



*St Luke's in the City*

150 years - 2009

# **Celebrating at the Crossroads**

## **Last Sunday before Lent**

22 February 2009

### **Resource Consent at last!**

At long last we have been granted Resource Consent for the development works we have been planning. The entrance canopy was originally designed and presented for consent 10 years ago, and along with the landscaping and Memorial Garden plans have been the subject of interminable consultation with regulatory authorities for the last 3 years. The Resource Consent means that everything may now proceed, so long as we have the money to pay for it!

Our architect, Paul Wilkins, will now prepare the Building Consent applications and work on the two tenders we have received for the entrance canopy construction. Vestry has approved the budget of \$94,967 required to complete the canopy works, and we will now make applications for funding from Lotteries, who may fund up to two thirds of the costs. Other works, including roofing repairs, also need to be completed. A heritage and conservation appeal brochure will be available soon, and will be sent to every member and friend of the parish along with an explanatory letter from myself and Churchwardens.

Our aim is that when Bishop Victoria presides over our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary feast on Sunday 18 October she will be able to bless and dedicate the entrance canopy, Memorial Garden and landscaping. Vestry and the Fundraising Committee will have plenty to do between now and then, so all offers of support and encouragement will be gratefully received.

Plans for the proposed works have been on display on an off for the last several years, and have been in the Vestry since late last year. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about any of the proposed plans, and please keep all this in your prayers. Those who have gone before us have given this precious gift of a church building – our aim is to do what we can in order to make St Luke's a living and lively place which is accessible to the local community as well as continuing to be a place of prayer and sanctuary.

*Fr David*