



UPDATE ON KNOX REBUILD

Welcome to a special issue aimed at ensuring everyone is up-to-date with progress on the rebuild of our quake-damaged church on the Victoria Street/ Bealey Avenue corner.

Our excellent team from Higgs Construction is now back after a brief holiday break and work on the rebuild has begun again. Over the next few months you will see a modern replacement exterior take shape, followed by

the restoration of the heritage interior. We hope for a completion date some time in July.

Soon we will begin planning for a programme of public concerts and performances to share the celebration of our re-opening with all of Christchurch. Winter 2014 is a time to look forward to!

Janet Wilson
Knox Council Clerk

IN JULY 2013



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Six months on from commencing our rebuild, much has been achieved, although that is not so obvious to those who haven't had the opportunity to see behind the hoarding surrounding the site. The work has been principally the new, specially engineered foundations. Significantly, this work has facilitated the securing of the important remnants of the wooden heritage fabric – the wooden columns, the majestic wooden roof structure and the interior “wainscot” panelling. These heritage structures will be retained and used in the new building.

Just prior to Christmas, four “post tensioned” concrete pillars were manufactured and secured in place as part of the replacement for the former brick buttresses which supported the walls of the old church. In the next few weeks, the old roof cladding will be replaced with new iron, and thermal and acoustic lining placed in the ceiling space.

The remaining 12 concrete columns which will support the new wall cladding, will be manufactured and placed around the perimeter of the new building in the next few weeks also. They will be tied together by a steel

ring beam. Following this work, the outer walls will be erected. They will be made of acid-washed concrete panels with tall glass windows set in and with copper sheets cladding the upper sections of the walls.

Completion date for the rebuild, including the installation of the refurbished and upgraded organ, is presently timed for the end of July 2014. In the meantime, it will be great if we can successfully raise the outstanding funds, needed for the completed rebuild.

Ron Keating
Project Manager



WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM?

As well as insurance money, we have grants received or promised from the Knox Trust, the Canterbury Earthquake Heritage Building Fund, and Lane Neave, Barristers and Solicitors. The Christchurch Liedertafel Male Voice Choir is giving a donation to Knox from every copy sold of their recent CD. In addition to these major sources we have received donations from our appeals to parish members and appeals to the wider Christchurch public through publicity in newspapers, magazines and on TV. We have held smaller fundraising events such as selling baked goodies and also some cards and small Christmas decorations. We are immensely grateful to all our donors so far.

Latest calculations are that we still have an estimated shortfall of \$700,000 on the finished costs. Obtaining this last amount will enable us to finish the project and be debt free, thus ensuring the survival of our

How are we paying for the rebuild?

heritage building. It will be a place of worship open to all, but also a venue suitable for community use for such events as concerts and meetings. It will seat up to 400 and will have up-to-date heating and sound systems. The pipe organ will be restored and enhanced. Of course we still have our own car-parking area next to the Knox complex, a feature which is useful for a busy city site.

We would be very grateful for further support from anyone with connections to Knox Church but also from anyone who would like to help our landmark heritage building to rise again and continue providing service to the community of Christchurch

Note that that any donation over \$5 is eligible for a tax rebate.

Liz Baxendine
Convener of Knox Fundraising Committee



KEEPING A WATCH ON PROGRESS

Even if you don't see the building site very often, it's easy for you to keep an eye on the progress of our Knox Church rebuild by checking our website from time to time.

Visit www.knoxchurch.co.nz and under "News" you will find photos of building progress, showing what's happening on-site.

You may also like to look at video film showing the installation of the first large concrete pillars late last year. Thanks to Ollie Wall for the footage, John Brouwer for the presentation and the Christchurch Liedertafel for the background music. Visit YouTube: <http://youtu.be/F162OKZZrek>

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The Knox Church Rebuild Fund is accepting donations in the following ways:

- Cheques can be made out to "Knox Church Rebuild Fund" and sent to the Knox Church Office, **28 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch, 8013, New Zealand**
- Donations can be made directly to any Westpac Bank branch or via internet banking

Our account details are:

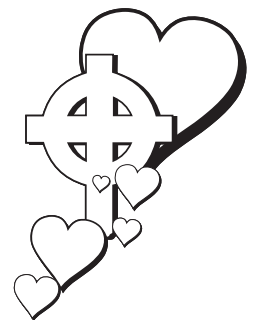
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Please email your name, address and date of payment to: office@knoxchurch.co.nz

Knox Church is registered with the New Zealand Charities Commission. Any donation over \$5 is eligible for a tax rebate. We ask donors to give their names and addresses so that we can send receipts. Our Charities Commission number is CC33597. IRD 10-823-838

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