

Dear Friends,

“The next stretch of the river is in our reach”

Phase 2 venue project – November 2015 update

As we approach the wonder & excitement of Christmas, we continue to be so thankful for what the Lord is doing in our church & communities over the past couple of months:

- we're excited by the regular stories of people "being Jesus in the world", everyone, everyday, everywhere. If you have a story to share, we'd love to hear from you! Just this last weekend we heard a stunning story of a man's leg growing as the HOTS team prayed out on Feltham high street
- we're excited to hear about people saying yes to Jesus for the 1st time; over 100 stories from the past 13 months
- we're excited about the developments on Butts Farm – the community mission group are now meeting publicly twice a month
- we're excited that so many people engaged with #LoveLight at Halloween, bringing some light into neighbourhoods
- we're incredibly excited for the #LoveChristmas weekend on 5/6 December
- we're excited that the refurbishment & upgrade of many of the Young Vineyard rooms is now complete
- we're excited as Rob Winmill joins the pastoral team in December

On top of these & many other things, the phase 2 venue project continues to progress well. (If you're not familiar with the project, please pick up a brochure from the auditorium display, or go to riversidevineyard.com/venue-project for more details).

Here's an update summary:

- The enlarged project team is now meeting monthly and working very well together. The team members are Andy Gill, Gareth Gerner, Andy Chapman, Ash Blewett, Amanda Iweanya, Simon Newton & Stuart Finn.
- A more detailed "client design brief" is in advanced preparation, ready for initiating the tender process towards the end of this year
- Positive & helpful discussion has been held with a lighting consultant

- Positive discussion held with M&E (mechanical & electrical) engineers
- A more detailed hard & soft landscaping plan is close to completion
- Positive discussions continue with our mortgage lender. Whilst the giving to this project over the last 3 years has been amazing, we still have a gap in the budget that will need to be addressed by some additional borrowing
- We continue to aim to start building in Spring 2016!!

You might, we hope, be asking, "is there anything I can be doing now?" Here's some ideas:

- Pray, and pray some more. Those involved in the project need wisdom, strength & favour on lots of fronts. Please pray for the tendering process & builder selection.
- Please pray for the project budget, that we continue to progress within budget
- If you've not yet got involved in giving to this project, we'd love you to ask the Lord how He wants you to be a part of this. Do pick up a project brochure for more details. And if you've pledged a gift & are able to honour it soon, that would be great!
- If you have thoughts, ideas or questions, please do chat to one of the project team, a trustee, or one of the pastoral staff

As we said at the start, these are exciting times. We continue to be very encouraged by what we see the Lord doing as we reach for the next stretch of the river.

With every blessing,

Andy + Bethan

Andy & Bethan Chapman, Senior Pastors