



Preservation Post

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

Christ Church Taita

Upcoming Events:

**Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 10 April, 7.30 pm**

At the Church

**165th Annual Service
Sunday 5 May, 2.00 pm**

Feature family:

Buck

Church Maintenance

We are delighted to report that the refurbishment of the windows is now complete.

New fibreglass doors will be fitted to the Utility Block shortly as the original ones are rotting.

We are also pleased to welcome Matthew Baguley back into the role of Caretaker, following the resignation of Susan Caulfield. Matthew was with us 5 years' ago and has returned after travelling overseas.

Annual General Meeting –
Wednesday 10 April, 7.30 pm at the
Church

Our small committee works very hard to maintain Christ Church in good order and condition – most of us have held office for a number of years' now and we would love some new blood.



Many hands make light work, so if you live locally please consider joining the committee, or if you know someone who would be interested, contact the Secretary, Janice Henson, 027 315 7757 or janice-klaw@xtra.co.nz.

Annual Service – Sunday 5 May, 2.00 pm

This year's annual service will feature the descendants of George Green Buck. Aileen Long will share her knowledge and memories and encourages as many Buck descendants as possible to join her.

In memoriam

We record with sadness the death of May Barnes, the wife of Rev Colin Barnes who was the Minister at St Matthews Taita and at Christ Church during the time of the 1989 fire.

Colin chose Christ Church Taita for May's funeral and burial on 5 February on a beautiful sunny day.

The Secretary has received notification of the death of Life Member **David Luke**. The only information we have is that David had Clere grandparents buried in the graveyard.

Another Life Member **Dorothy Daysh** (mother of Secretary, Janice Henson) died peacefully on 16 January 2019 at the age of 98. Dorothy was a member of the committee who researched and organised the Rayner-Daysh Reunion and family history book in 1989.

Janice grew up in the Wairarapa (where John Ings Daysh settled) and often wondered about the fact that while the name was spelled 'Daysh', everyone was known as '*Dash*' – the 'y' wasn't pronounced. Anyone calling themselves Daysh was considered to be 'putting on airs and graces'. We can assume therefore that John Ings

and his offspring from the Wairarapa pronounced their surname *Dash*.

Pam Gran, a Daysh descendant still living in Wickham, has done considerable research on the family tree and has provided the following insight into the name:

The spelling of D'ash (which is French) leads her to suspect that our ancestors came over to England from France with the Normans in 1066 and the battle of Hasting. Pam's DNA shows she has 63% western European stock in her ancestry.

The Dash/Daysh family can be traced as far back as the 1600's in Wickham and Droxford. There was a Robert Dash buried in 1694 at the age of 104 (ref: The History of Wickham by Bruce Tuppenden). There are still Daysh families in Wickham.

Anyone who is interested in tracking down the Dash/Daysh family is welcome to contact Pam – email pam.gran@ntlworld.com.

She tells us that some of the information on the internet is a little misleading. She lives in the area and has access to the Parish Records.



St Nicholas Church, Wickham

Open Day at Christ Church for the Cottage Museum – Sunday 18 November 2018

The Open Day at Christ Church was held to publicise the proposed Cottage Museum. About fifty interested people gathered in the church after 2.00pm where they were welcomed by John Daysh and John Terris who did a presentation on the vision and progress towards establishing the Cottage Museum alongside Christ Church; followed by afternoon-tea in the new seating and paved area in front of the utility block. We were well assisted by Rachel McCulloch, Catherine Kennedy-Good and Tracey Buick. Guests enjoyed sitting and talking in the sun surrounded by our beautiful garden of history.

Ian McCulloch led a graveyard tour and spoke about the historical stories associated with the families represented by the graves. A number of those attending were new to Christ Church; others were involved in other Wellington heritage programmes such as the Bolton St Cemetery and the Old Government Buildings.

For further information about the Cottage Museum project contact: John Daysh, jddaysh@gmail.com.

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. Contact Janice Henson, Secretary, for further details.

Janice-klaw@xtra.co.nz



Weddings

8 December 2018

Ime Tavite to Alex Telea

27 December 2018

**Angelique Herselman to
Matthew Mordecai-Harwood**

4 January 2019

Emma Church to Richard Munn

5 January 2018

Nikki Watkins to Jeff Woolf

2 February 2019

Chrissy Yuile to Dylan van den Beld

Interment

18 December 2018

Betty Veda Selwyn

Funeral & Burial

5 February 2019

May Barnes

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