

Discovering Old St Paul's: History and Features

History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. When was Old St Paul's consecrated according to the consecration plaque?

- A) June 6, 1866**
- B) June 6, 1891
- C) June 6, 1874
- D) June 6, 1944

2. What material were the original bells of Old St Paul's made from?

- A) Bronze**
- B) Iron
- C) Stone
- D) Wood

3. The baptismal font was moved to its present position when what was added?

- A) The baptistry**
- B) The organ
- C) The pulpit
- D) The altar

4. Whose signatures were discovered on a panel during restoration work in the 1960s?

- A) The church's original builders**
- B) Prominent Wellington citizens
- C) The church's organists
- D) Members of the clergy

5. The illuminated panels were gifted by which New Zealand artist?

- A) Charles Barraud**
- B) William Barnard Rhodes
- C) Richard Seddon
- D) Harriette Crawford

6. Which flags are displayed on the left side as you face the altar?

- A) New Zealand Merchant Navy and Royal Navy**
- B) United States and US Marine Corps
- C) New Zealand and United States
- D) Royal Navy and US Marine Corps

7. The US flag displayed has 48 stars because it was gifted before which states joined the United States?

- A) Alaska and Hawaii**
- B) Texas and California
- C) Florida and New York
- D) Maine and Vermont

8. How were pews reserved for individuals or families in Old St Paul's?

- A) By paying an annual subscription**
- B) By being a member of the clergy
- C) By being a prominent citizen
- D) By being a hospital patient

9. The Seddon memorial pulpit was donated in memory of whom?

- A) Richard Seddon, Premier of New Zealand**
- B) Bishop Abraham
- C) William Barnard Rhodes
- D) Charles Barraud

10. What is the only remaining part of the original 1877 water-powered organ?

- A) A tap**
- B) A set of pipes
- C) The organ console
- D) The bellows

11. The litany desk was donated in memory of which respected local teacher?

- A) Mary Anne Swainson**
- B) Bishop Wallis
- C) Governor-General's wife
- D) A carpenter

12. The brass lectern was made in which city?

- A) London**
- B) Wellington
- C) England
- D) New Zealand

13. What is uncertain about the carved head found above the window?

- A) Its identity**
- B) Its material
- C) Its age
- D) Its location

14. The dean's stall is made from panels that were originally in which English cathedral?

- A) Wells Cathedral**
- B) Lichfield Cathedral
- C) Glastonbury Abbey
- D) St Paul's Cathedral

15. What does the Latin word 'cathedra' refer to in a church context?

- A) The seat for a bishop**
- B) The main altar
- C) A prayer desk
- D) A clergy stall

16. The altar is made of kauri and which other type of wood?

- A) puriri**
- B) rimu
- C) oak
- D) maple

17. The brass cross and candlesticks are copies of those found in which English cathedral's Chapter House?

- A) Lichfield Cathedral**
- B) Wells Cathedral
- C) Glastonbury Abbey
- D) Canterbury Cathedral

18. What caused the slight bend in the brass cross on the altar?

- A) An earthquake in 1945**
- B) A fire in the church
- C) Being dropped during installation
- D) A strong wind

19. What is the name of the special basin found in the clergy vestry, used for washing linens?

- A) Piscina**
- B) Font
- C) Chalice
- D) Patten

20. Originally, most windows in Old St Paul's were what type of glass?

A) Plain frosted glass

B) Stained glass

C) Clear glass

D) Leaded glass