



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 14 Hakihea (December) 2025

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.

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

12.00pm

Tongan Service

2.00pm

Samoan Service

4.00pm

Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

04/01/2026

No Combined/Congregational Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

Christmas Eve Service:

24th Dec, Wednesday evening, 7:30pm

Christmas Day Service:

25th Dec, Thursday morning, 9:30am.



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Singing and Seeking the Kingdom

A short reflection on Luke 1: 46-55 and Mathew 11: 2-11

Mary's song, the Magnificat, is more than a beautiful hymn – it's a bold proclamation.

Spoken by a young, pregnant woman in a time of oppression, it declares that God lifts the lowly, feeds the hungry, and brings down the mighty. It is deeply joyful, but also deeply political – a vision of a world turned right-side-up. Mary shows us what it means to trust God's promises and be part of God's mission. Her song reminds us that Advent hope is active – it protests injustice and dares to believe in God's transforming love.

In contrast, John the Baptist is in a dark place. Imprisoned, questioning, he sends a message: "Are you the one?" It's a question we all ask at times. Jesus responds not with blame but with signs – healing, restoration, good news for the poor. It's a quiet revolution, not a thunderous one. And that's the invitation to us today: not to wait for miracles, but to look for signs of the kingdom in everyday acts of justice, kindness, and love.

Mary and John – one singing in faith, one struggling with doubt – both help us see the way to Christ. And both show that faith isn't about certainty, but about responding: with praise, with questions, with action.

Sing boldly for justice – even when the world resists.

Look for God's kingdom in small, healing signs of hope.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 14 December 2025

LECTIONARY for 14 & 21 December 2025

December 14—Advent 3 03A

1st Reading

Is 35: 1-10

Psalm

Ps 146: 5-10,
Lk 1: 46b-55

2nd Reading

James 5: 7-10

Gospel

Mt 11: 2-11

December 21—Advent 4 04A

1st Reading

Is : 7:10-16

Psalm

Ps 80: 1-7,
17-19

2nd Reading

Rom 1: 1-7

Gospel

Mt 1: 18-25

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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 and compassion at this time.

Upcoming Meetings

**10AM
TONGAN
SAMOAN
FIJIAN**

Leaders/Congregational

16th December 2025
tbc
tbc
1st Saturday of every month

F&R Meeting: TBC

January 2026

**First Sunday, 4th January - No Combined/
Congregation Sunday**

**Second Sunday, 11th January - This will be the
first Parish Combined Service.**

Lead Worship: Rev. Simote Taunga.

**Farewell service for Rev. Simote and Akesa
Taunga.** 😊

**NO OTHER CONGREGATION CHURCH SERVICE
FOR THIS SUNDAY.**

February 2026

First Sunday, 1st February—2 Church Services

- **10am—Covenant Service—Rev. Joeli Ducivaki**
**There's no refreshments after this 10AM
Combined Service.**

- **6pm—Commissioning Service—Rev. Neti
Petaia**

Everyone is kindly asked to bring refreshments.

All are welcome to attend

Congregation Notices:

10am

Shared lunch in the new hall after the service on
the 14th of December. Please bring a plate.

Tongan

-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday
and Thursday.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Ministers Annual Leave

Rev. Simote—10th Dec to 20th Dec.2025

Rev. Joeli—22nd Dec 2025 to 4th Jan 2026

Rev. Suiva'aia—12th Jan to 31st Jan 2026

Office Closure

**Office will be closed on the
19th of December 2025 and it will re
open on the 6th of January 2026.**

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Protect Our Equipment

Please do not tamper with the hall micro-
phones. They are costly to replace, and
opening them can cause wires to discon-
nect. If a microphone is not working, do
not attempt to fix it yourself. Notify the
Parish office immediately so the issue can
be addressed properly.

Missing Equipment:

One lapel microphone is current-
ly missing. If you know its
whereabouts, please inform the
parish office.



When the office is closed, we
kindly ask the congregation
responsible for locking up to
ensure that **all doors are se-
curely locked** before leaving
the premises. Thank you for
keeping our Church safe and secure.



THEME FOR December:

Advent

10AM Sunday Roster			
Sunday 14 December (Advent 3)		Sunday 21 December (Advent 4)	
Worship Leader	Philip Garside	Worship Leader	Rev. Sikeli Cawanikawai
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Bible Reading	Tauamiti Johann	Bible Reading	Alan Dine
Notice & Welcome	Daphne Pilaar	Notice & Welcome	Sarah Laurenson
Door Stewards	Alan Dine & Hugh L	Door Stewards	Lepa & Sana Manuao
Morning tea	Wendy & Rendall	Morning tea	Daphne.P/Hugh. L
Please note that 10am is rostered flower duty in December.			

12pm Tongan Congregation			
Sunday 14 December (Advent 3)		Sunday 21 December (Advent 4)	
Worship Leader	TBC	Worship Leader	TBC
Lead Worship	TBC	Lead Worship	TBC

2pm Samoan Congregation			
Sunday 14 December (Advent 3)		Sunday 21 December (Advent 4)	
Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva’aia Te’o	Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva’aia Te’o
Safety Briefing	TBC	Safety Briefing	TBC
Bible Reading	Tinei	Bible Reading	Edna

4pm Fijian Congregation			
Sunday 14 December (Advent 3)		Sunday 21 December (Advent 4)	
Worship Leader	Isaia Vakamoce	Worship Leader	Iliesa Tora
Lead Worship	Dauvunau	Lead Worship	Dauvunau