

We moved the church

The church of Bakel, was standing too close to the road: “ a mistake of the clumsy priest”. Building a new one, wasn’t an option so: Jan Voets knew what to do. “We have to push away our church! If we push it, it’s free, so we’re going to push our church a bit back!” “Yes, we’ll get that done” said Tinuske Oomen, he was a member of the council. If only the farmers will come, they have the strength to pull it off. “ Let’s do it” said a villager in the name of the council, “ We’re going to push our church a bit further down the road!”

The farmers of Bakel all came together and one of them had an idea. Jan Voets said: “Let’s place our jackets on the ground where the church has to get”. And so they pushed and they pushed, but the church didn’t move at all. Suddenly someone said: “There are still people inside of the church, no wonder we couldn’t move it!” And so all the villagers inside of the church came out, and helped to push away the church.

With all the new manpower, they pushed and pushed, not noticing a rag picker stealing their jackets they placed on the ground! Two men decided to go and see if the church has already moved and what they saw was incredible! They pushed the church too far! Their jackets were underneath the church!! When they heard the news, everybody stopped pushing and from that moment on, the church of Bakel was on the right place forever.

