

Church opened

More than 200 people filled the new St James Presbyterian Church in Lawry St, New Plymouth, for its opening and dedication on Saturday.

Pictured is part of the scene at the church during the service, when the Very Reverend W. B. Watt, the church's director of Ministry, gave the sermon.

The Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. B. Weston gave the keys of the new church and church centre to the Minister of the parish, Rev D. H. Turnbull, at the close of the service.

Rev. Weston had earlier been given the keys by the Session Clerk, Mr L. W. Currie, who opened the doors to the official party as a symbol of giving the building to the church.

The construction of the church centre began last July, and the final cost is expected to be about \$145,000, most of which was raised by the congregation.

The old church building has been sold to a local wrestling club for use as clubrooms.

