

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives Waikato and Bay of Plenty 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.

Other repositories holding Methodist registers

Registers for the Hamilton Parish are held on loan from the Parish to the Hamilton Public Library.

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
Cambridge Church	1911-1912	Baptism register, Cambridge Primitive Methodist Church Circuit Includes Fencourt Church, Goodwood Church, Leamington Church, Cambridge Church	1 volume	B33	3071	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 2
Coromandel Parish	1892-1905	Baptism register, Coromandel Circuit	1 volume	B37	3320	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Location of original register in Circuit Schedule book 1884-1892 48 page 36	Box 3
Frankton Junction Church and Fairfield-Wesley Church	1927-1973	Baptism registers for Frankton Junction Church (St James) April 1927-July 1973 and Fairfield-Wesley Church (Claudelands Church) 1944-1973	3 fiche	B299 MF74	3083 3102	Original registers held Hamilton Parish. Other Hamilton registers held Hamilton Parish	microfiche
Hauraki Plains Co-op Parish	1929-1967	Baptism register, Hauraki Plains Circuit	1 volume	B32	3020	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 2
Matamata Church	1913-1950	Baptism register, Matamata Church	1 volume	B401	3141	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012	Box 29
Matamata Union Parish	1934-1986	Baptism register, Matamata Parish	1 volume	B401	3140	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012	Box 28
Morrinsville Parish	1916-1971	Baptism register, Morrinsville Parish	1 volume	B399	3060	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012	Box 28
Morrinsville Parish	1960-1971	Baptism register, Morrinsville Parish	1 volume	B400	3060	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012	Box 28
Ohura Parish	1906-1971	Baptism register, Ohura Circuit, Kaitieke-Mokau Circuit, King Country Circuit	1 volume	B36	3300	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. Previously known as Kaitieke-Mokau, King Country Circuit, Main Trunk Line Mission	Box 3

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Otorohanga Parish	1931-2001	Baptism register, Otorohanga Parish including Otorohanga Methodist Church	1 volume	B404	3260	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012	Box 29
Paeroa Co-op Parish	1913-1972	Baptism register, Paeroa Circuit	1 volume	B398	3030	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012	Box 28
St Johns Union Parish	1909-1930	Baptism register, Opotiki District and St Johns Union Parish	1 volume	B34	3240	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 3
St Pauls Co-op Parish, Taumaranui	1915-1971	Baptism register, Taumaranui Circuit including St Pauls Church	1 volume	B35	3280	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	Box 3
Te Awamutu Parish	1882-1943	Baptism register, Te Awamutu Parish	1 volume	B367	3250	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. ARC2918/9 written on front cover which is a Te Awamutu Museum catalogue number dating from when the records were held there. No.10 written inside front cover	Box 26
Te Awamutu Parish	1943-1970	Baptism register, Te Awamutu Parish	1 volume	B368	3250	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012	Box 26
Te Kuiti Parish	1912-1913; 1918-1971	Baptism register, Te Kuiti Circuit including Te Kuiti Trinity Church. Two pages pasted in front of register for baptisms presumably in Te Kuiti area, 1912-1913	1 volume	B405	3270	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012	Box 29
Te Puke Parish	1915-1971	Baptism register, Te Puke Circuit, including Te Puke Methodist Church	1 volume	B403	3210	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012	Box 29
Thames Church	1870-1906	Baptism register, Shortland Church, Thames	1 volume	B27	3011	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	LF Box 3
Thames Union Parish	1874-1913	Baptism register, Thames Primitive Methodist Church Circuit	1 volume	B28	3010	Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch	LF Box 2

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Thames Union Parish	1913-1915	Baptism register, Thames Union Church including baptisms at Thames Primitive Methodist Church, and at Puriri, Turua, Wharepoa, Omahu, Hikutaia	1 volume	B29	3010	2 pages	Box 2
Waihi Beach Parish	1911-1972	Baptism register, Waihi Parish including Waihi Church	1 volume	B366	3040	Transferred from Auckland Methodist Archives 2012. 3 burials included in back of register	Box 26
Waikato Bay of Plenty District/Cambridge Union Parish	1867-1910	Baptism register, Waikato District 1867-1881 and Cambridge Circuit 1882-1910	1 volume	B26	3000, 3070	Waikato 1867-1881, Cambridge 1882-1910, Handwritten transcript made of original register and available at Methodist Church of NZ Archives Christchurch. See also B302 and B303 for Waikato baptisms	LF Box 2
Waitekauri Church	1901-1902	Baptism register page, Waitekauri Church	1 page	M170	3040-4	One page photocopied from Waitekauri marriage register M170. B number not allocated because this is not an original register	Box 2