.

CHURCH PLANTING: £50K

As well as the new partnership with All Saints Church on Caledonian Road, we sense that there will be many more church

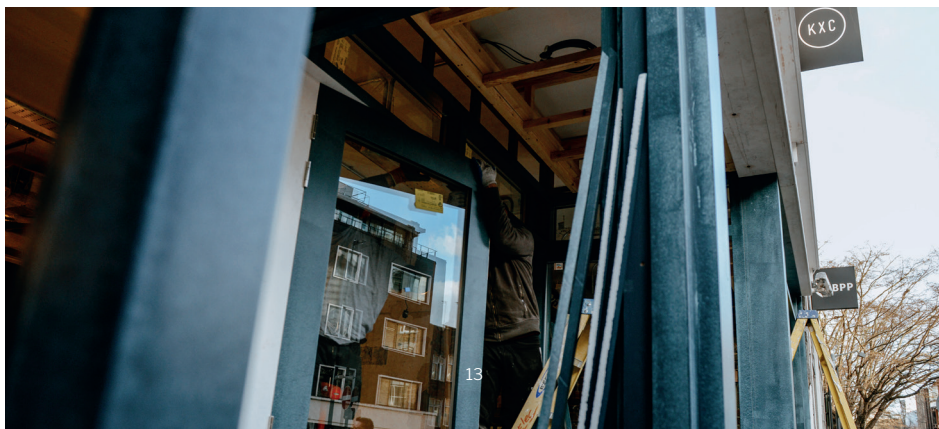
planting opportunities in the months and years ahead, and we would like to increase the funds available to open new churches and to support our existing plants through the Table Network.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: £30K

We want to invest in the next generation, seeing them grow in their faith whilst having fun and building lasting friendships. A key element of this is relaunching our work for young people from churches across Islington and Camden.

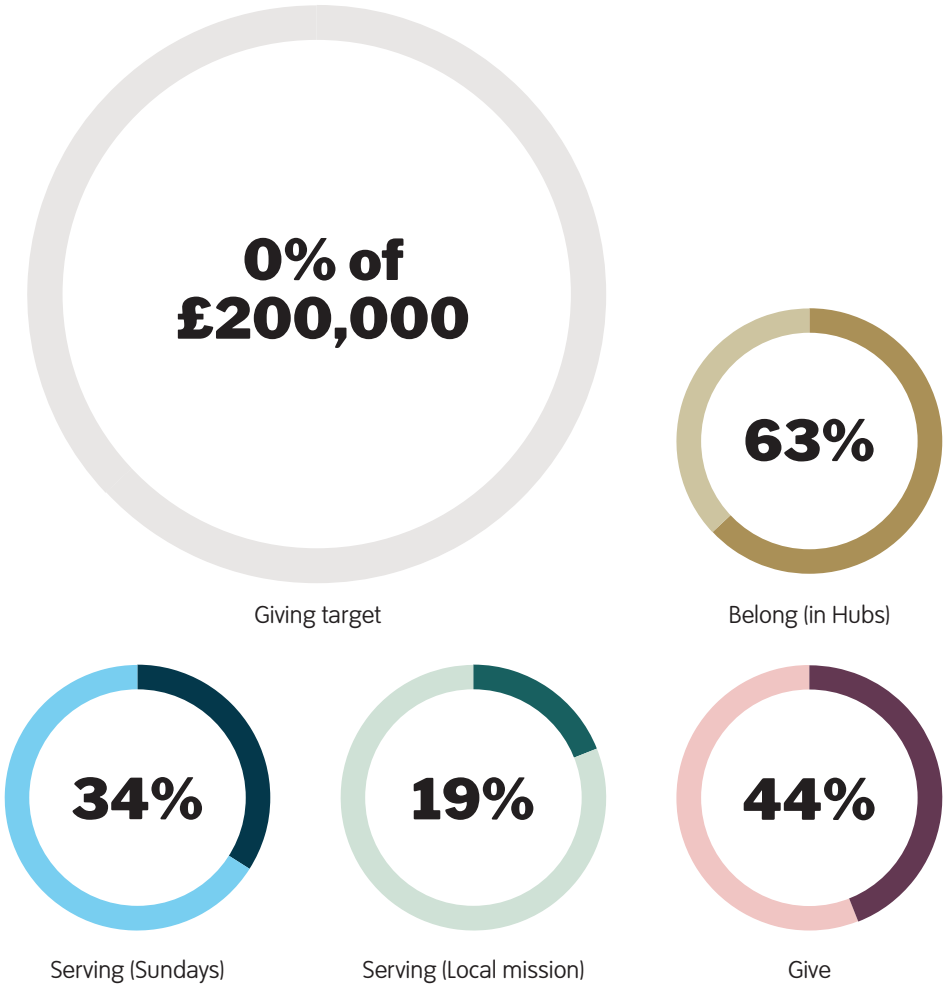
GROWTH IN THE CONGREGATION: £50K

As the congregation continues to grow, and with the launch of the 12pm service, we are aware that we need similarly to increase capacity in Hubs, Pattern and Pastoral Care. This requires investment in leadership development and staffing, in order to support the growing church family and its ever-broadening spectrum of needs.



PROGRESS TRACKING

We want to track the progress of All In over the next few months, and see this graphic filled with colour.



These figures, showing the % of those who belong, serve and give, are based on Sunday attendance from the previous month. We have assumed an average attendance of three Sundays per month.

HOW TO GIVE

ONLINE BANKING (STANDING ORDER / ONE-OFF)

To arrange payments by online banking, our account details are:

NatWest Bank
Account no: 26659522
Sort Code: 60-12-02
Account name: KXC Giving
Ref: [initial+surname/KXC]
Eg. JSMITH/KXC

CARD / DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

You can make card or regular Direct Debit payments through our website at www.kxc.org.uk/donate

GIFT AID

Whichever way you choose to give to KXC, if you are a current UK taxpayer, we can reclaim the basic rate tax (25%) on your giving. There are Gift Aid forms available at the welcome desk each service, or you can complete one online at www.kxc.org.uk/give

Please visit www.kxc.org.uk/give for all information about giving to KXC.



KX CARE FUND

“ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE ONE IN HEART AND MIND. NO ONE CLAIMED THAT ANY OF THEIR POSSESSIONS WAS THEIR OWN, BUT THEY SHARED EVERYTHING THEY HAD. WITH GREAT POWER THE APOSTLES CONTINUED TO TESTIFY TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS. AND GOD’S GRACE WAS SO POWERFULLY AT WORK IN THEM ALL THAT THERE WERE NO NEEDY PERSONS AMONG THEM.”

The generosity of the Church is modelled in Acts 4:32-37, and as such we believe in a communal response to the practical and financial needs within our community.

We set up the KX Care Fund at the start of the Covid pandemic, as a way for us at KXC to financially and practically assist those in our congregation and community who had been adversely affected. As a church you were incredibly generous - we raised a total of £14,765 and have been able to give away 60 grants since March 2020. The fund has helped people in a variety of difficult Covid-related situations - from those who had lost employment or housing, those who were clinically vulnerable, those who experienced the loss of loved ones, and those who had gone into significant debt.

Now, as we enter into a long term cost of living crisis, we are keeping the KX Care Fund going. The guidelines for applying are no longer specific to the Covid pandemic. Anyone in our church community who needs emergency financial support relating to shelter, fuel, food, mental health or physical health, or fleeing domestic/external abuse can apply. Decisions to offer grants are made by an independent panel. If you yourself or anyone you know in our church community could benefit from a crisis grant from the KXCare fund then please do encourage them to apply at www.kxc.org.uk/carefund





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WERE ONE IN HEART
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Acts 4:32

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