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TO CELEBRATE THE
70th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
INGLEWOOD
METHODIST CHURCH



"Let Us Give Thanks and Rejoice"

TARANAKI DAILY NEWS
NEW PAPER

We honour the following Ministers who have laboured in the interest of the Inglewood Circuit since 1873:—

When Waitara and Inglewood were part of New Plymouth Circuit:

- 1873-75—W. KIRK, deceased.
1876-78—F. W. ISITT, deceased.
1879-81—D. McNICOLL, deceased.

Waitara and Inglewood made a separate Circuit:

- 1882—W. S. HARPER, deceased.
1883-85—T. FEE (first married appointment), deceased.
1886-88—L. HUDSON, deceased.
1889-91—J. T. PINFOLD, deceased.
1892-95—T. F. JONES, deceased.

First Resident Minister appointed to Inglewood.

- 1895—W. DAWSON, deceased.
1896-97—H. L. BLAMIRE, 23 Aikman's Road, St. Albans, Chch.
1898—H. W. WILLIAMS, deceased.
1899—R. P. KEAL, 22 Trinity Ave., Lower Hutt.

First married appointment to Inglewood.

- 1900-02—A. ASHCROFT, deceased.
1903-05—J. THOMAS, deceased.

Inglewood made a separate Circuit in 1907.

- 1906-08—E. D. PATCHETT, 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington.
1909-11—W. S. BOWI, deceased.
1912-13—C. GRIFFIN, deceased.
1914-15—J. FEATHERSTON, 422 Cashel St., Christchurch.
1916-18—R. RICHARDS, 317 Park St., New Brighton, Christchurch.
1919-20—A. A. BENSLEY, Devonport St., Tauranga.
1921-22—E. B. CHAMBERS, 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland.
1923-25—H. C. ORCHARD, Banks St., Te Awamutu.
1926-27—J. W. BAYLISS, Northcote, Auckland.
1928-30—H. BENNY, Manaia.
1931-33—H. V. UTTING, Waitara.
1934-36—J. M. BLIGHT, 15 Nelson St., Riccarton, Christchurch.
1937—H. ASHWORTH, South Rd., New Plymouth.
1938-39—C. R. H. DUNCAN, 24 Marunui Rd., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland.
1940-42—C. S. L. OLIVER, Taumarunui.
1943-44—A. CURRIE, Okato, Taranaki.
1945-46—J. C. R. ASHWORTH, Inglewood.

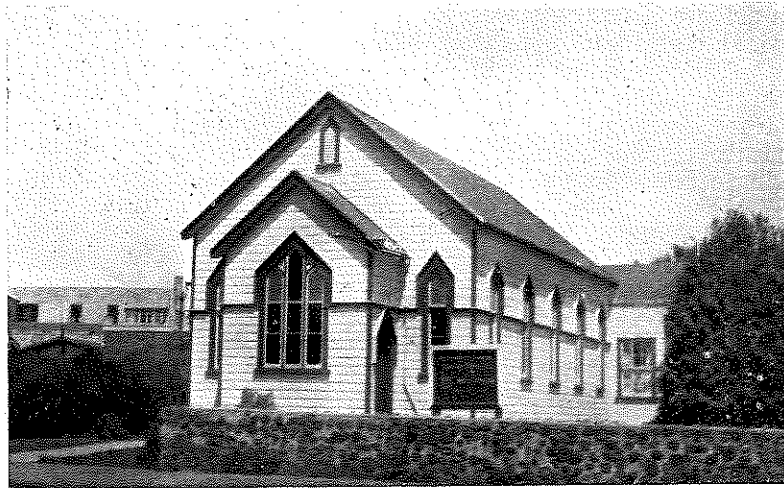
Primitive Methodist Ministers at Inglewood:

- 1894—J. R. HINDES, deceased.
1895-96—S. HENDERSON, deceased.
1897-99-00—G. P. HUNT, 116 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland.
1898—Wm. B. SCOTT, deceased.
1901—W. HARRIS, not known.
1902-3—B. DUDLEY, 149 Rose St., Christchurch.
1904-05—Sis. AMY E. LILL, New Plymouth.
1906-07-09—HEDLEY WHITE, Porirua Rd., Johnsonville.
1908—H. SHARP, 71 High St., Blenheim.
1909—A. J. DAVIS, not known.
1910-11—W. GATMAN, 68 Firth St., Hamilton East.

THE MINISTER, TRUSTEES AND OTHER OFFICIALS
OF THE INGLEWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

cordially invite all interested friends to join with them in
Thanksgiving to God for these seventy years in the life of
their Church.

Also to accept their offer of this Souvenir of Commemoration,
that gathers up and preserves for us all in an acceptable and
permanent way the history and work of our Church.



Inglewood Methodist Church.

This Church was erected in 1895 at a cost of £330, and
the original Church attached to the back and used ever
since as Sunday School and Social Hall in Rev. T. F.
Jones' Ministry.

Minister: Rev. J. C. R. ASHWORTH.

Circuit Stewards: Messrs. A. J. REEVE & C. E. ARTHUR.

Trust Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. L. SUTHERLAND.

LANDMARKS IN THE HISTORY OF THE INGLEWOOD METHODIST CHURCH.

Waitara and Inglewood were destined to be closely associated for many years in the beginnings of Methodism in Northern Taranaki. New Plymouth Methodists apparently took the initial steps to establish the work of the Church in both these districts. In fact, the records say Waitara and Inglewood circuits owe their origin to the energy and zeal of these Brethren of those pioneering days.

WAITARA CHURCH.

In Waitara itself the first service appears to have been held in a private house by the Rev. J. Crump in 1872, and in 1875 the original church was erected. A Parsonage was built during Rev. T. Fee's Ministry in 1883-5. He was the first married appointment to Waitara. From 1872-1881 Waitara was part of New Plymouth circuit, but in 1882 Waitara was made a separate circuit incorporating Inglewood, Midhirst and intervening settlements; as such it continued to be for 25 years until 1907, when Inglewood in turn was constituted a separate circuit during the Ministry of Rev. E. D. Patchett.

INGLEWOOD CHURCH.

At Inglewood the first services were held in the open, using logs for seats and a stump for a pulpit. This was round about 1873. In 1875 a site for a church was acquired for £65. That same year an early record has it that a committee was appointed by the New Plymouth Wesleyan congregation to get subscriptions and carry out arrangements for the erection of a building at Inglewood (Moa Block) for the purpose of holding Divine services. Members of this committee were Messrs. Taylor, Hooker, J. E. George, Hill, T. Holden, E. Okey and E. Veale (secretary), under the chairmanship of Rev. W. Kirk.

The work must have been carried out promptly and with zeal that was characteristic of the spirit of all their Christian service in those early days, for a church was opened for worship early in the following year of 1876. Apparently a number of men came out from New Plymouth one Monday morning and, assisted by Inglewood residents, worked so energetically that the following Sunday services were held in the new Church, boards being used for seats—surely a praiseworthy effort. And thus was the original Church built (20 x 30) for £240.

DEVOTED LAYMEN.

The following Sunday the Sunday School was started and within a month a class meeting organised under the leadership of Mr. J. Jackson, whose wise counsels were heartily appreciated.

He was a Lincolnshire local preacher, being one of the earliest settlers, and at 80 years of age was still zealous in his church activities. He was ably assisted by Messrs. Cartwright, E. Taylor and E. Howell, who were all acceptable local preachers and leaders. The oldest residents still hold fragrant memories of the late Mr. J. C. Peach, who was Sunday School superintendent for 36 years from 1875-1911. He was commonly known in those years as the "Bishop of Inglewood," and to him and his excellent wife and others like them the Church here is greatly indebted.

THE PIONEERING SPIRIT AND CONDITIONS.

In those early days roads were but bush tracks and it is left on record that on coming to an anniversary several members of the congregation took off their boots and stockings and walked barefoot until they came within sight of the church. How they must have loved their House of God in those days! Yes, this undaunted spirit of Ministers and laymen alike enabled them to surmount all those pioneering conditions and ever ready to expect great things from God and attempt great things for Him. Is it to be wondered at that the work of the Church expanded and developed as rapidly as it did with such consecrated service? If this 70th Anniversary enables us all to recapture something of their spiritual vision, sanctified devotion and adventuring faith it will be well worth while.

REVIVALS OF RELIGION.

The following extract from a record written and published in 1900 concerning the then Waitara circuit, including Inglewood, Midhirst, Waipuku and other places, gives us a glimpse of a gracious and fruitful Ministry: "During the 17 years of Waitara circuit history there have been several in-gatherings. In 1884 missions were conducted in the various places by the circuit Minister, when over 80 conversions were reported. In 1899 similar services were instituted and carried out, and at Waipuku in particular there were numerous conversions. The local preachers, class leaders, and others heartily threw themselves into these efforts and the result is that throughout the circuit there is an earnest spirit of piety, which finds expression not only in regular and devout attendance at the sanctuary, but in the support of every effort for the extension of the Church and opening up of new places."

OTHER CHURCHES BUILT.

The Midhirst Church was built in 1889. Earlier still at Manutahi, now known as Lepperton, a very neat church was erected in 1878. In 1893, on a site given by Mr. A. Coutts, a church was erected at Waipuku (later known as Tariki) under the Ministry of the Rev. T. F. Jones, at a cost of £120. Also in 1885 a church was built at Huirangi, but since has been sold.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN INGLEWOOD.

In 1895 the present Inglewood Church was erected under the energetic Ministry of Rev. T. F. Jones. At the same time new preaching places were being taken up at Tarata, Kaimata and elsewhere. One Minister was no longer able to undertake the work, so in 1895 Rev. W. Dawson was appointed to reside at Inglewood.

In 1900 Inglewood Methodists had their first married Minister to reside in their growing town in the person of Rev. A. Ashcroft. In 1906 the Konini Street Parsonage was purchased for £600 during the Rev. E. D. Patchett's Ministry, and until it was sold for £660 last year, it had been the home and residence of all the succeeding Ministers, their wives and families.

The present Parsonage in Rata Street is nicely situated and only a few minutes' walk from the church. It was purchased for £950. Less than £100 remains as debt on the property. Many have given generously over the years, making it possible to keep on the credit side and yet sustain the Church's Ministries in the community. For example, the gift of a motor-car in 1943 to the circuit by the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter was a fine gesture and proved a God-send.

There may be those who are generously minded and able to give and so make it possible for us to wipe out this £100 debt? What a splendid thing it would be if this was done on the 70th anniversary of the Church.

THE PRIMITIVE METHODISTS.

The Primitive Methodists, who had been a separate church to the Wesleyans throughout the Dominion, amalgamated in 1913 and the two local churches fused into one congregation, and ever since have been known as the Inglewood Methodist Church.

Mr. J. and Miss Burkett are two of the few remaining Primitive members residing in Inglewood.

EARLIER JUBILEES.

In 1926 the Golden Jubilee of the church was celebrated in a very worthy way, proving to be a gracious time of inspiration and reunion to all who were privileged to participate, Rev. H. C. Orchard being the Minister at this time.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Inglewood Church was likewise worthily observed in 1936, during Rev. J. M. Blight's Ministry.

ROLL OF HONOURS.

Two "Roll of Honours," representing 1914-18 and 1939-45 World Wars, on which are inscribed over 60 names of those associated with Inglewood Methodist Circuit who served in the overseas forces.

THANKS BE UNTO GOD.

So the work has continued down through these 70 years of its history, ever witnessing to the Divine truths declared by God the Heavenly Father in His Son Jesus Christ, and by thought, word and deed making a contribution to the life of the Inglewood community of Christian character and influence. Many, too many to mention here, of men and women who have been the rank and file of the Christian church and have rendered invaluable service during these years in this respect.

To all Ministers, Local Preachers, Circuit Stewards, Trustees, Stewards, Choir Leaders and Members, S.S. Superintendents and Teachers, Guild Members, Organists and Congregations, past and present, we owe a great debt of gratitude. Truly "others have laboured and we have entered into their labours." May God grant us all the grace to be worthy of the trust committed to our keeping.

This, this is the God we adore,
Our faithful unchangeable Friend,
Whose love is as great as His power,
And neither knows measure nor end.

'Tis Jesus, the First, and the Last,
Whose spirit shall guide us safe home,
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And thank Him for all that's to come.

CHURCH OFFICIALS.

While this is not a complete list of those who have served the Inglewood Methodist Church over the years in its various offices, it does record many who have and are rendering faithful service.

TRUSTEES:

Original Trustees: Messrs. J. Jackson, J. C. Peach, F. Holden, W. Carter, E. Veale, J. C. George, E. Okey and E. J. Cudd.
Later: Messrs. J. R. G. Sutherland, E. and F. A. Taylor, W. W. Hughes, T., R. and G. Smith, J. Turner and J. Everett.
Later again: Messrs. J. E. Bennett, F. A. Reeve, R. Fawcett, T. L. Parkin, J. H. Lyon, F. Bond, J. D. Wright, F. Longbottom, D. McAllister, G. J. A. Fenwick, R. Ballantine and D. T. Egarr.
Present Trustees: Messrs. L. Sutherland, A. J. Reeve, E. J. Clough, A. K. Surrey, J. W. Smith, T. A. J. Jones, C. G. Surrey, L. A. Fenwick, W. Goble, R. McKeen, R. K. Ballantine.

LOCAL PREACHERS:

Messrs. J. Jackson, J. C. Peach, J. Taylor, E. Howell, Cartright, Pearce, E. Jenkin, J. Asher, G. H. White, A. Coutts, J. Jemison, G. J. A. Fenwick, T. Raynor, G. H. Peterson.
Present: Messrs. A. J. Reeve, A. K. Surrey, A. Rankin.

CIRCUIT STEWARDS:

Messrs. J. C. Peach, J. Everett, J. Jemison, J. P. Jensen, T. Parkin, E. Taylor, W. Stewart, R. Fawcett, G. Jones, E. Addinell, D. Wright, D. T. Egarr, G. W. Kirk, R. G. Surrey, R. Ballantine, A. K. Surrey.
Present: Messrs. A. J. Reeve and C. E. Arthur.

SOCIETY STEWARDS:

Messrs. C. Tomlinson, J. E. Bennett, H. Baigent, T. A. Taylor, M. Sutherland, B. Clough, A. W. Yeates, W. Raynor, R. Fawcett, H. Peterson, V. Arthur, C. Raynor, F. Bond, D. T. Egarr, A. K. Surrey, L. Reeve, H. Longbottom.
Present: Messrs. A. J. Reeve, G. J. A. Fenwick, F. Longbottom, E. Reeve and L. A. Fenwick.

LADIES' GUILD:

Present Members: Mesdames J. C. Ashworth (President), F. Longbottom and A. Pollard (Vice-Presidents), R. McKeen (Secretary), W. Goble (Treasurer), A. J. Reeve, A. Boenicke, H. Gaulton, L. Sutherland, F. Stimpson, Codd, D. Egarr, A. Fenwick, L. Fenwick, C. E. Arthur and Miss Pollard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Past Superintendents: Messrs. J. C. Peach, E. Taylor, B. Clough, A. J. Reeve and Mrs. Collingwood.
Present Staff: Mrs. A. Pollard (Superintendent), Mrs. H. Gaulton (B.C. Leader), Misses E. Goble, J. Frank, M. Gaulton and H. Goble (Teachers).

CHOIR:

Methodism was born and sustained in the spirit of the songs of her faith. This is true of Inglewood Methodism. Many Choirmasters and Choir Members have led the congregations in this Ministry of Song these 70 years.

Present Choirmaster: Mr. L. Sutherland.
Members: Messrs. J. W. Smith, H. Gaulton, Mesdames L. Sutherland, R. McKeen, W. Goble, J. W. Smith, G. Goodwin and Miss E. Goble.

ORGANISTS:

Present: Mesdames L. Sutherland, G. Goodwin, assisted by Mr. H. Longbottom, Mesdames W. Goble and H. Gaulton.

CHURCH PAPERS:

The Methodist Times. Circuit reporter and agent is Miss J. Longbottom. The Open Door Agent and Foreign Missionary. Secretary, Miss D. Fawcett.
The Lotu. Agent, Mrs. H. Gaulton.

METHODISM

*A Great Church whose Parish
is the World*

MEMBERSHIP:

1791:

(At time of Wesley's death)

76,000 Members. 300 Ministers.

1945:

Members	..	..	..	8,768,616
S.S. Scholars	..	..	..	8,278,809
S.S. Teachers	..	..	..	898,000
Sunday Schools	..	..	..	90,000
Churches	..	..	..	99,407
Local Preachers	..	..	..	98,121
Ministers	..	..	..	55,000
Adherents in all parts of world				32,728,587

NEW ZEALAND MEMBERSHIP, 1945:

Ministers	..	..	..	..	207
Maori Ministers	..	..	..	..	5
Home Missionaries	..	..	..	..	50
Maori Missionaries	..	..	..	..	40
Missionary Sisters	..	..	..	..	20
Local Preachers	..	..	..	..	663
Adult Members	..	..	..	..	25,500
Junior Members	..	..	..	..	8,000
Infant Members	..	..	..	..	8,400
Communicants	..	..	..	..	20,000

"To God be the glory; great things He hath done."