



# Preservation Post

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

**Christ Church Taita**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Open Day – Sunday 1 November from 12 noon,  
followed by**

**166th Annual Service, 2.00 pm**

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

**Special General Meeting**

**Sunday 1 November, following Annual Service**



**Annual Christmas Service**

**Thursday 3 December, 7.30 pm**

**Officiating Minister: Rev. John Daysh**

**Choir: David Dell & the Take Note Singers**

A whole page of **Upcoming Events** this month! Put these dates in your diaries now. We are looking forward to members (and prospective members) joining us.

At our **Annual General Meeting** on Saturday 12 September, the following were re-elected to the Committee:

President: John Daysh

Secretary: Janice Henson

Treasurer: John Stevens

Committee: Ian McCulloch, Mary Stevens, Tracey Buick, Greg Hooper, Bruce Hutton, John Kennedy-Good, Chris Pynenburg. We also welcomed Daphne Daysh and Joan Worthington. This year's events have had to be 'squashed' into the latter part of the year.

As reported in Issue 69, our postponed 166th Annual Service will now be held on **Sunday 1 November** to coincide with Wellington Heritage Week which runs from 26 October through to 1 November. We will commence with an **Open Day** from 12 noon. Ian McCulloch and Greg Hooper will conduct graveyard tours at 12.15 and again at 1.00 pm and musician Jason Morris will be playing the organ during this time.

Heritage Week events have been widely published and we hope this will encourage many visitors to our beautiful church.

The **Annual Service** will commence at 2.00 pm. We look forward to hearing Rev Colin Barnes' memories of his time at Christ Church, in particular, the fire in 1989.

A **Special General Meeting** for members will be held following the service to approve a resolution to erect a Visitor Centre on the grounds.

The proposal for a visitor centre offers the opportunity to enhance the importance of Christ Church, both as a special place for the families of those associated with the church and graveyard and as a heritage site of national importance sited in the Hutt Valley. The support of those families and the wider community is needed to ensure the success of this development. Please now take the opportunity to sign up families and supporters for membership of the Preservation Society, giving the right to vote at the SGM and have an ongoing interest in this exciting project. Please contact our secretary about annual or life membership options.

And families, please bring your younger ones to the events on 1 November, including the SGM, so that they can become more aware of their heritage and family stories.

Afternoon tea will follow the conclusion of the SGM.

Our special **Annual Christmas Service** follows just one month later on **Thursday 3 December, 7.30 pm**.

### **Tapestry Cushions**

The cushion basket at the entrance by the font is now overflowing with beautiful tapestry cushions thanks to our amazing stitchers and The Workroom.





Jackie Cole from the Workroom

The Cole family has a close association with the Church.

### **Spring has sprung . . . .**

The grounds are starting to look amazing and will be at their best for the Open Day and Service.



Clivia blooming at the front entrance

### **With love we remember . . .**

**Pamela Newsome** – Life Member of the Preservation Society died peacefully on 5 September 2020 aged 91.

While there were no weddings at the church in recent months, we have firm bookings for three in November / December.

### **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. [info@christ-church.org.nz](mailto:info@christ-church.org.nz)