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# 200 attend Manaia church opening

Describing the building as "striking and beautiful," the Vicar-General of Wellington, the Rt. Rev. Bishop E. J. Rich, dedicated the new St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church at Manaia on Saturday afternoon.

About 200 people filled the church for the opening, packing the rear of the building and the choir gallery. The new church, which cost £13,000, is in contrast to the old church alongside it, which cost £60 and is now to be used as the parish hall.

Bishop Rich said in his address that the old church bore witness to its faith, as did the new one. The new church was worthy of its purpose and would meet the growing needs of a growing community.

A social gathering was held in the Manaia school hall after the dedication service.

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