



Preservation Post

Newsletter of the
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“Looking to the future to preserve our past”

Christ Church Taita

Part of the Hutt Valley for 160 years

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 12 October, 1.00 – 4.00 pm

Hutt City Discovery Day
(Headstone Cleaning working bee)

Thursday 4 December, 7.30 pm



Annual Christmas Service

Officiating Minister: Rev. John Daysh

Choir: David Dell & the Take Note Singers

Harris Rose planting at the Bolton Hotel, Wellington

Descendants of the Harris Family, together with members of the Preservation Society and the Bolton Street Memorial Park Committee, Bolton Hotel management and staff attended the dedication and planting of the real Harris Rose alongside the Bolton Hotel on Saturday 19 July. This was followed by a sumptuous

afternoon tea provided by the Bolton Hotel – many thanks to Warwick Angus and the Hotel staff. The occasion provided another great opportunity for families to ‘connect’.

There is a magnificent bronze plaque in this garden outlining the story of the rose brought to New Zealand in a potato by Sophia Harris. Well worth a visit if you are in central Wellington.



Ivan Staite (Harris Descendant) and Warwick Angus (Manager, Bolton Hotel)
Planting the Harris Rose

Headstone Cleaning Working Bee – Sunday 12 October

The Hutt City Council has invited us to be part of their 'Hutt Discovery Day on Sunday 12 October. The Committee thought this would be a great opportunity to have the Church open, conduct a tour of the graveyard, but **also** to get together a working bee to clean the graves. We'd like as many as possible to come along to help, particularly those who have descendants buried in the churchyard. We will commence at 1.00 pm. Please advise Mary Stevens (email mhrstevens@gmail.com or phone (04) 476 6247) Janice Henson (email janice-klaw@xtra.co.nz or phone (04) 586 5700) if you are keen to help.

Immediate Repairs

All windows in the Church have now been re-puttied, sealed and painted. Thank you to Chris Pynenburg for attending to this. Because of the complexity of repairing and painting the windows, it was decided to leave

the remainder of the work and include it in the application to the Lotteries Commission for complete repainting of the Church. Thanks to Mary Stevens, the application has been lodged and we await the Commission's favourable response. Under new regulations, if the grant is made, the Society will be required to cover one third of the total cost.

Pew Cushions

Please contact Mary Stevens if you are keen to do one. 04 4766247; email mhrstevens@gmail.com. We have a number completed or nearing completion. Thank you to all the stitchers.

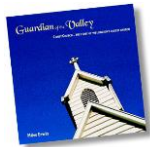
Membership

We have been advised of the death of life member Graeme Percy in April 2014. We are grateful to Graeme's brother Kevin, for his ongoing support of the Society. The Percy family gifted the Percy Reserve in Lower Hutt to the Nation and early descendants are buried in the churchyard.

Bequests for Christ Church Taita

Including a bequest for The Christ Church Preservation Society is a wonderful way to honour those who have gone before us and to ensure that we can continue to preserve and develop Christ Church. Our vision is to enhance Christ Church Taita as a heritage centre by establishing a colonial house and shed as a museum to celebrate our pioneers. If you would like to talk about how you may be able to support this vision please contact our President, John Daysh, email john@unicef.org.nz; Ph.04 815 9370 (Wk) or 04 977 2055 (Hm)

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Available to purchase - \$20.00 plus \$6 postage and packing by contacting Mary Stevens (email mhrstevens@gmail.com or phone (04) 476 6247). Check out our Facebook page and website for more information and photos.

Ashes Wall

A niche in our Ashes Wall costs just \$750.00 incl GST. Contact Janice Henson, Secretary, for further details. Janice-klaw@xtra.co.nz

Weddings

We are still struggling to attract weddings at the Church. There are two booked for October, but then nothing at this stage until 2015.

***Christening
17 August
Angus Talbot***

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