

TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE ST PAUL'S TRINITY CHURCH



WHY WE LOVE IT

A NOD TO ATHENS: The dome and columns, triangular pediment and frieze make this church a temple.

PACIFIC PATHWAY: Many members of the Trinity Congregational Church joined the congregation in 1969. This was the first Samoan Church in Christchurch where Catholic and Protestant worshipped together in one place.

STYLE GURUS

A REVEREND WITH A MISSION: Newly appointed Rev. Elmslie was not a fan of Christchurch architect Samuel Farr's 1873 Gothic Revival competition winning design for St Paul's Presbyterian Church. Elmslie like for the classical style saw Farr back at the drawing board with his new design finally built in 1877.

WHAT WAS HERE BEFORE

The present church replaced an early timber church on the site.

WONDERFUL & WEIRD

DOWN WITH THE DOME: The two domes are different shapes from the lowering of the bell tower in 1962 due to concerns it was an earthquake risk.

CHALLENGES

HERITAGE WORKOUT: Plans for conservation work and earthquake strengthening began in 2007.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

<http://library.christchurch.org.nz>

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