



# SACRED SPACES of Wellington

## 3 Guided Walks through Wellington's spiritual history...

Discover histories of faith communities which have served Wellington since the 19th century. Learn about architecture, art, beliefs and rituals distinctive to each tradition.



**Walk 1**  
Friday November 1st  
2 - 5.30pm



**BETH EL ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE** in Webb Street was founded in Wellington in 1843 for the Jewish faith, which dates back more than 3500 years. The Synagogue is a community and worship centre which includes the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand.



**The THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY**, near Cuba Street, was founded in the United States in 1875 to explore questions such as 'Who am I? Why am I here? What is the purpose of life. The society encourages comparing religions to identify essential teachings.



**ST PETER'S CHURCH**, Willis Street, built in native timbers in 1879 in the style of Gothic cathedrals. Anglicans have been in New Zealand since 1814 when Samuel Marsden established a mission station in the Bay of Islands.

### REFRESHMENTS

6pm For those able to stay, a self-funded meal will be available at St Peter's Garden Room to encourage continued discussion.



**Walk 2**  
Saturday November 2nd  
9am - 12.15 pm



**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH** Mt Victoria. It has been a major contributor to education, health and welfare, linked with St Pat's College and the Home of Compassion.



**GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**, Hania Street, Mt Victoria dates back to 1947, with the current building from 1970. It was built by Greek migrants, most of whom came to Wellington during the 1950s and 60s.



**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**, or Quakers, at Moncrieff Street, Mount Victoria. In Wellington and Nelson from the 1840s, Quakers was founded in England in the 17th century and has 30 groups in New Zealand. The meeting house was built in 1929.



**WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH** began with Wellington's first service of Christian worship at Te Aro Pa in June 1839. The church building dates from 1880 and holds services in English, Fijian, Samoan and Tongan.



**Walk 3**  
Saturday November 2nd  
1 - 5 pm



**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH**, Boulcott Street was founded in 1843 and the concrete Gothic church dates from 1922, largely completed by a parish priest and day labourers. It was fully restored between 2015-17.



**WELLINGTON CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**, began meeting in 1877, and at its Boulcott Street building in 1941. Central played host to the 1882 formation of the Baptist Union, which now has more than 250 churches around New Zealand.



**ST JOHNS PRESBYTERIAN**, Willis Street dates from the early 1850s, and the building from 1885, when it was on the edge of the colonial town.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**, Willis Street, founded by Mary Baker Eddy in Boston, 1879; in New Zealand since 1914.

### REFRESHMENTS

5pm St Peter's Anglican Church, Willis Street. A debrief for those who wish to take part and time to see the bells.

### ABOUT THE WALKS

**Cost per half day: \$40.**

**BOOKING** <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/>  
**Tour Organiser: Dr Richard Norman**, a member of Historic Places Wellington and St Peter's Anglican church, with work background of teaching human resource management and public sector management at Victoria University's School of Business and Government.

**Theologian and guide: Sir David Moxon**, from Hamilton, former Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and former director of the Anglican Centre in Rome.