
Christchurch Anglican Diocesan Archives



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Part 3: West Coast Records

BACKGROUND

There are three Parish Collections for the West Coast area held in the Christchurch Anglican Diocesan Archives: Kumara, Hokitika and Ross and South Westland. Those for Westport, Reefton and Ahaura –Brunnerton, Greymouth and Cobden - Runanga are in the Nelson Diocesan Archives, P.O. Box 100 Nelson.

The Parish and Diocesan boundaries have changed over time, so when researching in this area, it is wise to check adjacent localities and Dioceses. Areas which are covered by each group of registers are indicated below. In later years some marriages were celebrated in Churches of other denominations

The Parish Registers for all these places have been indexed, and a CD produced which is held in each parish, at the West Coast Historical Museum, Tancred Street, Hokitika and at the Diocesan Archives. If you wish to order register entries from this CD please make sure that you provide the name and dates of each register. Numbers were repeated over time and are not necessarily sequential.

Kumara

There are no archives available before 1888 as they were destroyed in a fire in the Vicarage.

Holy Trinity, Kumara

Baptisms: 1888-1959
Marriages: 1878-1972
Burials: 1882-1986

St Paul, Arahura

Baptisms: 1959-1987

Broken River and Otira

Baptisms: 1908-1911

St John, Stafford

Marriages: 1874-1880 (with Hokitika archives)

<p>Localities included in these registers are:</p> <p>Bealey, Bealey Flat, Broken River, Cass Goldsborough, Greenstone, Jackson's Kumara, Otira, Stafford, Waimea, 24 Mile</p>



Picnic, congregation of All Saints, Hokitika, about 1895. (Parish Collection: Hokitika)

Hokitika

All Saints, Hokitika

Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1866

Baptisms: 1866-1949

Marriages 1866-1982

Burials: 1868-1928

Hokitika Mission Districts

Baptisms: 1882-1899

Localities included in these registers are:

Ahaura, Arthur's Town, Back creek, Blue Spur, Goldsborough,
 Hari Hari, Hokitika, Humphrey's Gully, Kaniere (Kanieri)
 Kokatahi, Kowhiterangi, Kumara, Otira, Private Residences,
 Reefton, Rimu, Ross, Seaview, Stafford, Totata Flat, Woodstock

Ross and South Westland

St Paul, Ross

Baptisms: 1867-1957
Marriages: 1867-1992
Burials: 1878-1923, 1936-1993

Localities included in these registers are:

Bruce Bay, Franz Joseph, Haast, Hari hari, Jacob's River,
Moana, Private Residences, Ross, Ruatapu, Sailor's Gully,
Waiho Gorge, Waitaha, Whataroa

PARISH MAGAZINES

These were sometimes produced by combining the resources of two parishes, most commonly Hokitika and Ross and South Westland. There are no complete sets, and they can be found in parts in all West Coast Parish Collections.

West Coast Supplement:

June 1916-September 1917, June 1921- June 1928

The Westland Church Magazine

July 1928- July 1935

West Coast Churchman

September 1935- December 1959

Down South

August 1958- February 1969

The Parish Magazine (Anglican-Presbyterian)

July 1978- August 1981

Please use this pamphlet in conjunction with
the two previous pamphlets in this series:

Part 1: Parish Registers

which includes information on:

Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers, Confirmation and Admission to
Communion Lists and Banns Books

Part 2 Parish Records

which includes information on:

Minutes, Parish organisations, Service books, Financial records, Correspondence,
Newspapers and newsletters, Maps, Plans and Photographs.