

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Northland District 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 numbers	Notes	Box number
Bay of Islands Co-op Parish	1905-1984	Baptism register, Bay of Islands Parish including Kawakawa Church (St Andrews)	1 volume	B330	1030	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. Auckland Methodist Archives described it as 1030 Bay of Islands	Box 24
Dargaville Methodist Parish	1884-1910	Baptism register, Dargaville-Wairoa Circuit and Northern Wairoa Circuit and Dargaville Parish	1 volume	B11	1090	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Previously called Northern Wairoa Circuit	Box 1
Dargaville Methodist Parish	1911-1971	Baptism register, Northern Wairoa Circuit and Dargaville Parish	1 volume	B336	1090	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. Auckland Methodist Archives described it as 1090 Northern Wairoa Dargaville. Previously known as Northern Wairoa	Box 24
Kaeo Kerikeri Union Parish	1924-1974	Baptism register, Whangaroa Circuit, including Kaeo Church and Kerikeri Church	1 volume	B331	1040	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. Auckland Methodist Archives described it as 1040 Whangaroa Parish. 1 dedication at the back of the register	Box 24
Kaihu Home Mission Station	1897-1906	Baptism register, Kaihu Home Mission Station. Also includes baptisms in Sydney 1886, Auckland 1898-1903, Greymouth 1897	1 volume	B12	1090-5	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Gabriel Elliot, Home Missionary, performed baptisms. Previously called Kaihu Home Mission Station. Includes baptisms in Sydney 1996, Auckland 1898-1903, Greymouth 1897	Box 1
Kaihu Home Mission Station	1927-1928	Baptism register, Kaihu Home Mission Station	1 volume	B13	1090-5	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Kaihu Home Mission Station labelled Kaihu Tangiteraria. Volume consists of one page affixed to covers.	Box 1
Kaikohe Union Parish/Bay of Islands Co-op Parish	1921-1971	Baptism register, Kaikohe, Kawakawa, Bay of Islands Parish	1 volume	B2	1020, 1030	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Previously called Kawakawa Kaikohe Union Parish	Box 1

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Kaitaia-Mangonui Union Parish	1910-1971	Baptism register, Mangonui Circuit	1 volume	B329	1010	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. Auckland Methodist Archives described it as 1010 Mangonui Circuit	Box 24
Kaitaia-Mangonui Union Parish and Kaeo Kerikeri Union Parish	1883-1911	Baptism register, Whangaroa and Mangonui Circuit	1 volume	B1	1010, 1040	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Previously called Mangonui Whangaroa Circuit. See also B300 for early Northland baptisms	Box 1
Kamo Church	1961-1971	Baptism register, Kamo-Whangarei Circuit and Kamo Church	1 volume	B5	1141	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Previously No 1082. Now called St Pauls Church Centre	Box 1
North Hokianga Community Church/South Hokianga Co-op Parish	1906-1918	Baptism register, Hokianga Circuit	1 volume	B3	1050, 1060	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Previously called Hokianga (North and South) Circuit	Box 1
North Hokianga Parish	1939-1972	Baptism register Kohukohu Circuit and North Hokianga Parish	1 volume	B332	1050	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. Auckland Methodist Archives described it as 1050 North Hokianga (Kohu Kohu) Circuit. Also known as Kohu Kohu Circuit in 1932	Box 24
Paparoa Parish	1882-1905	Baptism register, Paparoa Parish	1 volume	B8	1110	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	LF Box 1
Ruawai Co-op Parish	1919-1975	Baptism register, Northern Wairoa Circuit including Ruawai Church, Tokatoka Church, Arapohue Church and Rehia Church	1 volume	B337	1100	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. Auckland Methodist Archives described it as Ruawai Circuit	Box 24
South Hokianga Co-op Parish	1918-1970	Baptism register, Hokianga Circuit and South Hokianga Parish	1 volume	B333	1060	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. Auckland Methodist Archives described it as 1060 Hokianga. Formerly Hokianga Parish, later renamed South Hokianga Parish	Box 24

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South Hokianga Co-op Parish	1967-1983	Baptism register, South Hokianga Co-op Parish	1 volume	B334	1060	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. Auckland Methodist Archives described it as "1060 Register of Baptisms Parochial District of South Hokianga". Photocopy. Original sent to Anglican Archives March 1999. Became Co-op Parish 1974. Includes members of former Parish.	Box 24
South Hokianga Co-op Parish	1970-1983	Baptism and confirmation register, Hokianga Circuit and South Hokianga Parish	1 volume	B335	1060	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. 17 entries	LF Box 13
Wellsford Co-op Parish/Mahurangi Parish	1882-1949	Baptism register, Port Albert Circuit, 1911-1949, Mahurangi Circuit, 1882-1896, 1906-1909	1 volume	B14	1120, 2290	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 1
Whangarei Uniting Parish	1866-1945	Baptism register, Whangarei Circuit	1 volume	B7	1080	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Now called St Andrews Uniting Parish	LF Box 1
Whangarei Uniting Parish	1929-1935	Baptism register, Portland Circuit and Whangarei Parish	1 volume	B4	1080	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. First page damaged by silverfish. Previously called Portland Circuit	Box 1
Whangarei Uniting Parish	1945-1972	Baptism register, Whangarei Parish	1 volume	B6	1080	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Now called St Andrews Uniting Parish. See also B5 Kamo Church baptism register 1961-1971	Box 1