

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

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

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 alphabetical order by name of parish or church. A catalogue number uniquely identifies each register and should be used if referring to individual registers.

Maori baptism records

Most registers dating from prior to 1860s-1870s, can include Maori baptism entries. However once the Methodist Maori Mission was well established, (which is part of the Methodist Church in New Zealand), it had its own chapels, preaching places and churches, and most had their own baptism registers.

Registers from the Methodist Maori Mission are held by Te Taha Maori. Contact Te Taha Maori, 409 Great South Road, Auckland. Phone 09 525 4179. Registers are described in the Auckland District baptism registers descriptive list under Te Taha Maori.

Name	Inclusive dates	Description of register	Quantity	Catalogue number	Parish code number	Notes	Box number
Apiti Church	1909-1971	Baptism register, Apiti Circuit and Church	1 volume	B84	5123		Box 7
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe-Pohangina Parish	1912-1927	Baptism register, Ashhurst-Pohangina Parish	1 volume	B78	5110		Box 7
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe-Pohangina Parish	1927-1974	Baptism register, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuit	1 volume	B79	5110		Box 7
Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1899-1957	Baptism register, Dannevirke Circuit	1 volume	B66	5070	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 6
Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1957-1971	Baptism register, Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1 volume	B67	5070	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 6
Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1971-1996	Baptism register, Dannevirke-Norsewood Parish	1 volume	B63	5070	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	LF Box 6
Feilding-Oroua Parish	1875-1899	Baptism register, Manawatu Circuit, 1875-1883, 1884, 1885-1899. Includes Sandon Church and Sandon-Feilding Circuit	1 volume	B82	5120		Box 7
Feilding-Oroua Parish	1876-1912	Baptism register, Feilding Primitive Methodist Church Circuit	1 volume	B86	5120		LF Box 6
Feilding-Oroua Parish	1898-1982	Baptism register, Feilding Circuit	1 volume	B81	5120		Box 7

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Feilding-Oroua Parish/Rongotea Sanson Uniting Parish	1899-1945	Baptism register, Sandon and Feilding Circuit, Rongotea Circuit.	1 volume	B83	5120, 5140	Co-op Parish formed 1977	Box 7
Foxton-Shannon Co-op Parish	1913-1970	Baptism register, Foxton Circuit. Entries for Wellington in 1938, 1949, 1954; Johnsonville 1938	1 volume	B92	5150		Box 8
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	LF Box 7
Gisborne Parish	1876-1918	Baptism register, Gisborne Circuit	1 volume	B61	5040	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 6
Gisborne Parish	1918-1971	Baptism register, Gisborne Circuit	1 volume	B58	5040	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 6
Gisborne Parish	1962-1965	Baptism register, Gisborne Circuit	1 volume	B62	5040	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 6
Greenmeadows Church (St Marks)	1927-1983	Baptism register, Greenmeadows Church. Includes Westshore Church, Onepoto Church	1 volume	B307	5014	Photocopy sent to Napier Parish September 2008	Box 5
Greenmeadows Church (St Marks)	1983-2000	Baptism register, Greenmeadows Church. Includes Westshore Church, Onepoto Church	1 volume	B308	5014	Photocopy sent to Napier Parish September 2008	LF Box 6
Halcombe Church	1892-1962	Baptism register, Halcombe Church	1 volume	B87	5125		LF Box 7

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Hastings Parish	1891-1955	Baptism register, Hastings Circuit	1 volume	B57	5020	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 5
Hastings Parish	1955-1973	Baptism register, Hastings Circuit	1 volume	B59	5020	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 5
Hastings Parish, St Leonards Church	1959-1978	Baptism register, Hastings Parish 1959-1974, St Leonards Church 1974-1978	1 volume	B60	5020, 5022	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Insert of St Leonards baptisms 1974-1978 into volume	Box 6
Marton Church	1934-1972	Baptism register, Marton Church	1 volume	B90	5131		Box 7
Marton Church	1971-1990	Baptism register, Marton Church	1 volume	B88	5131		LF Box 7
Marton Parish	1895-1901	Baptism register, Rangitikei Primitive Methodist Church Circuit and Marton Parish	1 volume	B91	5130		Box 7
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 September 2008. Other Napier Parish baptism records held by Trinity Church Napier	Box 5
Norsewood Church	1874-1892	Baptism register, "Ministerial log for Schandinaverne" - Scandanavian Mission Norsewood Church	1 volume	B68	5072	Transcribed - photocopy. Includes Masterton 1875, 1876; Wellington 1875-1878, 1880; Christchurch 1878. Copy held by the Wairarapa Archives	Box 6

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Norsewood Church	1892-1913	Baptism register, Hawkes Bay Mission Norsewood Church	1 volume	B69	5072	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. 1 entry Palmerston North	Box 6
Norsewood Church	1913-1936	Baptism register, Norsewood Parish and Church	1 volume	B70	5072		Box 6
Rongotea Sanson Uniting Parish	1945-1970	Baptism register, Sanson Rongotea Circuit	1 volume	B85	5140		Box 7
St Pauls Church	1873-1876; 1909-1926	Baptism register, St Pauls Church. Includes Palmerston North baptisms 1873-1876 copied from the Rangitikei Circuit register by Rev M A Rugby Pratt in 1924	1 volume	B74	5101	Location of original Rangitikei Circuit register unknown	Box 7
St Pauls Church	1879-1909	Baptism register, Palmerston North Circuit including St Pauls Church	1 volume	B73	5101		Box 7
St Pauls Church	1926-1972	Baptism register, St Pauls Church	1 volume	B75	5101	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 7
Trinity Church, Cuba Street	1913-1960	Baptism register, Trinity Church, Cuba Street, Palmerston North	1 volume	B76	5103	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 7
Trinity Church, Cuba Street	1960-1973	Baptism register, Trinity Church, Cuba Street, Palmerston North	1 volume	B77	5103		Box 7
Waipawa Church	1964-1972	Baptism register, St James Church, Waipawa-Waipukarau	1 volume	B95	5171	Co-op parish formed 1978. Previously code number 5025	Box 8

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Waipawa Co-op Parish	1880-1899	Baptism register, Waipawa United Free Methodist Church Circuit and Abbotsford United Methodist Free Chapel	1 volume	B93	5170	Co-op parish formed 1978. Previously code number 5025	Box 8
Waipawa Co-op Parish	1899-1972	Baptism register, Waipawa Parish	1 volume	B94	5170		Box 8
Wairoa Church	1926-1971	Baptism register, Wairoa Hawkes Bay Circuit	1 volume	B65	5061		Box 6
Woodville St James Union Parish	1886-1931	Baptism register, United Methodist Free Church Waipawa and Woodville Circuit	1 volume	B71	5080	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 6
Woodville St James Union Parish	1931-1974	Baptism register, Woodville Parish	1 volume	B72	5080	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 6