

# Anglican Church of St Heliers Bay and Glendowie 125 Anniversary Countdown

**48 weeks to go**

Colin Percy, in his book written in 1998 for the St Philip's centennial, was told by early parishioners that up until 1916 all denominations worshipped together at St Philip's. But in that year the Presbyterians built their own church on the site where the present library now stands.



The original St Heliers Presbyterian Church being prepared for the move up the hill

But by 1922 it was decided that a site up the hill was more suited to their needs, and plans were laid to move their church up to the new site. Pulleys were attached to a big macrocarpa tree at the top of the hill and to a steam traction engine. As the steam engine came down the hill the church was pulled up. But right opposite St Philip's the Presbyterians' building became stuck in a ditch at the side of the road.

Colin Percy reports that this unfortunate mishap resulted in much enjoyment for the locals!



A traction engine pulling a church (minus vestry) down the hill before following the road to Owaka, Oct-Nov 1907.

This may be how the church looked as it was moved up the hill in 1922.

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