



CHRIST CHURCH ~

WELLINGTON REGION'S OLDEST CHURCH

Preservation Post

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Upcoming Events:
Church of Tonga Service – Every Sunday
Open Afternoon Sunday 15 October
Open Day 30 October - 1-4 pm
Wellington Heritage Week

Greetings, here is the latest news from the Preservation Post.

2022 Annual Service & AGM

The Rev John Daysh took the annual service with the theme of 'Thanksgiving' and invited us all to join in giving thanks for our families and all the goodness of God.

Bob Fox presented an interesting insight into his family's early life and long connection to Christ Church. Thank you Bob.

From the AGM: Treasurer's Report

John Stevens presented the Performance Report recording that the Society had made a surplus of approximately \$7,500 for the year. This was largely due to our investments through the Anglican Diocese AMSIF Fund which returned

substantially less than the previous year. The situation will be very tight for the next year or two.

A challenge was issued through the Preservation Post for increased membership. If the Society is going to continue to be sustainable, we need to build up membership.

Election of officers

President: John Stevens

Secretary: Yet to be decided

Treasurer: Chris Pynenburg

Committee: Bruce Hutton, John Kennedy-Good, Greg Hooper, Mary Stevens, Daphne Daysh, John Daysh, Tracey Buick, Margaret Hutchings, Adrian Broad and Ian McCulloch.

Visitor Centre Project

John Daysh presented a draft paper for consideration by the incoming committee regarding the Visitor Centre. A grant of

\$88,000 has been received to be used for the presentation of historical displays in the centre. Mana whenua have agreed to provide an etched window within the building to recognise the close relationship. The building will be used by the Preservation Society as a sheltering/gathering place. At our most recent meeting our committee asked the trustees for the visitor centre development to provide up to date information about progress with the project.

From our new President

Becoming your new president came as a surprise to me and was certainly not planned before the AGM. However, just like the Speaker of the House, I was 'dragged reluctantly' into the role at the last minute. However, I was encouraged by the members present to 'do my bit' to preserve our special place.

Thankfully Chris Pynenburg agreed to take over as treasurer, while our two new committee members, Marg Hutchings and Adrian Broad, have already stepped up and taken a number of key roles. Marg will edit the newsletter and maintain the membership data base while Adrian will be our liaison with the Corrections Department and the community service workers who work in our grounds, as well as having oversight of our security arrangements. It is particularly helpful to have him living locally, as does Tracey Buick, who acts as our caretaker.

My first priority as president will be to ensure that the long-term viability of the society is ensured through increased membership and the building up of interest among the younger generations of the settler families and the local community.

Only with a flourishing society can we ensure the preservation of our taonga at Christ Church for future generations. John Stevens, President.

Janice Henson

It is with deep regret and boundless appreciation that we acknowledge the retirement of Janice after 18 years as our secretary. None of us had a full understanding of how much Janice was doing for her beloved Christ Church until she laid out her tasks for us. In all this she has been staunchly backed up by Warren.

Janice's retirement from the committee has meant that we have all had to rally around and share many more tasks between us.

Janice took over the secretary role from the late Libby Miles (Daysh) at the time of our 150th Anniversary and has been the king-pin for most of our activities since then. She can be acknowledged as a truly selfless volunteer. Although Janice has 'retired', we can be certain that her love for Christ Church is not diminished and that she will be 'lending a hand' from time to time.

Well done faithful servant!



John Daysh

John has stepped down as president after 10 years in the role and will be missed for his gentle and thoughtful encouragement of the Christ Church whanau.

In recent years, as well as undertaking many committee duties, John has been an inspirational minister in our Annual and Christmas Services, leading us in expressing our gratitude for those that have gone before and the many blessings the Christ Church community have enjoyed.

John will continue leading our worship services, while he and Daphne will be

looking after bookings for wedding and other celebrations, as well as maintaining the graveyard data base.

Thank you, John. We are pleased to have your continued enthusiastic support of Christ Church.

Whitireia Community Polytechnic Filming



We are second year film students from Whitireia Community Polytechnic. We are

shooting a TV series and in this photo we were beginning shoot day 6 of thirty; we were incredibly lucky and thankful for Christ Church to welcome us into filming a funeral scene in this beautiful church.

Church of Tonga



A small congregation of the Church of Tonga is now meeting at Christ Church each Sunday morning. Please feel free to join them if you are around at the time.

Minister Rev Kapani

Ma'ake during service.

Graveyard interments

It is very important that we know about any ashes interments in the graveyard so that our records are kept complete. Let us know what you are planning so that any memorial gathering does not clash with other activities.

There are still ashes niches and a small number of burial plots available for purchase, although burial plots are reserved for families connected with Christ Church.



Weddings

1 June

Angelique van Zyl to Louis Crafford

25 June

Aleisha Mooney to Nick Jackson

12 August

Missy Kate Bousfield to Sean Ryan

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. For further details email: info@christ-church.org.nz.

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