

## **CATHEDRAL CHAPTER REPORT TO SYNOD 2012**

**Members:** Dean Helen Jacobi (Chair); Bishop David Rice; Mr Cliff Houston (Diocesan Registrar); Regional representatives elected by each region: (Eastland, vacant), Mr Evan Turbott (Bay of Plenty), Mr Heugh Chappell (Hawke's Bay); Cathedral parish representatives elected by the Cathedral parish: Mrs Christine Scott, Ms Sue Dick; Community representatives invited by the Bishop: Mayor Barbara Arnott; Mr Robin Nairn, Ms Meg Rodel

### **Mission**

The Chapter continues to encourage the Dean and Cathedral parish to focus on the Diocesan nature of its mission and its role for the wider Hawke's Bay community.

### **Diocesan and community connections**

The Cathedral continues to welcome the Diocese and community for worship. Highlights this past year have included: Services for Christchurch including: "Gumboot Sunday" in July, the first anniversary in February 2012 and the 2012 Art Deco Service: A Tale of Two Cathedrals ; the Memorial Service for Bishop Sir Paul Reeves in August ; the William Colenso Commemorations in November; Diocesan Ordination Service in February.

On March 2 the Cathedral Parish marked 150 years since the first service of worship in the original St John's Church. A weekend of celebrations was held including the dedication of a new plaque on the « Selwyn Rock » from where Bishop Selwyn is said to have preached (located at the bottom of the Madeira steps on Shakespeare Rd).

The Cathedral is grateful for the ongoing support of the Diocese with grants for Cathedral Maintenance and general assistance. As we grapple with insurance costs and the costs of seismic engineering reports the Cathedral will need the ongoing support of the Diocese.

### **Heritage and tourism**

Cathedral Link continues to support the tourism and events side of the Cathedral. We sought funding assistance to create a position of Events Manager with minimal success. However a more limited volunteer role has been created.

### **Cathedral Organ**

In September 2011 the Diocesan Trustees let the contract for the rebuild of the Cathedral Organ to the South Island Organ Co. Work began in January 2012 with the organ being removed to the SIOC factory in Timaru. The work will take all of 2012. The rebuilt organ will not only be cleaned and have updated technology, a fourth manual is being added with additional pipes and a new four manual console made with the console moving to ground level. Pipe will be placed in the old organ loft so you will see pipes on both sides of the sanctuary.

As at 31 March 2012 the Fundraising Committee has raised \$600,000 with the final amount needed being \$746,000. The Organ Group appreciates the ongoing support of many donors across the Diocese, including parishes.

Dean Helen Jacobi  
June 2012