

Methodist Church Insurance Fund

Earthquake update

15th October 2010



Durham Street

Progress this week:

- Completed removing all loose material from Durham Street.
- Received approval from the Council's Heritage planners to proceed with temporary propping for Durham St, Woodend and Bryndwr.
The process of erecting the temporary propping for Durham St will be a slow and careful process due to the extent of damage to the structure of the building and to ensure the safety of the contractors. Once the propping is in place the engineers will begin work on a process to enable the removal of the Organ, Sheet Music and Grand Piano.
- The steel is being fabricated this week for temporary propping at New Brighton Church, Opawa and Beckenham Halls. We are expecting to have contractors on site from next week.

- Arrow International confirmed this week the time frame for completing the Condition Surveys for lesser damaged buildings will be 3 weeks. We had hoped to begin this next week but with the continuing aftershocks the start date is yet to be confirmed.
- Commenced work to establish the scope of work and repair cost for St Johns Bryndwr and Woodend. This will include a Heritage Architect, Structural Engineer and Quantity Surveyor.

Thank you this week for your patience, as we work through this. If we haven't mentioned your property, please be assured that you have not been forgotten. Getting all our buildings back in operation and repairs completed will be a lengthy process but we are working hard to make this happen.

REMINDER

Residential Properties

1. **We are now halfway through the notification period for EQC claims. If you are aware of any damage to residential properties in your parish, no matter how minor, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can lodge a claim.**
2. **Also, if any Parish has already notified EQC please let us have the details so that we can track them through this office.**

Please phone James on 03 364 9429 or Jeaninne on 03 364 9420.

Please direct all enquiries regarding Earthquake claims through the Connexional Office to reduce possible confusion. All consultants working on the project have been instructed to only communicate through this office.