



**WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH**  
Incorporating congregations of 10am, Tongan, Samoan  
and Fijian.



<https://wesleychurch.org.nz/>

Parish Office: 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington, New Zealand  
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Welcome!

Nau Mai

Haere Mai

Noa'ia 'e Mauri

Bula Vinaka

Mabu Hay

Namaste

Talofa Lava

Malo e Lelei

Chao Buoi Sang

Swaagat

안녕하세요  
(an-nyeong-ha-se-yo)

**Parish**

**Newcomers**

Nau mai haere mai

We're glad you're considering making Wellington Methodist Parish your spiritual home. If you want to put down your roots here, please let our leaders know so that we can take your contact details and you will get our weekly emails. This will enable us to get to know you better.

## *Parish Bulletin*

### *Rātapu 11 May 2025*

*Welcome to Wellington Methodist Parish*

### *Mission Statement*

*Living God's love – acting for the common good*

*We are a multi-racial Christian community:*

*Methodist in affiliation – Ecumenical in intention*

*Diverse in theology – Inclusive in outreach.*

### *Sunday Church Services*

#### **Wesley Church 75 Taranaki St, Wellington City**

10.00 am	English Service
12.00 am	Tongan Service
2.00 pm	Samoan Service
4.00 pm	Fijian Service

#### **Upcoming Sundays**

01/06/2025	Combined Service—Suiva'aia Te'o
06/07/2025	Combined Service—Simote Taunga
03/08/2025	No combined Service / Congregation Sunday

#### **Special Congregation Sundays**

12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday
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### *Ministry Team*

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## Spiritual Reflection

### Faith That Acts, Love That Raises

A short reflection on Acts 9:36–43

Tabitha, a disciple of Jesus in Joppa, wasn't known for preaching or performing miracles – she was known for doing good. Her faith was expressed in the garments she made and the lives she touched. When she died, the community mourned deeply, preparing her for burial as was the custom in a hot climate where burial followed quickly after death. That they delayed burial to fetch Peter from Lydda – a 5-hour walk or 3-hour donkey ride – shows their desperate hope and deep love.

Peter came. He didn't preach a sermon. He simply knelt and prayed. Then, in Jesus' name, he called Tabitha to rise – and she did. This astonishing moment not only echoes the miracles of Jesus but affirms that God's power continues through Jesus' followers. Luke recorded this story generations later not just for its drama, but because it embodied the living faith of the early church: a faith where belief leads to action, and where the dead are raised – metaphorically and literally – by the love of a community and the courage to hope.

From this reading we learn that true discipleship means combining belief with tangible acts of compassion and service. And, that God still works through communities of faith who love boldly, act courageously, and believe that transformation is possible.

**Philip Garside, 11 May 2025**

### LECTIONARY for May 11 & May 18

#### *May 11—Easter 4*

##### **1st Reading**

Acts 9:36-43

##### **Psalm**

Ps 23

##### **2nd Reading**

Rev 7:9-17

##### **Gospel**

Jn 10:22-30

#### *May 18—Easter 5*

##### **1st Reading**

Acts 11: 1-18

##### **Psalm**

Ps 148

##### **2nd Reading**

Rev 21: 1– 6

##### **Gospel**

Jn 13: 31– 35

### *Parish Office*

#### Parish Office staff:

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#### Office Hours

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## Prayers and Concerns



*If you are bereaved, sick or in pain, isolating, or recovering from illness, may you feel our care and compassion at this time.*

## Upcoming Meetings

### Parish Council

1 June, 7th Sept, 2nd Nov

### Finance & Resource Committee

29 April, every last Thursday of the month

### Leaders/Congregational

**10AM**

20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August

### TONGAN

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### SAMOAN

14 June & 20 September

### FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

## Congregation Notices:

**10AM**

***Knit & Knatter—Wednesday 14th May, staff room, 11am, All welcome for coffee & Crafts.***

### **Tongan**

***-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday and Thursday.***

***-Fakamē or White Sunday, Sunday 4 May***

***-Mother's Day, Sunday 11 May***

***-Tongan Father's Day, Sunday 18 May***

### **Samoan**

***-Sunday school on the 18th and 25th May at 12pm***

***-Choir Practise, every Friday, in church, 6pm***

***-Prayer meeting, second Friday after Choir practice, 6pm.***

### **Fijian**

***-Fijian Lead worship studies are held every Monday evening at 7:30pm via zoom***

## What's Happening in our space?

### **Parish Notices:**

**We would like to wish all our Mothers a very Happy Mothers Day this Sunday :)**

### **KEEP OUR FACILITIES CLEAN**

Please keep our facilities clean, toilets, Showers, foyer & playgrounds etc.

**NO EATING!** In church or around the office foyers and at the children's playground. Please keep food in the old and new halls.

**Downtown Community Ministry Foodbank Appeal.** Wesley has volunteered to run the Foodbank Appeal at Newtown New World on Saturday May 24th. We are looking for Volunteers from each congregation to help us collect and sort donations. Please if you are available contact our office if you are interested at [office@wesleychurch.org.nz](mailto:office@wesleychurch.org.nz)

**DCM SUNDAY FOODBANK COLLECTION EVERY SUNDAY SERVIC PLEASE DONATE NON PERISHABLE ITEMS TO THE BASKET IN THE CHURCH**

### **DCM FOOD BANK**

Please help restock busy foodbank shelves with the following items

- Ready meals/soups
- Instant noodles
- Tinned fish
- Coffee, tea, milk powder
- Biscuits and crackers
- Washing powder

### **WESLEY CAR PARK 24/7 PARKS - PLEASE NOTE**

Front Car Park - #1 is leased 24/7. The owner can park there at any time. This park is unavailable for Parish members.

Back Car Parks - #12, #13, #14 (By the umu shed) These parks are leased to Wesley Community Action 24/7. They are unavailable for Parish members.

<b>THEME FOR APRIL:</b>	<b>SEASON OF EASTER</b>
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<b>10AM Sunday Roster</b>			
<b>Combined Service</b>		<b>Sunday 18 May (Easter 5)</b>	
<b>Sunday 11 May (Easter 4)</b>		<b>Worship Leader</b>	Eroni Kito
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Kolosaini Taulata	<b>Organist</b>	Vivien Chiu
<b>Organist</b>	Colin Scarf	<b>Notices &amp; Welcome</b>	Alan Dine
<b>Notices &amp; Welcome</b>	Sarah Laurenson	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Norbert
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Joy Grove		Nziramasaanga
<b>Door Stewards</b>	Sara Laurenson	<b>Door Stewards &amp; HC</b>	Philippa Conway &
<b>Morning tea</b>	Philippa Conway &		Bill Ryan
	Bill Ryan	<b>Morning tea</b>	Dine & Laurenson
			Family

<b>12pm Tongan Congregation</b>			
<b>Sunday 11 May (Easter 4)</b>		<b>Sunday 18 May (Easter 5)</b>	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Akesa Taunga	<b>Worship Leader</b>	Sosaia Vea
<b>Lead Worship</b>	Mothers Day	<b>Lead Worship</b>	To be confirmed

<b>2pm Samoan Congregation</b>			
<b>Sunday 11 May (Easter 4)</b>		<b>Sunday 18 May (Easter 5)</b>	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rev. Suiva’aia	<b>Worship Leader</b>	Muaimalae Te’o
<b>Lead Worship</b>	Mothers Service	<b>Lead Worship</b>	To be confirmed

<b>4pm Fijian Congregation</b>			
<b>Sunday 4 May (Easter 4)</b>		<b>Sunday 18 May (Easter 5)</b>	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Mothers Day	<b>Worship Leader</b>	Mudrenicagi
<b>Lead Worship</b>	Mothers Day	<b>Lead Worship</b>	To be confirmed