



Rodney Dunlop is helping organise Holy Trinity Fitzroy's 176th jubilee, which is being held at the end of the month.

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Holy Trinity Fitzroy to mark 176 years

Covid-19 got in the way of Holy Trinity Fitzroy's 175th jubilee last year, so it is marking 176 years at the end of this month instead.

Jubilee organising team member Rodney Dunlop said the two-day affair would be held on May 29 and 30.

Included in the jubilee plans are a music concert on the Saturday afternoon, a dinner at the Plymouth International Hotel in the evening, and a service of thanksgiving on the Sunday morning with

Archbishop Philip Richardson presiding, Dunlop said.

In March 1845, Bishop Selwyn laid the foundation stone of Holy Trinity and a chapel was built for the cost of £50 (\$98). The chapel was opened for worship by Rev Bolland on May 5, 1845.

This building was replaced by a more permanent structure in 1872 and further additions and renovations have been carried out in 1888, 1903, 1927 and in the mid-1960s.

Dunlop said the Anglican church was New Plymouth's

oldest wooden church, and it had held morning services every Sunday since 1845, together with baptisms, a host of funerals and hundreds of weddings.

The church building is considered to be the most wonderful example of a kauri wooden church in the country, matching the original design and materials with the modern resources and techniques, Dunlop said.

More information and jubilee registration forms can be found at www.holytrinity.co.nz.