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# CHURCH BUILDINGS WAINUIOMATA

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## Introduction

This document is about information on the buildings and locations of Christian churches and faith based groups in Wainuiomata.

It is for church buildings. People who worship in private residences or public halls are excluded.

For information on the origin of the road and street names of Wainuiomata where the churches are located, see the Wainuiomata Street Names Origins document.

For more history about the Māori naming and their association with Wainuiomata see the article titled Wainuiomata – Whats in the Name in the book named Tales From Wainuiomata's Past – Volume 2 by Gavin Wallace and Dawn Chambers.

The document is split into two parts.

The first part is about where the current churches are located.

The second part is about where the previous churches were located.

See the Bibliography for further sources of information.

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## Church Information

A church is a building used for public Christian worship.

Christian is a term referring to what different Christian denominations conceive of as being the true body of Christians, or the original ecclesiastical institution established by Jesus Christ in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD.

Faith in the context of religion, is when one can define faith as a belief in a god or in the doctrines or teachings of religion.

A Union church is uniting members of diverse denominational backgrounds in an interdenominational congregation such as Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians.

All church buildings have over time have changed appearances such as additional space added, new colour scheme, rebuilding and repairs.

The previous churches have closed for a variety of reasons. Some of these are:

- Changing ethnic background of the area where the church serves.
- Changing social conditions.
- Dwindling congregation numbers.
- Unsatisfactory building.
- Willing clergy to staff churches and inability to meet costs.

The document is laid out in the following style:

Church Name for example – Baptist Church.

Definition for example – Info about the church

Where the church is located for example – 38 Wainuiomata Road.

Type of religion for example – Baptist.

Time frame when the church was constructed for example – late 1950s.

## Current Churches

### Baptist Church

Location – 38 Wainuiomata Road.

Type of Religion – Baptist.

Time Frame – late 1950s.



Congregational Christian Church of Samoa

Prior to the building of the church the area was residential. A house dated 1913 that was built by John Burt Wood (1879 – 1956) was located here.

Location – 16 to Wainuiomata Road.

Type of Religion – Christian.

Time Frame – mid 1980s.



Gospel Hall

Location – 2 Fitzherbert Road.

Type of Religion – Brethren.

Time Frame – mid 1960s.





Hills

They were located at 1 to 3 Parkway Road and were known as the Life City Church. The building has been there since the early 1960s.

Location – 15a Queen Street.

Type of Religion – Assembly of God.

Time Frame – 2018.



Holy Trinity Church

The church building originally came from the ICI (Imperial Chemical Industries) organisation.

Location – 38 to 40 Wainuiomata Road.

Type of Religion – Anglican.

Time Frame – 1961.





Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Location – 26 Wellington Road.

Type of Religion – Latter Day Saints.

Time Frame – early 1970s.



Kanana Fou

This is also known as the Congregation Christian Church of American Samoa (CCCAS) or Ekalesia Faapotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa (EFKAS).

Location – 64 Parkway Road.

Type of Religion – Congregation.

Time Frame – 2000.



Reformed Church of Wainuiomata

This is also known as the Dutch Reformed Church.

Location – 96 to 98 Wainuiomata Road.

Type of Religion – Reformed.

Time Frame – early 1960s.



Samoan Assembly of God

The building was originally the Tatra Factory constructed in the 1960s. When the factory ceased to operate Wainuiomata Samoan Assembly of God took over the building. It is also known as the Faith Valley Church.

Location – 47 to 49 Burden Avenue.

Type of Religion – Assembly of God.

Time Frame – 1994.





Samoan Baptist Church

The building was originally the Red Cross Hall constructed in the early 1970s. When the Wainuiomata branch was wound up in the early 2000s, the Samoan Baptist Church took over the building.

Location – 32 Fitzherbert Road.

Type of Religion – Baptist.

Time Frame – 2003.





Samoan Methodist Church

The building was originally the Masonic Lodge constructed in 1955. When the Masonic Lodge ceased in the 2000s, the Samoan Methodist Church took over the building. It is also known as Ekalesia Metotisi Samoa.

Location – 6 to 8 Fitzherbert Road.

Type of Religion – Methodist.

Time Frame – 2010.



### St Patricks Church

The building was constructed by Arthur Ray Mustard (1926 – 2005). The church faced the Main Road. It was turned around to face Stanley Street in 2018. An annex was added to the church in 2020 which was the Pencarrow Hall. The Pencarrow Hall was originally classrooms at Glendale School which is now known as Pukeatua Primary School.

Location – 92 Main Road and 6 Stanley Street.

Type of Religion – Catholic.

Time Frame – 1951.

St Patricks Church facing Stanley Street.



St Patricks Church when the building entrance was on the Main Road.





St Stephens Church

There is an annex building which was used as a Sunday School but is now an opportunity shop.

Location – 108 Main Road.

Type of Religion – Union.

Time Frame – 1957.



Valley Church of the Nazarene

The building was originally the Salvation Army. When the Salvation Army ceased in the early 2010s, the Valley Church of the Nazarene took over the building. The church was previously located at 20 Nelson Crescent.

Location – 19 Fitzherbert Road.

Type of Religion – Methodist.

Time Frame – 2012.



## Closed Churches

### Apostolic Praise Centre

They were located at 2 Honey Street. This building is now retail. They were later at 23a McGowan Road. The building is now residential.

Location – 23a McGowan Road.

Type of Religion – Methodist.

Time Frame – 1980s to 2000s.

When they were at 23a McGowan Road.





Assembly of God

They were located at 7 Queen Street. The building is now business / retail. The church later became Life City Church, and then the Hills.

Location – 7 Queen Street.

Type of Religion – Assembly of God.

Time Frame – 1970s to 2000s.

When they were in Queen Street dated mid 1980s.



Church of Christ

They were located at what was the Homedale Post Office which closed in 1988. In 2000 the Wellington Swiss Club took over the building.

Location – 21 Moores Valley Road.

Type of Religion – Church of Christ.

Time Frame – late 1980s to 2000.





Church of the Nazarene

It was also known as the Judy Lynn Memorial Hall. They moved to 19 Fitzherbert Road where the Salvation Army used to be in 2012. They are now known as the Valley Church of Nazarene. The building is now a private residence.

Location – 20 Nelson Crescent.

Type of Religion – Methodist.

Time Frame – 1960s to 2012.

Nazarene Church about 1985.



Former church building dated 2021.



Convent of Jesus and Mary

They were located at 2 Hine Road. The building is now residential and housing has been built on the grounds.

Location – 2 Hine Road.

Type of Religion – Catholic.

Time Frame – 1960s to 2000s.

Dated 2000s. Source: WHMS B540a.





Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses

The building was a Union Church until the 1970s when the Jehovahs Witnesses took over. The building is now residential.

Location – 94 Wainuiomata Road.

Type of Religion – Jehovahs Witnesses.

Time Frame – 1970s to 2010.

Dated April 2002 – WHMS B495.



Former church building now used as a residence 2021.





Life City Church

The building was constructed for commercial purposes. It became a church but is now again used for commercial purposes. The church was located at 7 Queen Street and were known as the Assembly of God. The church is now based at 15b Queen Street and is known as the Hills.

Location – 1 – 3 Parkway Road.

Type of Religion – Assembly of God.

Time Frame – 1995 to 2018.



Methodist / Wesleyan Church

The first church in Wainuiomata and services started in 1866. Services ceased in 1957 and this was transferred to St Stephens Church located at 108 Main Road. The building was used by the Wainuiomata Arts Society between 1972 and 2005. Now it is looked after by the Coast Road Church Society. It is known as the Coast Road Historic / Pioneer Church.

Location – 28 Coast Road.

Type of Religion – Methodist.

Time Frame – 1866 to 1957.



Salvation Army

The building was constructed for Salvation Army purposes. They ceased to operate in Wainuiomata about 2010. The building is now used by the Valley Church of the Nazarene.

Location – 19 Fitzherbert Road.

Type of Religion – Salvation Army.

Time Frame – 1960s to 2010.





### St Johns Church

The church was originally in what became the church hall. In 1984 the church was built on the hill. The church closed in the mid 2010s. The church hall is now a recreational building.

Location – 117 Main Road.

Type of Religion – Anglican.

Time Frame – 1951.

The current church building.



The previous church building.





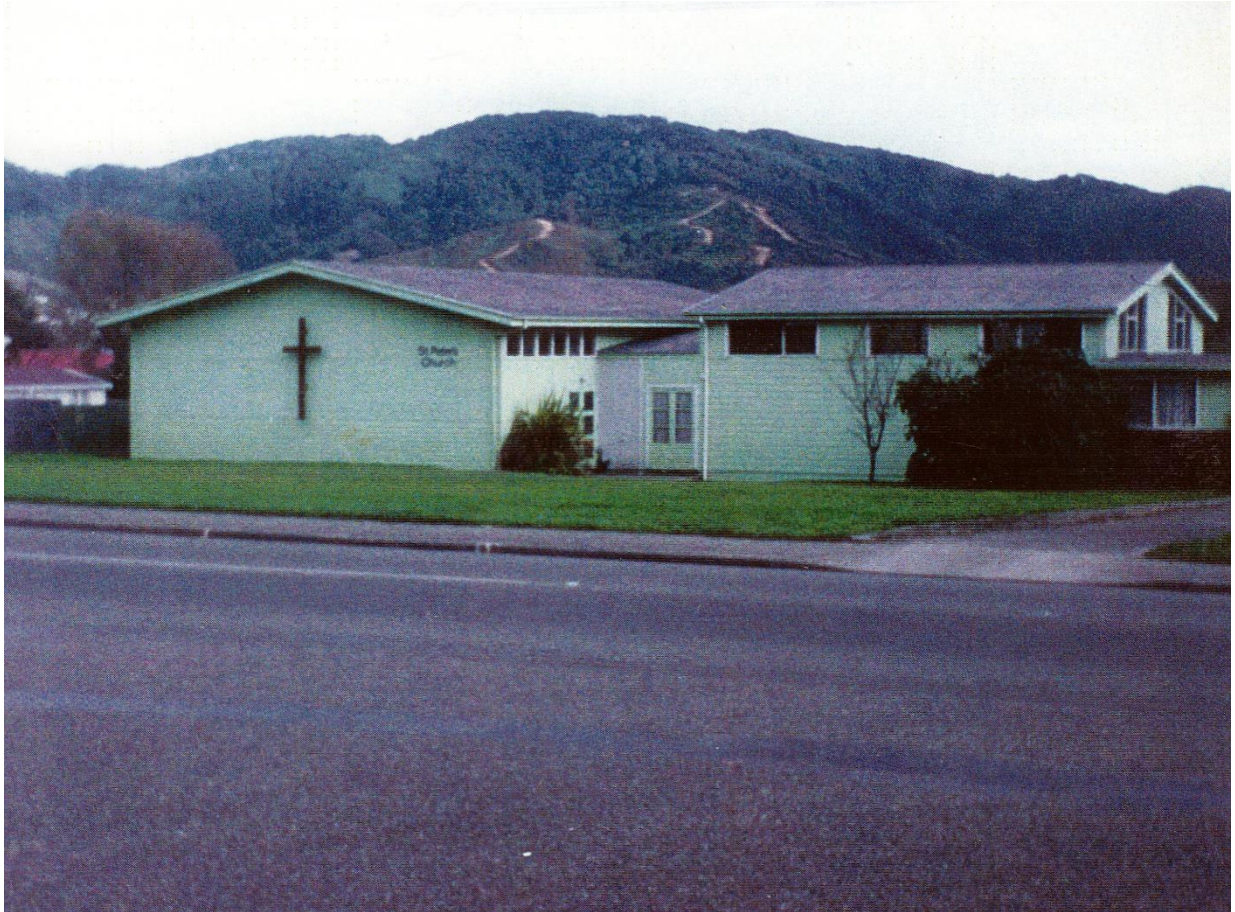
St Peters Church

The building was constructed for St Peters purposes. They are now part of the Union Church at 49 Wainuiomata Road. The building is now used by a charity coop.

Location – 29 Wise Street.

Type of Religion – Union.

Time Frame – 1963 to 2019.



Source: WHMS – B566 July 1993.

Union Church

It was in existence from the 1950s to 1963 when they moved to St Peters in Wise Street. The hall was removed and the address is now residential.

Location – 3 Devon Street.

Type of Religion – Union.

Time Frame – 1950s.



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