



Preservation Post

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

Christ Church Taita

Upcoming Events:

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 12 September, 10.30 am

At the Church

166th Annual Service

Sunday 1 November, 2.00 pm

**Rev Colin Barnes, Minister at the time of the fire in 1989
will share memories of that time**

Welcome to our new normal. Life has certainly changed in the past few months! However, 166 years on, Christ Church remains a constant in the Hutt Valley and continues to give joy to all who enter the grounds. Mary Stevens and our gardener Theresa Greally have the grounds looking amazing. We have removed a couple of dead and dying conifer trees on the northern boundary beside the Harris and Avery graves, really opening up this area. The old fence will be

replaced, continuing on from the Ngaire Wild Memorial Courtyard by the Utility Block.

The Chilton rose in memory of Wendy Routley will be planted below the ashes wall and we are working on plans to erect a seat around the large tree by this wall – another gift from Wendy.

The shelter over the Singer Memorial seat will soon have a roof.

The lockdown has meant that we have had no weddings or other visits to the church since March. This will have an effect on our already small income from these sources. However we are starting to get firm bookings for weddings at the end of this year.

Our postponed **Annual General Meeting will now be held on Saturday 12 September at 10.30 am.** By holding this meeting on a Saturday we hope to encourage better attendance. Our small committee has been very loyal for a number of years now and it would be great to have some new members.

The 166th Annual Service has been moved to **Sunday 1 November** to coincide with Wellington Heritage Week. We will open the Church at 12 noon, Ian McCulloch will take a tour of the graveyard at 1.00 pm and the Service will commence at 2.00 pm, followed by afternoon tea.

We are looking forward to hearing Rev Colin Barnes' recollection of his time caring for the church during the fire of 1989.

It's Rose Pruning time . . .



Theresa Greally, is currently pruning the roses and taking advantage of the recent few fine days. This is Mutabilis, sometimes called the Butterfly Rose, and has been blooming in the grounds for many years.

Cushions

Another batch of tapestry cushions are currently being completed by The Workroom in Petone, thanks to the generosity of the Cole family. Thank you to stitchers:

Aline Clarke and Alison Etherington
Eila Young
Lorna Newsome
Dianne Long – 2 cushions
Mary Stevens
Shirley Falloon
Betty McFadgen
Rachael Green
Jill Chapman
Daphne Daysh

Thank you also to Janet Heinemann who embroidered the names of the stitchers on the backs of the cushions

Gravestone repairs

Mary has contacted Simon the Tombstone Doctor with a view to restoring headstones in our graveyard. He is able to replace lead lettering as well as undertake painting lettering. The Society is not in a position to fund the total cost of individual repairs and is seeking support from families to help with this project. Once the graves are repaired, they are done for another 50 to 100 years. *[a Google search of **Simon the Tombstone Doctor** gives credibility to his skill.]*

If you are interested or have contact details of any members who may wish to be part of this project, please contact: Mary Stevens, mhrstevens@gmail.com.

Wanted

Bruce Hutton is seeking an early post card, picture or painting of Christ Church that he could purchase or copy for a family book he is working on.

Contact: Bruce Hutton
2 Murray Lane, Woodville 4920 or
bruce3401@gmail.com

With love we remember . . .

Patricia (Trish) Hooper, wife of long time committee and life member Greg Hooper who died on 28 April, after a lengthy illness.

Kathleen Angell, life member of the Society, died 16 July aged 98. Kathleen and her late husband Noel, lived in the Naenae area for many years and were very fond of Christ Church. There is a plaque for Noel in the Ashes garden.

Funeral
23 July
Kathleen Angell

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.

Ashes Wall

A niche in our Ashes Wall costs just \$750.00 plus GST. Contact Janice Henson, Secretary, for further details.
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