



# CHRIST CHURCH ~ taitā

WELLINGTON REGION'S OLDEST CHURCH

## Preservation Post

Newsletter of the  
Christ Church Preservation Society (Inc.)

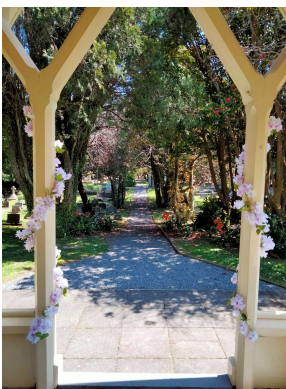
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**Upcoming Events:**  
**Church of Tonga Service – Every Sunday**  
**Christmas Carol Service – Thursday 1 December 7.30 pm**

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

### From the President

Dear members and friends of Christ Church,  
Spring has sprung somewhat reluctantly but at least we had a break in the weather on Sunday 30 October for an Open Afternoon, when 6 of our committee were able to welcome over 30 visitors. Christ



Church was featured in the Wellington Heritage week programme, with a great picture of the church porch, looking up the path with clivias in full bloom on each side. The Church of Tonga services are

continuing on Sunday mornings. It's great to have this regular worship in our sacred place.

A goodly number of weddings are booked through to February. Our thanks to



Daphne for taking over the marketing and booking from Janice.

In time for the Heritage week opening, the church had its annual wash down and looked nice and clean. Thanks to Tracey for arranging

this.

In the new year we plan to complete the fence on the northern boundary and have the church paintwork touched up. We are also considering having a dedicated garden shed somewhere in the churchyard.

Have you looked at the website recently. The search facility has been upgraded and you can now search by name or topic. There is an opportunity for families to provide more genealogical information for entry. Thanks to Mary for her work on this.

And remember to diary **Thursday 1 December at 7.30 pm** for our **Christmas Carol Service**, again featuring the David Dell Singers. We hope to see you there.

Meanwhile, best wishes to you from our committee.

John Stevens,  
President

### **Easier access to historic records**

on the Christ Church web site is now available to people wanting to find out about their Hutt Valley ancestors.

[www.christ-church.org.nz](http://www.christ-church.org.nz)

The Committee has employed Ben Collis of Digital Promotions to make all the data in the Genealogy Section of the web site searchable. To find family members associated with Christ Church you enter the name and then the information appears. The ancestor record data and the supplementary documents are all there. If you have information about a person or activity associated with Christ Church that you would like to include in your family history send it to [info@christ-church.org.nz](mailto:info@christ-church.org.nz). The committee will vet the information and then put it on the website for you.

Another must see on the Web page is the 3D walk through of the graveyard. There is a search facility with which you can find the position of any grave in the graveyard.

Mary Stevens

### **Current Committee:**

**President:** John Stevens

**Treasurer:** Chris Pynenburg

**Committee:** Bruce Hutton, John Kennedy-Good, Greg Hooper (Graveyard tours), Mary Stevens (Website maintenance), Daphne Daysh (Marketing and wedding bookings), John Daysh (Church Services), Tracey Buick (Caretaker), Margaret Hutchings (Newsletter Editor and Database), Adrian Broad (Liasion with corrections and community services workers) and Ian McCulloch (Graveyard tours).



A big thank you to Wellington Heritage Week 2022 for their support in promoting Christ Church during Heritage Week.

### **Avalon Public Hall Centenary**



Our Christ Church Preservation Society had a wonderful table display at the Avalon Public Hall Centenary celebration on Saturday afternoon 15 October. It provided a great opportunity for more distribution of Preservation Society membership information. Christ Church was open in the morning and visited by members of the Mabey family who had travelled from around the country to attend the centennial.

Avalon Public Hall - History Websites:

<https://www.nzpictures.co.nz/AvalonPublicHall-100yrs.htm>

<https://digitalnz.org/stories/6135ee8d986bca0011f7703>



### **Weddings**

**November 5 2022**

**Gabriela Jimenez and Michael Nes**

**November 12 2022**

**Hayley Jeffrey and Amir Mashini**

**January 6th 2023**

**Erin Chamley and Alan Healey**

**January 28th 2023**

**Kath Chamley and Matt Reweti**

**February 25 2023**  
**Brianna Bartley-Harrod and Adrian**  
**Widdicombe**

**Saturday 18th March 2023**  
**Katie Watling and Seamus Murnane**

It is with sadness we report that **Robert Charles (Bob) Fox** passed away Peacefully on 24th October 2022, aged 79 years. Remembered by many as a Journalist and Sports Writer.

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

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