

# Discovering Old St Paul's: History and Features

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**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