

district news

Last service at Douglas church

The Taranaki East Co-operating Parish church at Douglas is to hold its final service tomorrow, after which it will be closed.

Mr W. A. Chesswas said yesterday the church was owned by the Methodist Trust, but is currently used by the Anglican-Presbyterian co-operating parish.

The parish was reducing the number of preaching places, and because the Toko and Douglas churches were so close together, it has been decided Toko can service the Douglas congregation also, Mr Chesswas said.

It was built in 1916 and vested in the Methodist Trust when the building was

completed. It had an extensive refurbishing in 1950.

Its present minister is the Rev B. Faull, of Stratford.

The future of the building could either lie with a local concern, or it may be donated to the Pioneer Village Society as being representative of the churches of early days.

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