

New church planned for Westown

The New Plymouth Suburbs' parish of the Presbyterian Church is in the process of purchasing a corner section at Upper Westown, on which to build a new church and hall.

The parish at present owns a section on Omata Road and the new section is next to it on the corner of Omata Road and Tukapo Street. A hall will be erected first, followed eventually by the church, which will serve Upper Westown.

The suburbs' minister, the Rev. A. A. Ross, said today that negotiations were still in progress for the purchase of the section. Funds had been and were still being raised for the erection of a hall and church.

Some Upper Westown Presbyterians at present attended the parish's Moturoa church and some St. Andrew's church in the city. Services were also held by the parish in St. Chad's Anglican Church, and in a Lower Westown hall belonging to St. Andrew's, he added.

The erection of an Upper Westown church would give the parish three churches, the other two being at Brooklands and Moturoa. Mr. Ross said the new church would cater for the expansion in the Marfell Block.