

Methodist Church Insurance Fund

Earthquake Recovery Update

3rd June 2011

Progress this week:



Christchurch City

- Properties with Minor and Moderate damage – Ignite Building Surveyors have now completed all their inspections and reports. These have now been posted to those Parishes concerned for review. Please check these carefully it is really important that we include all that is earthquake damage for repair.
- All residential properties in the Christchurch area have had a claim lodged with EQC regardless of any damage being reported to us. We will hear from EQC in due course, unfortunately we have no control over the time frame for this, but as soon as we hear from EQC we will contact the Parish concerned.
- Durham St – Our project managers are currently in the process of agreeing with CERA the management process of the removal of debris preventing access to Aldersgate and the demolition and recovery of any items that the Parish may wish to try to retain.
- New Brighton – work is underway on the design for repair and strengthening to the main gable end of the Church. Initially the gable will be made safe and waterproof and once this is complete more permanent repairs and whatever else is needed to be done can begin.
- Opawa- Due to the substantial liquefaction on site fee proposals are being sought for a geo-technical report to be prepared.

Rev Norman Goreham has written the Hymn attached, "When the Temple Veil was Rent", in response to the Pac Distribution Group theme for 2011. It is now on the CCLI Songselect website as CCLI Song NO 5902978.

******Parishes are requested to note their use to CCLI if they use the hymn ******

WHEN THE TEMPLE VEIL WAS RENT
(FOR CHRISTCHURCH AT EASTER)

Matthew 27: 51, Psalm 137: 4. Matthew 28: 2

1 When the Temple veil was rent
and the earth shook violently,
people questioned what it meant:
Where was their security?
Were they not a favoured race?
Why, then, this disastrous loss?
Where was God when this took place?
Lifeless on Good Friday's cross?

2 When Cathedral bells, no more
ringing out across the sky,
sit, abandoned on the floor,
where the piles of rubble lie —
in their trauma and their doubt,
people question, weep and wail,
seeing dreams turned inside out,
shattered, as the Temple veil.

3 When sad exiles, on the move,
have the need to leave behind
buildings they have learned to love,
what new shelter will they find?
What is left for them to bring,
homes, possessions, churches gone?
What will be the songs they sing
in their alien Babylon?

4 See the earth, on Easter Day,
trembles, quivering with praise!
See the stone is rolled away;
gone the former anxious days!
See fresh hope and courage found;
see a healing of the pain.
See, on ravaged Christchurch ground,
this brave city rise again!

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