

Church Site *Tuunga Whare Karakia*



St John's
in the City
Presbyterian Church

A Bit About the Buildings



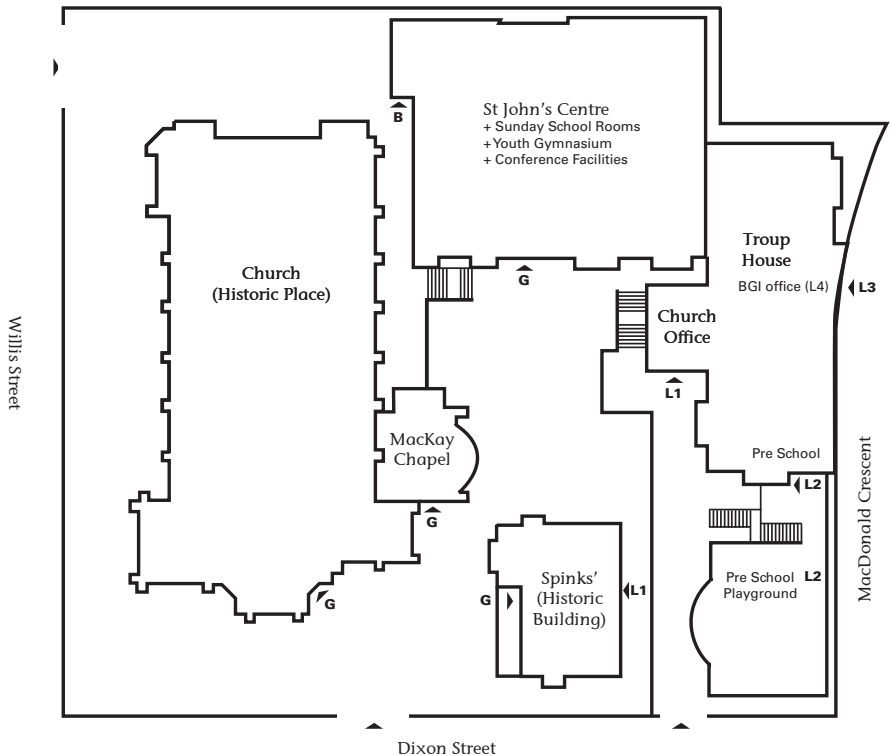
St John's Church is over 150 years old, although the *Church Building* is just over 100 years old, the third St John's to be built on this corner. It is an architectural gem in the middle of the city being designed by the well known architect, Thomas Turnbull. The exterior is kauri and the interior is a mix of kauri, totara and red pine, the main beams being kauri.

The *Mackay Chapel* was added in 1994, thanks to a very generous bequest from a former member, Miss Margaret Mackay. A feature of the chapel is the magnificent Aitken stained glass windows depicting the Last Supper. They were made in Edinburgh in 1903 with the objects based on Leonardo da Vinci's 15th century painting on the wall of a convent in Milan. These windows were gifted to the Lochend Church in Campbelltown, Scotland in memory of the Aitken family. Following the demolition of that Church the windows were brought to Wellington to be positioned in St John's new chapel. They provide a magnificent spiritual focus for worship and a priceless treasure for St John's in the City and Wellington city itself.

Spinks Cottage, in the grounds of the Church, is an early colonial house built between 1858 and 1863 and was bought by the Church in 1884. It has had several locations and a number of uses. It has a B classification from the Historic Places Trust. It is mainly used for offices and youth work.

Troup House is a 4 storied building that was commissioned in 1993 and houses a pre-school, various tenants and the Boys' and Girls' Institute. The St John's Office is at the bottom of Troup House.

The St John's Centre was opened in 1994. It houses the Church Hall, a wooden floored gym, Sunday School rooms, meeting rooms of various sizes, a large kitchen, toilets and showers. It is used extensively by church groups and is also available for hire by outside groups. For enquiries and booking contact the Church Office on 385 1546 or email enquiries@stjohnsinthecity.org.nz



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