

## Weltevreden Chapel News update

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It is with thankfulness to the Lord that we acknowledge His grace towards each one of us. The year has been a joy to many – engagements and graduations and the like! – and a trial to others.

Whatever our circumstance let us always be praying with and for each other. “This is good and pleases God our Saviour” (1 Ti 2: 3). Let us make this a priority as a body.

Indeed we also need the Lord’s grace and “wisdom from above” in administering some practical areas of the Chapel ministry. Herewith a brief update on two very important items :-

### Budget and Financial position

You will know from the AGM that the 2014 budget needs careful oversight. For the first quarter we can say that income is up 20%! This is a blessing indeed and we are grateful to the Lord for those that have given to His work in obedience and faith – thank you!

At the same time, this increase is matched by the budgeted increase in expenses. The resultant position is only a slight improvement on the deficit we saw at the same time last year. So what are we saying?

We are convinced that every expense incurred is attributable to an area of ministry that the Lord has given us to do. The expenses are very tightly managed in line with this. We are further convinced that we must maintain a ministry-centred approach: what the Lord calls us to He will provide for. Our first priority is to submit to His will for this local body.

We ask that you pray with us in this area. Let us look to the Lord for His abundant provision for the work He has called us to and for wisdom and grace in administering the finances.

### Property and Future Developments

For some time now we have been discussing the potential development of the unused part of the property. A number of ideas have been proposed, ranging from training facilities or residential retirement units. At the present

time it is fair to say that there is no clear ministry need for which additional facilities are needed.

The rezoning project is in progress (see the update from the property committee overleaf), which will facilitate future development, but this does not presume any actual plan has been agreed. As and when a clear need emerges for additional facilities to be developed this will be investigated and planned for accordingly.

Again, let us be looking to the Lord for His direction in putting to use that which we have been blessed with for His glory. If anyone has specific thoughts on a ministry that could make use of the land please bring it forward and let’s take a look, even if it’s not a long-term idea!

### Worship in Unity

The New Testament provides a portrait Christ’s design for His church. One feature stands out: unity in the body of Christ. In John 17:22 Jesus prayed “that they may be one, just as We are One”. Christ’s intention is to build something altogether unknown outside of the Faith – a cohesive community that is joined together by the will of He Who created it. Importantly, the basis Jesus claims for this unity is not His saving work, it is His *glory*: “The glory which you have given Me I have given them, that they may be one...” We are the people of God *for the glory of Christ!*

When we meet on a Sunday for corporate worship it is this purpose that unites us. Therefore “let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking the assembling together, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near” (when we will see His glory fully!) (Heb 10:24, 25)

**For Your Diary:** Our next combined worship meeting will be *27 July*, and on *30 August* we are planning another congregational feedback meeting.

**Chapel News:** Fill in a sign-up form if you’d like to receive regular news updates. (Thanks to Peter Wise who will be compiling this new publication).

*“All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give”*

Brian McLean, for the elders.