

Methodist Church Insurance Fund

Earthquake Recovery Update

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One of the only items recovered whole from the Durham Street Church

This week's update

- Durham Street & Aldersgate - The Durham Street demolition will be complete by Monday. The demolition contractor has done an excellent job and have treated the site with a great deal of care and sensitivity. One of the only items recovered whole was the Maori carved lectern, pieces of the plaques were also recovered. Arrow is currently obtaining prices to fence the boundary of the property with a truck gate to be installed off Chester St. Structex is to review the safety of Aldersgate for the Mission to remove anything else they require from the building. A full structural assessment will follow once the initial safety review is complete.
- Opawa Church & Hall – The demolition of the Opawa Hall is now complete. The engineers have recommended that a detailed assessment be carried out of the damage and strength of the Church. Structex have advised that the Church will not be safe for use until all repair and strengthening work is complete. The first step in the assessment of how the repairs of the Church can be made is a geotech survey, this was scheduled some weeks ago and was booked in to be carried out at the end of this month.

- Richmond Church & Hall – Demolition of the Hall is now complete. Structex have advised the next step is to have a geotech inspection and report done. Arrow are in the process of arranging this and we will advise the Parish as soon as we know anything further.
- Ashburton & Bryndwr - Structex have completed Structural reports for these buildings and copies of these have been sent to the two Parishes. The next step is that Arrow will arrange for the engineer to visit each property along with the Architect and Quantity Surveyor. The purpose of the visit is to have the engineer explain to the QS and Architect what the scope of structural repair work is to provide input for any architectural implications the structural work will have. This will enable an estimate for the repairs to be prepared. Arrow will contact the Parishes on Monday to arrange a time for next week.
- Christchurch North – Structex are still in the process of completing the Structural report on the Church and Hall, once the Structural Engineer's report is complete, this will be sent to the Parish. The next step depending on the outcome of the Structural report will be for the Engineer to visit the site along with the QS and the Architect to provide their input to enable an estimate for the repairs to be completed.
- New Brighton - The demolition of the Church is scheduled to start on Monday and is expected to take about 10 days to complete.
- Minor and Moderately damaged properties - Arrow International is organising site visits to take place for the Minor and Moderate churches on the 14th, 20th and 21st of September. Arrow will be taking the preferred contractor to each site to confirm the scope of works and take measurements and other information required for them to set a fixed price for the works. The contractors and Arrow will make every effort to cause the minimum of disruption while this process is underway. All Parishes concerned have been advised via email.
- St Marks , Somerfield – Organ removal and making good. The Parish have advised how they wish to proceed with the removal of the organ and Arrow are in the process of arranging quotes and for the Architect to prepare drawings for making good the area where the organ will be removed from.
- Residential properties – EQC Claims, we have two properties in the orange zone and one in the red zone. We have had no further notification re the orange zone properties but will update parishes concerned as soon as we are notified of any changes. Some properties which were in the white zone have now been zoned green, as we receive notification we will pass this on to the Parishes concerned.