

# Parish Council Update - July

Meeting conducted via Zoom.

Present: Chris Stretton, Mike Lum, Yvonne Hall, Andy Feng, Matthew Lee, Chris Chandler, Amanda Haywood, Lee Beeston, Darrel Causbrook, David Mayes, Naomi Reichardt, Bruce Stanley (chair)

## Bible reading

- We read 1 Corinthians 16:5-14 and reflected on the importance and significance of verse 13-14 during lockdown: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love".

## Major works

- Ermington Rectory renovation and redesign has begun with work well underway now. Total cost of works: \$169,000.
- Eastwood: access ramp and toilet block costs will be \$243,000. \$148,000 in funds are available for this. Work is expected to commence in September.
- Fund raising: Around \$278,000 required to be raised in total for these major works. Money is to be borrowed from other areas until we can raise the funds.

## Other works

- Most lighting around the Eastwood site has been replaced this week with LED lights under a government funded scheme. This has cost us a total of \$34.
- We have several government grants applications in waiting and others going forward for both Ermington and Eastwood sites. Please pray for good outcomes.

## Staffing

- As Julie awaits deployment to the mission field, she will be working 1 day a week with us on secondment from our mission partners. We welcome Julie to the team and expect to have her with us for the next 6 months or so. She will primarily work pastorally with SPICE.
- We are thankful for the extra day a week of administration work which has been wonderful, especially during the latest lockdown changes that were required.

## Missions

- We will be increasing our financial support to CMS for the remaining 6 months of the year, and will assess further increases in giving for the 2022 budget.

## Finances:

- During this lockdown, we are aware of the financial challenges ahead for our church and for our members. We have seen an (expected) significant drop in giving since lockdown due to an immediate loss in cash offertories. We continue to encourage online giving as a way to continue supporting ministry together, as our everyday costs continue and some needs have increased due to lockdown. If you are unable to give online, we do encourage you, if you are able, to put aside your weekly giving until we return. We continue to be thankful to God for your continued faithfulness and generosity.

Income Required:	\$367,169	→	Average weekly:	\$14,122
Current Offertory:	\$368,696	→	Average weekly:	\$14,181
Surplus:	\$1,526		Current Offertory is 101.3% of budget	

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**Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday, August 10 at 8pm.**