



CHRIST CHURCH ~ taitā

WELLINGTON REGION'S OLDEST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events: Carol Service - Wednesday 6th December

From the President

We have just joined in with Wellington



Heritage Week – 28 October to 5 November, opening on Sunday afternoon. We didn't have many visitors on what

turned out to be a beautiful afternoon but it was great that visitors included Hirst family members. Thank you to our small band of helpers on the day.

Christmas fast approaches but, before then, we cap off the year on **Wednesday 6 December, at 7:30pm**, when we will again be joined by **David Dell** and the **David Dell Singers** for our annual carol service. Would members please bring food for supper to share with our visitors.

Which brings me to my usual plea that all the families connected to Christ Church need to step up to the mark and encourage the younger generations to

support the work we do. A good starting point is to get younger members of your whānau signed up as members so that they start to learn about their inheritance.

When you next visit Christ Church you will see that work is underway on the building of the visitors' centre with foundation work started. We wish the trustees, **John Daysh, John Terris and Ian McCulloch** all the best for a swift completion of this project.

Meanwhile our committee, members, supporters and Corrections teams have been busy with the considerable task of maintaining our treasured church and graveyard, including the church's annual wash. The removal of the large stand of bamboo is underway and taking down the remainder of the old fence has begun ready for the replacement fence build.

However, there are a number of graves in need of some maintenance. If family members are visiting the church, please consider whether it is time for your family to plan an upgrade of your family graves.

And if you cannot join us beforehand, we wish you Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holidays.

John Stevens

We enjoyed a visit from **Glen Walker**, great great grandson of **Sidney Hirst** who built Christ Church, with his children, **Calum** and **Avery**



Walker. Earlier in the week Adrian Broad showed Glen's sister Margaret around the church. They both enjoyed reading about their ancestor in Miles Erwin's history of Christ Church, "Guardian of the Valley" and each purchased a copy for their family history.



Centre for Christ Church.

This hardy looking group have just turned the sod on a significant new building site, which will house a Visitor



Sweet Thunder quartet singing songs from around the world in the church on Sunday.

Kind regards

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Weddings

No weddings to report since July.

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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