



Preservation Post

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

Christ Church Taita

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 5 December, 7.30 pm



Annual Christmas Service

Officiating Minister: Rev. John Daysh

Choir: David Dell & the Take Note Singers

As we head into Summer, the church and grounds are starting to look their very best. The first roses are blooming and by the time we come to celebrate our Annual Christmas Service on 5 December, it will be a sight to behold.



Rose Crepuscule on the wall of the Utility Block

Thank you to Elizabeth Bargh who has again given a generous donation towards the beautification of the grounds. Mary has planted three heritage General Gallieni Roses and spread fertiliser around the garden beds.



General Gallieni

General Maintenance

The Preservation Society is constantly aware of the need to keep to our purpose for being – and that is the **Preservation of Christ Church Taita.**

As reported in the July issue of Preservation Post Chris Pynenburg and his team have been refurbishing the windows on the inside of the church.

Because of the damp, a tarpaulin was erected over the south side for 7 weeks to allow the windows to dry out. All the old glass (54 panes on the south side alone, most slightly different sizes), have been replaced, outside frame primed and new specialised glazing putty used to finish outside waterproofing of each window. A considerable amount of rot was found in one window frame and small amounts in two others, which has also been fixed. The inside has been sealed and varnished.

The process is now being repeated on the north side of the church. It is not damp that has affected this side, but UV damage from the sun. The sun is also severely damaging some of the pews, which will also need repairing. 107 new panes of glass have been used to complete the project!

In addition, the doors on the Utility Block are rotting and need to be replaced.

These essential maintenance costs will eat into our cash reserves. However, the committee is confident that attending to these matters before they become insurmountable will save in the long term.

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.

Christ Church Cottage Museum – Open Afternoon

There will be an Open Afternoon run by the Cottage Museum Trust on **Sunday 18 November, 2.00 pm.** There will be a tour of the graveyard and an opportunity to hear about the Visitor Centre/Heritage Trail.

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

No weddings over this period

Interments

Maurice Edwin David Balls & Nancy Eileen Balls

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