

MOKAU CHURCH CONSECRATION SERVICE HELD

A special dedication service was held on Saturday—All Saints' Day—for the consecration of a new Anglican church at Mokau by the Bishop of Waikato, the Rt. Rev. J. T. Holland. The church, which is constructed to seat about 50, was packed for the ceremony.

The building stands on a historic site, which according to Maori tradition is near the landing place of the Tainui—one of the main canoes of the great migration. The anchor stone of the craft is in the cemetery near the church, which will serve a wide parochial district. It is the only Anglican church between Piopio and Uruti.

The service was conducted by the vicar at Mokau, the Rev. A. B. Pywell. The lessons were read by the Rev. Wi Te Tau Huata, a Maori missionary, and the Ven. Archdeacon G. H. Gavin, New Plymouth. Among visiting clergy present were the Dean of Hamilton, the Very Rev. C. W. Chandler, the vicar of Stratford, the Rev. L. P. G. Smith, and the vicar of Okato, the Rev. A. Addis.