

Earthquake Recovery Update

15th April 2011



Durham Street

Progress this week:

- On Monday 18th Tumuaki Revs Diana Tana and Mary Caygill will be holding a service adjacent to the Durham St Church in association with local Kaumatua to lift the tapu on the Durham street Church site. The service will be a private service involving members of the families of the deceased and a small group representing the Church and rescuers. The site is within the cordon and access is restricted at present because of the danger of surrounding buildings. An open service will be held at a later date when access permits.
- New Brighton – The provision of a new underground power supply is well underway to reconnect power to the New Brighton Hall. The power meter needs to be relocated from the Church to the Hall, once this is complete the Hall, Office and Op Shop will again have power.

- Durham Street - Approval is being sought from Civil Defence to remove dangerous debris from the Durham St site, to make safe the site but also to allow short term access to Aldersgate. Civil Defence requires a traffic management plan and a number of other criteria to be met before this can be done. Our Project Managers are working on these at present. Local residents in Chester Street have asked we remove the container outside the church in Chester Street, the Opawa parish have very kindly allowed us to have this moved to their site temporarily. Sadly only a very small portion of the organ is stored in the container, most was boxed on the floor of the church ready to load into the container and has been destroyed.
- Beckenham Church – A quotation is being sought to install a new permanent power supply to the Church. There is still power at present but it comes through the Hall which has been severely damaged. This is something that will have to be done at some point regardless of what happens to the Hall.
- Woodend – The Parish has asked that the preparation of the resource consent application to repair the church be put on hold to enable options for the use of the Church and site to be explored, this will proceed as soon as the Parish advises us to go ahead.
- Ashburton – Ashburton have advised of further damage to the Baring Square Church from the February 22nd earthquake. When Structex Engineers are available to inspect the site, the current reports and costings for repair will be updated and completed and then forwarded to the Parish.
- Properties with Minor and Moderate damage – a programme is currently being prepared for visiting properties and updating the schedules previously prepared by Ignite Building Surveyors to include new damage from the February earthquake. Once the schedules are updated and signed off by the Parishes, repairs can proceed to tender.
- Christchurch North, New Brighton and Bryndwr – the design and costings for repairs to these Churches can move forward once the Christchurch City Council or the Government clarify the strengthening requirements that will now be required to be met.
- For any Parishes that have suffered loss of contents from your Churches, Halls and Offices or other non residential premises covered by our Insurance. Please can you start a list of contents lost and obtain quotes for replacements for the larger electrical items or furniture. Please forward your lists preferably with quotes for the more expensive items to Jeaninne Stevenson at the Connexional Office as soon as possible, jeaninnes@methodist.org.nz or post to P O Box 931, Christchurch.

******* Please can you check if a Canon IXUS80 camera with a Home Pro black bag has been left at your Church or Hall – Tim from our Project Managers has recently visited a number of Methodist Church properties and may have left his camera behind at one of them, please contact Jeaninne on 03 366 6049*******