

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Hawkes Bay and Manawatu Districts Baptism Registers

Holdings at September 2009

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The Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives is the approved repository for Methodist baptism registers once completed by parishes. They are part of the parish and church records held.

Registers can date from the first Wesleyan missionaries time in New Zealand during the 1830s, through to the present day.

They include all branches of Methodism in New Zealand: Primitive Methodist, Wesleyan, United Free Methodist, and Bible Christian.

Some registers, particularly those still in use, are held by parishes. Details of how to contact parishes are on the Methodist Church website www.methodist.org.nz

In the case of union or combined parishes, registers containing Methodist baptisms may be held by other repositories such as the Presbyterian Archives and Anglican Archives.

The format of baptism registers varied over the years. Early registers often only contained the name of the person being baptised, the date of baptism, the district they lived in and the name of the minister performing the baptism.

Later on, when standard baptism registers were printed and distributed by the Methodist Church, more information was added, such as birth date, names of parents, their address and the parish or circuit in which the baptism was taking place.

This information varies from register to register – the most basic register is a notebook ruled with lines and often these registers carried on being used until they were full.

In most cases, there is no name index to baptism registers, and to find information, requires reading carefully through registers.

While access to registers held at the Methodist Archives in Christchurch is free, a research fee is charged if researchers are unable to visit in person and Archives staff are requested to search through registers on their behalf. Fees and charges are outlined on our website, along with our opening hours and contact details. See www.methodist.org.nz

Please note that most of these registers are fragile and require careful supervised handling. To ensure their long term preservation, we do not photocopy from baptism registers. A verified transcript of an entry can be provided for a fee.

This list is arranged in code number order, which is loosely geographic. These numbers uniquely identify each Church. A catalogue number, also uniquely identifies each register.

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Trinity Methodist Church Napier still hold their baptism registers. See www.methodist.org.nz for contact details

Wairarapa registers. Copies of some registers are held in the Wairarapa Archive. See www.nz museums.co.nz for contact details

Name	Date	Description	Amount	Catalogue number	Code number	Notes
Napier Parish	1910-1947	Baptism register Napier Parish. Includes Greenmeadows Church, Westshore Church and Taradale Church	1 volume	B309	5010	Photocopy sent to Napier Parish per June Johnson September 2008. Other Napier Parish baptism records held by Trinity Methodist Church Napier
Greenmeadows Church (St Marks)	1927-1983	Baptism register, Greenmeadows Church. Includes Westshore Church, Onepoto Church	1 volume	B307	5014	Photocopy sent to Napier Parish per June Johnson September 2008
Greenmeadows Church (St Marks)	1983-2000	Baptism register, Greenmeadows Church. Includes Westshore Church, Onepoto Church	1 volume	B308	5014	Photocopy sent to Napier Parish per June Johnson September 2008
Hastings Parish	1891-1955	Baptism register, Hastings Circuit	1 volume	B57	5020	Handwritten transcription made
Hastings Parish	1955-1973	Baptism register, Hastings Circuit	1 volume	B59	5020	Handwritten transcription made
Hastings Parish, St Leonards Church	1959-1978	Baptism register, Hastings Parish 1959-1974, St Leonards Church 1974-1978	1 volume	B60	5020, 5022	Handwritten transcription made. Plus insert for St Leonards Church 1974-1978
Gisborne Parish	1876-1918	Baptism register, Gisborne Circuit	1 volume	B61	5040	Handwritten transcription made
Gisborne Parish	1918-1971	Baptism register, Gisborne Circuit	1 volume	B58	5040	Handwritten transcription made
Gisborne Parish	1962-1965	Baptism register, Gisborne Circuit	1 volume	B62	5040	Handwritten transcription made
Wairoa Church	1926-1971	Baptism register, Wairoa Hawkes Bay Circuit	1 volume	B65	5061	
Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1899-1957	Baptism register, Dannevirke Circuit	1 volume	B66	5070	Handwritten transcription made

Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1957-1971	Baptism register, Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1 volume	B67	5070	Handwritten transcription made
Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1971-1996	Baptism register, Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1 volume	B63	5070	Handwritten transcription made
Norsewood Church	1874-1892	Baptism register, "Ministerial log for Schandinaverne" - Scandanavian Mission Norsewood Church	1 volume	B68	5072	Transcribed - photocopy. Includes entries for Masterton 1875, 1876; Wellington 1875-1878, 1880; Christchurch 1878. Copy held by the Wairarapa Archive
Norsewood Church	1892-1913	Baptism register, Hawkes Bay Mission Norsewood Church	1 volume	B69	5072	Handwritten transcription made. 1 entry for Palmerston North
Norsewood Church	1913-1936	Baptism Register, Norsewood Parish and Church	1 volume	B70	5072	
Woodville St James Union Parish	1886-1931	Baptism register, United Methodist Free Church Waipawa and Woodville Circuit	1 volume	B71	5080	Handwritten transcription made
Woodville St James Union Parish	1931-1974	Baptism register, Woodville Parish	1 volume	B72	5080	Handwritten transcription made
St Pauls Church Palmerston North	1879-1909	Baptism register, Palmerston North Circuit including St Pauls Church	1 volume	B73	5101	No transcripts
St Pauls Church Palmerston North	1909-1926	Baptism register, St Pauls Church	1 volume	B74	5101	No transcripts
St Pauls Church Palmerston North	1926-1972	Baptism register, St Pauls Church	1 volume	B75	5101	Handwritten transcription made
Trinity Church Palmerston North	1913-1960	Baptism register, Trinity Church, Cuba Street, Palmerston North	1 volume	B76	5103	Handwritten transcription made
Trinity Church Palmerston North	1960-1973	Baptism register, Trinity Church, Cuba Street, Palmerston North	1 volume	B77	5103	No transcripts

Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe-Pohangina Parish	1912-1927	Baptism register, Ashhurst-Pohangina Parish	1 volume	B78	5110	No transcripts
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe-Pohangina Parish	1927-1974	Baptism register, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuit	1 volume	B79	5110	No transcripts
Fielding-Oroua Parish	1875-1899	Baptism register, Manawatu Circuit, 1875-1883, 1884, 1885-1899. Includes Sandon Church and Sandon-Fielding Circuit	1 volume	B82	5120	No transcripts
Feilding-Oroua Parish	1876-1912	Baptism register, Feilding Primitive Methodist Church Circuit	1 volume	B86	5120	No transcripts
Feilding-Oroua Parish	1898-1982	Baptism register, Feilding Circuit	1 volume	B81	5120	No transcripts
Fielding-Oroua Parish/Rongotea Sanson Uniting Parish	1899-1945	Baptism register, Sandon and Fielding Circuit, Rongotea Circuit.	1 volume	B83	5120, 5140	No transcripts. Co-op parish formed 1977
Apiti Church	1909-1971	Baptism register, Apiti Circuit and Church	1 volume	B84	5123	No transcripts
Halcombe Church	1892-1962	Baptism register, Halcombe Church	1 volume	B87	5125	No transcripts
Marton Parish	1895-1901	Baptism register, Rangitikei Primitive Methodist Church Circuit and Marton Parish	1 volume	B91	5130	No transcripts
Marton Church	1934-1972	Baptism register, Marton Church	1 volume	B90	5131	No transcripts
Marton Church	1971-1990	Baptism register, Marton Church	1 volume	B88	5131	No transcripts
Rongotea Sanson Uniting Parish	1945-1970	Baptism register, Sanson Rongotea Circuit	1 volume	B85	5140	No transcripts
Foxton-Shannon Co-op Parish.	1891-1948	Baptism register Foxton Station Primitive Methodist Connexion. 1891-1920, 1947-1948	1 volume	B89	5150	1 page for Shannon, 1910 baptisms at the back. No transcripts

Foxton-Shannon Co-op Parish	1913-1970	Baptism register, Foxton Circuit. Entries for Wellington in 1938, 1949, 1954; Johnsonville 1938	1 volume	B92	5150	No transcripts
Waipawa Co-op Parish	1880-1899	Baptism register, Waipawa United Free Methodist Church Circuit and Abbotsford United Methodist Free Chapel	1 volume	B93	5170	No transcripts. Co-op parish formed 1978. Previously 5025
Waipawa Co-op Parish	1899-1972	Baptism register, Waipawa Parish	1 volume	B94	5170	No transcripts
Waipawa Church	1964-1972	Baptism register, St James Church, Waipawa-Waipukarau	1 volume	B95	5171	No transcripts. Co-op parish formed 1978. Previously 5025