



**St Barnabas's Anglican Church and Hall, 141 Tasman Street 1895**

<b>Use</b>	Church with attached hall	<b>Historic Value</b>	2 out of 5
<b>Materials</b>	Timber, corrugated iron roof	<b>Architectural Value</b>	2 out of 4
		<b>Technical Value</b>	1 out of 2
<b>NZHPT Registered</b>	Category II Register Number 822	<b>Symbolic Value</b>	1 out of 3
		<b>Rarity</b>	- out of 2
<b>Valuation No</b>	11970-031-00	<b>Townscape Value</b>	1 out of 2
<b>Legal Description</b>	Sec 8 Blk XXXV Town of Opunake	<b>Group Value</b>	- out of 2
		<b>Overall Cultural Heritage Value</b>	<b>7 out of 20</b>
<b>Reference</b>	T8		

### **Description**

St Barnabas's Anglican Church is of timber construction in the Selwyn Church style. A gothic early French influence is evident in the steep inclination of roof and tall belfry. The entrance foyer is a more recent addition to the church hall.

### **History**

St Barnabas's Anglican Church was built in 1895 from timber donated by Mr Vicery (5,000 feet) and Mr Rua Bishop (1,000 feet). The cost of the building was £276/17/6 to build, and it was opened on 2 June 1895 by Archdeacon Fancourt. In 1897 buttresses were added after a severe storm damaged the Methodist Church.

The church's belfry was removed in the 1950s as it was considered unsafe. In 1991 the church was completely turned around and realigned by several feet. An entrance foyer was built to join it to the church hall.

### **Architect**

Frederick de Jersey 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**

Messrs Mundy & Co

### **Sources**

St Barnabas's Church Records

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### **Date**

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