



St George's Anglican Church, 31 Egmont Street **1885**

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| Use | Anglican Church | Historic Value | 4 out of 5 |
| Materials | Timber, corrugated iron roof | Architectural Value | 4 out of 4 |
| NZHPT Registered | Category I Register Number 150 | Technical Value | 2 out of 2 |
| Valuation No | 12440-496-00A | Symbolic Value | 3 out of 3 |
| Legal Description | Pt Blk L Town of Patea | Rarity | 1 out of 2 |
| | | Townscape Value | 2 out of 2 |
| | | Group Value | - out of 2 |
| | | Overall Cultural Heritage Value | 16 out of 20 |
| Reference | E7 | | |

Description

St George's Anglican Church is of ecclesiastical design with a timber frame and cladding. The corrugated iron roof features an unusual ridge to ground A-frame design. It has seating for 206 people and a choir of twenty. Stained glass windows make an important contribution to the warm, intimate atmosphere of the interior. The roof was originally timber shingles but is now sheathed in corrugated iron. The church was renovated in 1957.

History

Bishop Hadfield consecrated St George's Anglican Church on 5 March 1885. Thompson and Ellerm built it at a cost of £750. After renovations in 1957-1958, the Rt Rev E J Rich, Assistant Bishop of Wellington, rededicated it on April 27 1958.

The building is still used today by the Anglican Church.

Architect

Messrs Atkins and F de Jersey Clere, to a F de Jersey Clere design (Firm of Atkins and Clere)

Frederick de Jersey Clere is an architect who designed Gothic Revival churches into this century, and is probably most celebrated for the ferro-concrete Catholic St Mary of the Angels in Wellington. The previous year (1917), he had designed an Anglican cathedral to the same fourteenth-century perpendicular Gothic design which was not built. Before that he had designed many of his more than 100 churches as architect to the Wellington Anglican diocese from 1883, most of them in wood, mostly Gothic, most still standing.

Clere was born at Walsden, Lancashire, in 1856, the second son of an Anglican clergyman, and was articled to a Brighton architect at age 16. His family emigrated to Wellington in 1877.

Builder

Thompson and Ellerm

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