



Preservation Post

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

Christ Church Taita



Upcoming Events:

Christmas Service

Wednesday 4 December, 7.30 pm

Officiating Minister: Rev. John Daysh

Choir: David Dell & the Take Note Singers

Christmas is fast approaching! Time for the Annual Christmas Service – make a note in your diaries and join us for a **Christmas celebration on 4 December**. Once again David Dell and the Take Note Singers will join us for this event. They look forward to entertaining us each year, just as much as we enjoy having them.

Our grounds are looking magnificent – the roses are starting to flourish and bloom under the tender care of Mary Stevens and our new gardener Theresa Greally.

We also have a new caretaker – Beryl Stewart. Beryl has looked after churches before and is taking great

pride in making sure Christ Church is looking its best.

Flowering Cherry Trees – a gift from the Routley family

On a beautiful sunny Sunday 2 November, committee members Mary Stevens, Tracey Buick, Janice and Warren Henson planted five flowering cherry trees behind the ashes wall at Christ Church. In the preceding weeks Mary had supervised the PD workers clearing years of accumulated rubbish from behind the wall so the ground was ready for the trees. In future years as these trees grow, they will give a soft backdrop to our ashes wall, shielding it from the surrounding industrial buildings. These trees have been gifted to Christ Church as part of

a generous bequest from the Routley family. It is also planned to erect a seat at the front of the church and other enhancements to the church and grounds. A huge thank you to the Routley family.



Janice & Warren Henson, Mary Stevens and Tracey Buick planting the cherry trees

Change from Cottage Museum to Visitor Centre

The Christ Church Cottage Museum Trust have decided not to proceed with the planned Cottage Museum on the section next to Christ Church but to work with the Preservation Society to build a smaller Visitor Centre within the grounds of the Church yard. Plans are now underway to engage the Architect who designed the amenities block, to design our Visitor Centre alongside that building.

We are meeting at the end of November with descendants of Chief Matangi, who is buried with his whanau in the graveyard, and the Wellington Tenths Trust in order to involve the Tangata Whenua from the

start of the Visitor Centre as Maori and the Early Settlers worked together when Christ Church was built. We want to tell and display the history and heritage of us all.

Please continue to support us as we seek to enhance Christ Church as a welcoming place open some times each week for visitors. Many groups continue to visit us but only as pre-arranged with Committee Members. The Visitor Centre will have displays to be seen by any visitors and will be a place for volunteers to tell our stories and show people the Church and graveyard.

“Arthur and Polly Hansell and their Three Daughters” by Bob Stewart.

Copies of this book are available by contacting Bob Stewart, email stewart@sbp-journal.com. Payment by way of koha which will be forwarded to Christ Church Preservation Society.

In Memoriam

We record with sadness the deaths of the following life members and extend our thoughts and prayers to their families:

Joan Hooper – August 2019 – aged 96.

Kevin Percy - 2 September 2019.

Helen Dell MacKay - 7 September 2019

David Underwood – 8 October 2019

Interment of ashes into family graves

The Preservation Society is solely responsible for the care of our little church and its graveyard. Our very small committee takes this task very seriously. At times we find new headstones just ‘appear’ on existing

graves. We want to be able to include any new interments into our graveyard list and this is made extremely difficult when we are not made aware of new interments. The cost of interment of ashes into an existing grave in the churchyard is a very reasonable \$250 + GST. Please help us to make sure we are contacted regarding any new interments. Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons have also been asked to notify us.

Ashes Wall

A niche in our Ashes Wall costs just \$750.00 plus GST. Contact Janice Henson, Secretary, for further details. Janice-klaw@xtra.co.nz



Weddings

19 October

Kate Parker to Dave Menzies

Interments

Graham Willson

Betty Searle

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