Church of Our Lady of Victories, Main South Road, Sockburn, Christchurch, opened in 1968 (Photos: CvdK).
Christchurch architect Charles Thomas had already designed a more traditional church building for the growing Catholic parish of Sockburn when, in response to the liturgical renewal promoted by Vatican II, he was encouraged by Bishop Brian Ashby to develop a more adventurous proposal. A diamond shape replaced the original rectangular floor plan, and the sanctuary was extended into and partially enveloped by the nave, reflecting the increased participation of the congregation in the revised liturgy. Hyperbolic paraboloids form a ceiling that represents the hands of God embracing the congregation but with light streaming in between them. Despite the dark ceiling, therefore, the interior is illuminated by clear light from above and coloured light filtered through the stained glass in the walls, while the soaring roof creates a generous sense of space.

In 1970, the tower and cross featured on one of that year’s New Zealand Christmas stamps, and, in 2005, the building won an Enduring Architecture Award from the New Zealand Institute of Architects. The title “Our Lady of Victories” acknowledges Christian victories attributed to Mary’s intervention, especially that of the Holy League over the Turks at Lepanto on 7 October, 1571 – the feast of the Holy Rosary, which subsequently developed into a major feast. For further images and architectural notes, see John Wilson, “Our Lady of Victories Church”. In Long Live the Modern: New Zealand’s New Architecture, 1904–1984, edited by Julia Gatley. Auckland: Auckland University Press, 2008, p. 164.


Recent Publications (Compiled using Endnote: Chicago 16th, footnote version)


Bergin, Helen, and Susan Smith, eds. A Church in Change: New Zealand Catholics Take Their Bearings. Auckland: Accent Publications, 2016. Mostly theological, but has historical chapters including

- Peter Lineham, Recent Catholic demographic trends
- Susan Smith, The changing role of women in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand.


Davidson, Allan K. *New Zealand Methodist Chaplains and Ministers at War: The First World War Through Their Eyes*. Auckland: Wesley Historical Society (NZ), Proceedings 101, 2016. The first section provides an overview of Methodist chaplains and their involvement in the First World War. Fifty-three letters written by the chaplains and published during the war in the *New Zealand Methodist Times* are included in the second section. The final section gives brief biographical details on the sixteen Methodist ministers who served as chaplains and the additional thirty-six ministers, home missionaries, probationers and theological students who served overseas in the ranks, with the Medical Corps or with the Young Men’s Christian Association. Copies can be purchased from the Revd Ian Faulkner – ian.faulkner@clear.net.nz. Price $25 + $5 postage.

Derbyshire, Noel. “Matthew Mullineux: Muscular Christian.” *The Volunteers: The Journal of the New Zealand Military Historical Society* 42, no. 1–2 (2016): (Mullineux was a well-known rugby player and NZ Army chaplain in World War I; the article is spread over two issues).


- Peter Lineham, The rising price of rendering to Caeser: the churches in World War One
- Margaret Tennant, Ofviolets and poppies: charities in the Great War
- David Grant, Where were the pacifomgers? Pacifists in New Zealand during World War One
- Brad Patterson, ‘We stand for the Protestant religion, the (Protestant) King and the Empire: the rise of the Protestant Political Association in World War One.


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Needham, Matthew G. To Live or to Die: The Life and Love of a Street Evangelist. San Giovanni Teatino (Ch), Italy: Evangelista Media, 2015 (NZ evangelist autobiography).


• Geoffrey Troughton, Introduction: Sacred Histories in Secular New Zealand
• Stuart Lange, Admiring, Disdainful, or Somewhere in the Middle: Interpretations of Missionaries and Christian Beginnings among Māori
• Malcolm Falloon, The Tārore Story: Sorting Fact from Fiction
• John Stenhouse, God, Nation and History: William Pember Reeves and the Writing of New Zealand History
• Nicholas Thompson, The Escaped Nun: Taking the Sectarian Temperature of Nineteenth Century New Zealand
• John Milnes, Giving as Good as they Got: Sectarianism in New Zealand during World War One
• Allan K. Davidson, The New Zealand Churches at War: Conflict and Co-operation over Military Chaplains and Combined Worship, 1914–1919
• Kirstine Moffat, ‘The manliest and noblest of all pursuits and professions’: Two Preacher Novelists
• Peter Lineham, The New Zealand Christmas and the Interweaving of Culture and Religion
• Kevin Ward, Christianity and Churches in New Zealand since 1960: Sociological Perspectives


van der Krogt, Christopher J. “Irish Catholicism, Criminality and Mental Illness in New Zealand from the 1870s to the 1930s.” New Zealand Journal of History 50, no. 2 (2016): 250–81.


Reviews of Publications Listed in Earlier Editions of the Newsletter


Ballantyne, Tony. *Entanglements of Empire: Missionaries, Māori and the Question of the Body*.  

Lange, Stuart M. *A Rising Tide: Evangelical Christianity in New Zealand, 1930–1965*.  


Parish and other Institutional Histories


Harrison, John, ed. *Stories from the Graves: St John’s Church, Trentham*. Upper Hutt: Author, 2015 (jharrison@paradise.net.nz).


Rees-Thomas, Harvey G. *100 Years on the Street: A Story of God’s Grace through Tory Street Hall, Elizabeth Street Chapel and the Street City Church*. Wellington: HIS Services Limited, 2017 (Wellington church that commenced as a Methodist Mission in 1905, became an Open Brethren Assembly called Tory Street Hall, moved to Elizabeth Street Chapel, and now carries out its ministry in properties on Hania Street).


Wilkie, Yvonne M. *Weaving Vision, Heritage and Hope: 150 Years of the Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland, 1866–2016*. Dunedin: Synod of Otago and Southland, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, 2016 (synod.otago.southland@xtra.co.nz).


Privately Published Biographies

Reed, Mary Philippa, R.N.D.M. *Euphrasie.* [New Zealand, Author: 2016?] (Biography of Euphrasie Barbier, who established missions in New Zealand between 1872 and 1886 with the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions).

**Completed Theses and Research Essays**


Pettett, David. “Samuel Marsden, Blinkered Visionary: A Re-Examination of His Character and Circumstances through the Study of His Sermons.” Macquarie University, 2016 PhD. In research on the Rev Samuel Marsden until now, his preaching has not been seriously examined. Doctoral studies by David Pettett on the 135 extant Marsden sermons throw new light on many of the controversial issues Marsden faced – his understanding of being a magistrate, of wealth, of the Australian Aboriginal and of mission work. New insights into the influences on Marsden are given and, based on three sermons on Luke 2:10, Pettett reconstructs what Marsden might have said on Christmas Day 1814 at Oihi in the Bay of Islands. Pettett even suggests Marsden preached this sermon in the Maori language.


**Theses in Progress or under Examination**


Bowron, Hugh. “Parish History of St Peter’s, Caversham.” Otago University PhD thesis in History.

Cameron, Lindsay. “The convergence of British and American Methodism in the South Pacific.” Australian National University PhD thesis in History (includes some discussion of New Zealand Methodism).

Carpenter, Samuel. “The Impact of ideas, including Religious Ideas, on Maori Sense of Identity before 1863.”


Current Research and other notes of interest from NZ Historians

Allan Davidson (nzallan.davidson@gmail.com) has reviewed

Harold Hill (pat.harold@clear.net.nz) has recently published:

Gary A. Clover (gsclover@xtra.co.nz) has completed a manuscript entitled “Hokianga Māori, Wesleyan Missionaries, and Kauri Merchants, 1827–1855; A critical analysis of the Wesleyans’ Hokianga Mission at Māngungu, Pākanae and Waima” (285 foolscap pages, 161,000 words, plus portraits, images, charts diagrams, maps). Projected date of publication: 2017. Gary also advises that preparations are getting under way to observe the bi-centennial of the beginning of the Wesleyan Mission in New Zealand at Kaeo, Whāngaroa, on 22 January 1822, when the Rev Samuel Leigh arrived at the Bay of Islands for a second time, with the Rev Samuel Marsden.

Warren Limbrick (limbrick@gmail.com) is preparing an enlarged 2nd edition of his out of print small monograph St Stephen’s Taurarua: The History and Significance of the Judge’s Bay Chapels. It explores the history of both the 1844 and 1856 chapels, the ministry to itinerant Maori traders, Mary Ann Martin’s healing centre and Bishop Selwyn’s convening of the constitutional conference of 1857.

Peter Matheson (peter.m@compassnet.co.nz) has recently published:
Peter is also working on:
- “Thomas Müntzer and John Knox: radical and magisterial reformers?”
- The Sword and the Fiddle. Lovers and Parents in the Third Reich
- Elizabeth Templeton: Theologian Extraordinary.
- “The Influence of Scottish Theology on Australia and New Zealand” for Scottish Theology, edited by David Fergusson. (2 vols) OUP.
- “Luther beyond Lutheranism: The reception of Luther’s theology and life by non-Lutherans” (presented at Luther@500, Melbourne, 28 June–3 July, publication pending).
Hugh Morrison (hugh.morrison@otago.ac.nz) has 7 months’ study leave from December 2016 to write up work on NZ and Scottish Presbyterian children and missions, c.1870–1940. The leave includes a 4 month visiting fellowship at Magdalen College, Oxford (hosted by the Centre for the History of Childhood) to research British world children and religious identity in the 19th and 20th centuries. He is also co-editing with Mary Clare Martin, Creating Religious Childhoods in Anglo-World and British Colonial Contexts, 1800–1950, including chapters by Grace Bateman and Geoffrey Troughton (Routledge; forthcoming in 2017) and co-editing (with Jane McCabe, University of Otago) a book on ‘colonial childhoods’ – from a symposium held in 2015, including chapters with a religious focus. In addition to items listed above, Hugh has recently reviewed Glen O’Brien and Hilary M. Carey, eds. Methodism in Australia: A History. Farnham: Ashgate 2015. In Journal of Ecclesiastical History, 67, no. 1 (2015): 685–86.


Kingsley Sampson (kingsley.sampson@gmail.com) notes that The Australasian Journal of Salvation Army History, a joint effort between the Salvation Army in Australia and New Zealand, is a new e-journal that can be viewed at: https://salvos.org.au/historicalsojournal-of-salvation-army-history/.

Jane Simpson (janesimpson58@gmail.com) has recently published
A world without maps. Brisbane: Interactive Press, 2016. Jane describes this book of poems as showing “a New Zealand Anglican and former Lecturer in Religious Studies engaging with Islam in her work teaching English to Muslim women in a desert school in Abu Dhabi, UAE.” For further information and reviews, go to her blog: https://janesimpsonblog.wordpress.com/.


Gina Taggart (ginataggart1@gmail.com) reports that, following the second Chronicles of Paki series launch (see Newsletter 2015), a further series of graphic novels for upper primary and intermediate age children has been completed, this time on the Treaty of Waitangi. The series of 5 stories was launched on Waitangi weekend 2017, and is being offered to schools along with comprehension lessons to aid its use. For more information see www.bigbook.nz.

Richard Waugh (rjiw@wesleyan.org.nz or 09 2716460) of Howick, Auckland, was recently appointed the President of the World Methodist Historical Society at the 5-yearly World Methodist Conference, held in Houston, Texas, in September. He succeeds Dr. Ulrike Schuler of Germany. Richard will serve for the next five years with an international team promoting and co-ordinating the legacy of Rev John & Charles Wesley and the influential Methodist/Wesleyan global church movement. Richard serves as long-time National Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand, and is currently chairman of the Auckland Church Leaders Meeting and the National Church Leaders Aotearoa New Zealand Meeting. He also has extensive community ministry work in aviation, social history and religious history.
Research Note: Incomplete Marsden letter misleads modern critics

In January 1822 a heated exchange of letters occurred between John Butler and Samuel Marsden in which Butler accused Marsden (among other things) of being implicated in the musket trade.\(^1\) R. J. Barton, the editor of John Butler’s journals, has provided what he assumed to be full transcripts of the letters in his 1927 publication, and since then most historians have relied on Barton as their primary source for these letters.\(^2\) Unfortunately, however, Barton’s transcript of Marsden’s letter is incomplete and has led him and others, such as Quinn, to draw erroneous conclusions based on Marsden’s supposed silence.

The original letter upon which Barton based his transcription is held in the Hocken library, and is available as part of the Marsden Online digital archive.\(^3\) That there are pages missing from the Hocken letter becomes apparent when it is compared to the transcription made by the CMS in their New Zealand mission book.\(^4\) A comparison reveals that there are in fact four pages missing from the middle of the Hocken letter, pages in which Marsden answers Butler’s accusations concerning muskets, powder and human heads.\(^5\)

Consequently, Barton wrongly observes that, “Mr. M. [Marsden] must avoid, and he does, the references to his purchase of tattooed heads, purchase of the land by payment with gunpowder, and his shipment of the fifty-one bayonets.” Quinn similarly states, “SM’s [Samuel Marsden’s] near-five-page-long (printed in tiny print) reply to Butler never used the words guns, muskets, weapons or gunpowder, yet SM said ‘I have now replied to the principal part of your letter of the 8\(^{th}\) inst.’” For both Barton and Quinn, Marsden’s apparent failure to answer his critic becomes something of a ‘smoking gun’ that proves their case that Marsden was indeed involved in the musket trade.\(^6\)

Andrew Sharp in his recent biography of Marsden, however, astutely avoids the danger, though he too is unaware that Barton’s transcript is incomplete: “In it [Marsden’s reply] Marsden covered a series of points comprehensively and unforgivingly, though he said nothing of the accusations that he had traded in, and turned a blind eye to trade in, muskets and powder.”\(^7\) The missing pages only serve to confirm Sharp’s view of the matter, for Marsden continued to answer Butler in a similarly blunt fashion. For example: “You ask me ‘did you not once upon a time employ Mr. Smith to purchase six muskets on purpose to barter away’? I answer I never did; nor will Mr. Smith or any other person say I ever did.” It was not a reply that satisfied Butler, nor, no doubt, will it satisfy his modern critics, but it does remove the suspicion of silence that Marsden was guilty as charged. And taken as a whole, Marsden’s reply leaves little of substance to Butler’s accusations that he was in any way involved in the musket trade.

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4. Marsden to Butler, 22 January 1822 (Cadbury Research Library [CRL], University of Birmingham, CMS/B/OMS/C N M2: 181–188). The CMS mission books are also available on microfilm at the Hocken and Alexander Turnbull libraries. The transcription was made by the CMS in July 1822 when the letter arrived in London.
5. The break occurs between pages four and five of the Hocken letter, where Marsden appears to break off mid-sentence at the bottom of page four only to begin a new topic at the top of five. Barton smooths over this aoria in the text by omitting the last word of the incomplete sentence, whereas Marsden Online transcript simply supplies a full stop.
6. Barton, 199.
7. Quinn, 130.


Malcolm Falloon (malfalloon@me.com)

### Conferences

**Remembering Beliefs – The Shifting Worlds of Religion and Faith in Secular Society** in conjunction with Newman University and Leeds Trinity University (Friday, 14th and Saturday, 15th July, 2017 at Leeds Trinity University, Horsforth, Leeds) details at: [http://www.ohs.org.uk/conferences/2017-conference-remembering-beliefs/](http://www.ohs.org.uk/conferences/2017-conference-remembering-beliefs/)


An **RHAANZ conference** will be held in Auckland on **1-2 December 2017** for the presentation of papers on any aspect of religious history (rather than on a specific theme). This will follow the NZHA’s biennial conference. Further details will be sent to subscribers and posted on the Association’s Facebook page.

### Websites

The RHAANZ now has a Facebook page for announcements and discussion: [https://www.facebook.com/religioushistoryassociationanz/](https://www.facebook.com/religioushistoryassociationanz/). Following this page provides an excellent way to keep up-to-date with news during the year. The page is also an effective and convenient way to share information more widely among your networks.

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CAMPBELL
WEST-WATSON:
‘Boy Bishop’ to Archbishop
by
Martin Sims

This biography of Campbell West-Watson, Bishop of Christchurch (1926-51), Primate and Archbishop of New Zealand (1940-51), traces his life through his studies at school and Cambridge University, his ordination as an Anglican priest, and several years as a don at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

It continues with his appointment as a bishop in the north of England at the unusually young age of 32, at the time earning him the unkind label of ‘Boy Bishop’, but he thrived and in 1925, after 16 years in this post, he was invited to become the Bishop of Christchurch.

He was a good choice, was rapidly accepted and became valued throughout the Christchurch diocese as a hard-working and empathetic ‘Father-in-God’.

He was appointed Primate and Archbishop of New Zealand in 1940 and went on to lead the church through the Second World War with distinction.

When he retired in 1951, he was the longest-serving bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion and may well have been the only person to have served as a bishop continuously through all three of the most cataclysmic events of the 20th Century (both World Wars and the Great Depression).

In addition to other aspects of his ministry, this book deals with West-Watson’s contributions to the Ecumenical Movement as well as his efforts to shift the focus of the church towards its growing role in the Pacific region.

MARTIN SIMS, grandson of West-Watson, researched his life for several years, resulting in the award of a Master of Philosophy degree from Macquarie University, Sydney. He travelled extensively to the places where West-Watson studied, worked and played, and brings a rounded insight into the life of this remarkable man.

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3. to organise lectures and conferences where historians of religion can share their research;
4. to publish the *New Zealand Religious History Newsletter*;
5. to coordinate with other groups who share related interests.

The current working party includes Geoffrey Troughton (Convenor, Wellington); Hirini Kaa, Stuart Lange, Peter Lineham (Auckland); Alison Clarke, Tim Cooper, Hugh Morrison (Treasurer), John Stenhouse, Pamela Welch (Dunedin); Christopher van der Krogt (*Newsletter* editor, Palmerston North).

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