

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Taranaki and Wanganui 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
Aramoho Church	1969-1974	Baptism register Wanganui North Parish including Aramoho Church and St Albans Church	1 volume	B325	4093	Wanganui Parish number 8 written on cover. Volume only part used. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	LF Box 5
Dublin Street Church	1898-1913	Baptism register, Dublin Street Primitive Methodist Church and Wanganui Parish	1 volume	B323	4097	Wanganui Parish number 5. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	Box 5
Eltham Kaponga Co-op Parish	1900-1912	Baptism register, Eltham Primitive Methodist Church Circuit and Eltham Parish	1 volume	B45	4040	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 4
Eltham Kaponga Co-op Parish	1902-1947	Baptism register, Eltham Wesleyan Parish	1 volume	B46	4040	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Additional pages stuck in front of register	Box 4
Gonville Church	1918-1970	Baptism register Gonville Church and Wanganui West Parish	1 volume	B326	4092	Wanganui Parish number 9 written on cover. Volume only part used. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	Box 5
Gonville Church	1970-1975	Baptism register Gonville Church and Wanganui West Parish	1 volume	B327	4092	Wanganui Parish number 10 written on cover. Volume only part used. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	LF Box 5
Hawera Parish	1874-1903	Baptism register Hawera Parish. Includes Patea Church	1 volume	B48	4050	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 4
Hawera Parish	1905-1973	Baptism register, Hawera Parish	1 volume	B49	4050	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 4

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Inglewood Church	1894-1911	Baptism register, Inglewood Primitive Methodist Church	1 volume	B55	4111	No transcripts	Box 5
Inglewood Parish	1907-1970	Baptism register, Inglewood Primitive Methodist Church Waitara-Inglewood Circuit	1 volume	B56	4110	Index by surname held at Inglewood Parish	Box 5
Kaponga Church	1907-1947	Baptism register, Kaponga Primitive Methodist Church Circuit and Kaponga Church	1 volume	B47	4043	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 4
New Plymouth Methodist Parish	1844-1882	Baptism register, New Plymouth Primitive Methodist Church Circuit	1 volume	B124	4010	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Handle with care.	LF Box 3
New Plymouth Methodist Parish	1907-1912	Baptism register New Plymouth Primitive Methodist Church Circuit	1 volume	B39	4010	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 3
Patea Church	1906-1965	Baptism register, Patea Circuit and Church	1 volume	B52	4079	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 4
Stratford Parish	1903-1924	Baptism register, Primitive Methodist Church East Egmont Mission and Strathmore Church, including baptisms at Huiroa Chapel, Douglas Chapel, Huiakama Chapel, Kohurahihi Hall. Stratford Circuit Primitive Methodist Church (Strathmore District) East Egmont Mission	1 volume	B43	4030	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 3
Stratford Parish	1890-1918	Baptism register, Stratford Primitive Methodist Church Parish	1 volume	B38	4030	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	LF Box 3
Stratford Parish	1905-1968	Baptism register, Stratford Parish	1 volume	B313	4030		Box 3
Stratford Parish	1968-1977	Baptism register, Stratford Circuit	1 volume	B44	4030	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 3

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Taihape Parish	1905-1971	Baptism register, Taihape Parish	1 volume	B53	4100	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 5
Taihape Parish	1971	Baptism register Taihape Parish	1 volume	B54	4100	No transcripts, 7 entries	LF Box 5
Taihape Parish/Wanganui Parish	1945-1963	Baptism register, Raetihi-Ohakune Circuit and Wanganui Parish and Taihape Parish	1 volume	B51	4090, 4100	Cumulative name index compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Raetihi and Ohakune Circuit Methodist Baptisms' 1945-1963. Ceased to be a circuit 1979	Box 5
Taranaki-Wanganui District	1841-1871	Nineteenth century excerpt of register of baptisms, marriages and burials for Taranaki District. Baptisms 1841-1845, 1852-1856 by Rev Creed and Rev Whiteley. Marriages 1841-1843 by Rev Creed. Marriages 1842, 1844-1848, by Rev Turton. Burials 1841-1871	1 volume	B295	4000	See note in front of register explaining the history of this transcript. Fragile, handle with care.	Box 3
Taranaki-Wanganui District	1841-1905	Baptism, marriage and burial register for Taranaki District. European baptisms 1841-1905, Maori baptisms 1841-1896, burials 1841-1871	1 volume	B80	4000	Very fragile, do not handle, badly damaged by water. See B295 which is a nineteenth century part transcript of this register. See also B304 for early baptisms. Card index to this register available Puke Ariki research centre in New Plymouth and New Plymouth Parish archives room	LF Box 4
Waitara Parish	1882-1897	Baptism register, Waitara Circuit	1 volume	B40	4020	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 3
Waitara Parish	1897-1900	Baptism register, Waitara Circuit	1 volume	B41	4020	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 3
Waitara Parish	1905-1966	Baptism register, Waitara Parish	1 volume	B42	4020	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 3

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Waitara Parish	1966-1971	Baptism register, Waitara Parish	1 volume	B310	4020		Box 3
Wanganui East Church	1918-1971	Baptism register Wanganui East Church	1 volume	B324	4094	Wanganui Parish number 7 written on cover. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	Box 5
Wanganui Parish	1858-1873	Baptism register Wanganui Parish including Wanganui Trinity Church	1 volume	B318	4090	Wanganui Parish number 1 written on cover. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	Box 4
Wanganui Parish	1873-1882	Baptism register Wanganui Parish including Wanganui Trinity Church	1 volume	B319	4090	Wanganui Parish number 2 written on cover. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	Box 4
Wanganui Parish	1882-1897	Baptism register Wanganui Parish including Wanganui Trinity Church	1 volume	B320	4090	Wanganui Parish number 3 written on cover. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	Box 4
Wanganui Parish	1897-1932	Baptism register Wanganui Parish including Wanganui Trinity Church	1 volume	B321	4090	Wanganui Parish number 4 written on cover. Volume only part used. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	Box 4
Wanganui Parish	1932-1973	Baptism register Wanganui Parish and Wanganui Central Parish	1 volume	B322	4090	Wanganui Parish number 6 written on cover. Included in cumulative name index and transcript compiled by Wanganui Parish 'Index of Wanganui Methodist Baptisms 1858-2008'	Box 5