



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

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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 12 Whiringa-ā-nuku (October)**

*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**

10.00am

English Service

12pm

Samoan Service (White Sunday)

#### **Upcoming Sundays**

02/11/2025

Combined Service

01/12/2025

No Combined/Congregation Sunday

#### **Special Congregation Sundays**

#### *Ministry Team*

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## Grateful in Strange Lands

*A short reflection based on Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Luke 17:11-19*

Sometimes life takes us to unfamiliar, even unwelcome, places. The exiles in Babylon certainly felt this way – torn from their homes and forced to live among strangers. Yet God's message through Jeremiah is stunning: don't just survive – plant gardens, build homes, raise families, and pray for the city you're in. In other words, bloom where you're planted.

In Luke's Gospel, ten lepers are healed by Jesus, but only one – a Samaritan – returns to give thanks. He was doubly an outsider: sick and foreign. Yet his heart was the one that overflowed with gratitude.

These stories invite us to a deeper way of living. When things feel uncertain, when we're far from what's familiar, God is still present. We're called to participate in life, even in exile. To choose gratitude, even when we feel on the margins. Faith grows in unexpected places. God invites us to root ourselves and seek peace, even when life feels out of place.

Gratitude transforms our view. Like the Samaritan, thankfulness can reframe our struggles and draw us closer to God.

**Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 12 October 2025**

### LECTIONARY for 12 October & 19 October 2025

#### *October 12—Pentecost 18*

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Jer 29: 1, 4-7	Ps 66: 1-12	2 Tim 2: 8-15	Lk 17: 11-19

#### *October 19—Pentecost 19*

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Jer 31: 27-34	Ps 119: 97-104	2 Tim 3: 14- 4: 5	Lk 18: 9-14

### *Parish Office*

#### Parish Office staff:

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#### Custodian

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#### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

10am to 3pm

## Prayers and Concerns



*If you are bereaved, sick or in pain, isolating, or recovering from illness, may you feel our care*

## Upcoming Meetings

### Parish Council

2nd Nov

### Finance & Resource Committee

30 Oct, every last Thursday of the month

### Parish Strategy

1 Nov, 12.30pm, Office

### Leaders/Congregational

**10AM**

21 October

**TONGAN**

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**SAMOAN**

4 October

**FIJIAN**

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

## What's Happening in our space?

### Parish Notices:

#### Register your Parish Key

If you currently have a church key and have not yet registered it, please visit our office staff at your earliest convenience to complete the registration process.

#### Office Entrance, Playground Ramp Doors & flower room entrance Door.

We have changed locks for these doors for the safety of our children & property. You will now need a key to unlock & Lock these doors.

#### DCM FoodBank Appeal

We're pleased to share that our parish will be supporting the DCM Foodbank Appeal on Saturday, 15th November, at Newtown New World from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and help those in need. We'll be collecting food donations and raising awareness throughout the day.

More information will be shared soon.

#### Community Lunch for the Homeless

We will be hosting a lunch for the homeless on Friday, 12th November in New Hall.

More details will be shared soon — stay tuned and thank you for your support!

#### Parish Working Bee

We will be having our parish working bee on Saturday, 8th November.

Everyone is welcome to come along and lend a hand — your support makes a big difference!

## Congregation Notices:

### *Tongan*

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

### *Samoan*

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

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

*-Confirmation classes, Wednesday 15th, 6pm*

### *Fijian*

*-Mens Fellowship: Wasewase rally during Labour weekend on 24th—26th of October.*

THEME FOR APRIL:

PENTECOST

<div>10AM</div> <div>Sunday Roster</div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 12 October (Pentecost 18)</i> </div> <div> <b>Worship Leader</b> Philip Garside  <b>Organist</b> Vivien Chiu  <b>Notices &amp; Welcome</b> Leatuavao  <div>Leatuavao</div>  <b>Bible Reader</b> Sarah Laurenson  <b>Door Stewards</b> Daphne Pilaar &amp; Leatuavao Leatuavao  <b>Morning tea</b> Daphne Pilaar &amp; Hugh Laurenson </div> </div>			
<div> <div> <i>Sunday 19 October (Pentecost 19)</i> </div> <div> <b>Worship Leader</b> Suiva'aia Te'o  <b>Organist</b> Colin Scarf  <b>Notices &amp; Welcome</b> Heather Garside  <b>Bible Reader</b> Hugh Laurenson  <b>Door Stewards</b> Carol Dale &amp; Sarah Laurenson  <b>Morning tea</b> Wendy &amp; Rendall Conwell </div> </div>			
<div>12pm</div> <div>Tongan Congregation</div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 12 October (Pentecost 18)</i>  <i>(Service will be held at Waitangirua)</i> </div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 19 October (Pentecost 19)</i> </div> <div> <b>Worship Leader</b> To be Confirmed  <b>Lead Worship</b> To be Confirmed </div> </div> </div>			
<div>2pm</div> <div>Samoan Congregation</div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 12 October (Pentecost 18)</i> </div> <div> <b>Worship Leader</b> White Sunday  <b>Safety Briefing</b> White Sunday  <b>Bible Reading</b> White Sunday </div> </div>			
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<div>4pm</div> <div>Fijian Congregation</div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 12 October (Pentecost 18)</i>  <i>(Fiji Day Community Combined Service held at 6 Cambridge Street Tawa at 2.30)</i> </div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 19 October (Pentecost 19)</i> </div> <div> <b>Worship Leader</b> To be Confirmed  <b>Lead Worship</b> To be Confirmed </div> </div> </div>			