

# Methodist Church Insurance Fund

## Earthquake Recovery Update

28<sup>th</sup> January 2011



*Damage from the Boxing Day earthquake at Lyttelton Church*

**Happy New Year, we are looking forward to a busy and productive year and hopefully the New Year doesn't bring any more surprises like the Boxing Day Earthquakes.**

- Please notify us of any damage to buildings you previously thought to be undamaged since the Boxing Day Earthquake and aftershocks.
- Condition Surveys by Ignite Building Consultants prepared for those buildings with minor or moderate damage have nearly all been signed off. Thank you for your prompt response to these reports. A programme has been put in place for the tendering process to repair the damage. It is expected the tendering process will take approximately two weeks and will begin once all the Ignite Building Survey Reports are signed off. Over the next two to three weeks all Parishes concerned will be contacted to arrange a site visit for the tenderers.
- A programme is now in place for the removal of the organ from Durham Street. The South Island Organ Company has been contracted to dismantle and remove the organ to storage. A scaffold platform will be erected in front of the organ. The organ will be dismantled and photographs will be taken to record the condition of all parts and components, these will then be packaged and stored in a container in a secure and weatherproof storage facility in Washdyke. This process is expected to commence in the second week of February and should be completed by the end of February.
- More severely damaged buildings, work is continuing on detailed estimates for the scope and cost of repairs for Woodend, Bryndwr, Ashburton, Richmond Hall, Opawa Hall and Beckenham Hall. All the estimates for these buildings are expected to be completed by the end of February. These will provide the information needed for the Parishes to discuss options and for any repair work to begin. As soon as these are available the Parishes concerned will be contacted.