



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

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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 14 Mahuru (September) 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

10.00am	English Service
12.00pm	Fijian Service (Fiji Father's Day)
2.00pm	Samoan Service
4.00pm	Tongan Service

Upcoming Sundays

05/10/2025	Combined Service
02/11/2025	Combined Service
01/12/2025	No Combined/Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

14/09/2025 Fijian	(Fijian) Fathers Day
12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday

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Found in the Forest

A short reflection on 1 Timothy 1:12–17, Luke 15:1–10 and Flora & Fauna Sunday

Have you ever felt close to God while walking through a forest, listening to birdsong, or watching sunlight dance through leaves? There's a reason for that. Creation isn't just scenery; it's sacred. On Flora and Fauna Sunday, we remember that every tree, bird, and hillside is part of God's beloved world. The land speaks of God's creativity, and our role is to listen, care, and protect.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus tells stories of a shepherd who leaves 99 sheep to find one that's lost, and a woman who searches high and low for a missing coin. These aren't just quaint tales; they reveal something deep about God. God doesn't write anyone off. When something – or someone – goes missing, God searches passionately, joyfully. That divine joy at restoration is echoed in every healed river, every bird returned to its native bush.

And then there's the call to guardianship. Our relationship with the earth is sacred. We are not owners but caretakers. When we name our native trees and birds, when we plant with purpose, when we create sanctuaries of welcome for people and creatures alike, we mirror the love of Christ.

Let our churches become places of restoration. Let our faith spill out into forests and gardens. For when we seek what is lost – in creation, in community, in ourselves – we join God in a dance of joyful return.

God passionately seeks what is lost and rejoices in restoration.

Caring for creation is part of our sacred calling as people of faith.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 14 September 2025

LECTIONARY for 14 September & 21 September 2025

September 14 –Pentecost 14

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Jer 14:11-12, 22-28	Ps 14	1 Tim 1:12-17	Lk 15:1-10

September 21—Pentecost 15

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Jer 8:18-9: 1	Ps 79:1-9	1 Tim 2:1-7	Lk 16:1-13

Parish Office

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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

25 Sept, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

16 September

TONGAN

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SAMOAN

20 September

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

10AM

Knit & Knatter- Wednesday 17th Sept, held at the office, 11am (All are welcome)

-10AM AGM, Sunday 28 Sept, after morning Tea .

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.

Fijian

-Mens Fellowship: they will be having a District rally on 27th of September and a Wasewase rally during Labour weekend on 24th—26th of October.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Important notices

Used injection needles have been found around our premises.

Locations to be aware of

-Front of church Garden Area

-Front & behind (Near Bins) of drama Christi

-Plant boxes outside old & New hall.

-Umu area

Please watch out for your children as they usually play around these areas. If you come across any injection needles please contact the parish office or your parish steward as there is a specific way to dispose these needles, for your own safety. If you do find any after hours, call 105 to get more Help/info.

Main Reception door must be locked at all times

outside office hours as we do have street people coming in during congregation bookings.

The State of the New Zealand Health System

Do you want to do something about the health system crisis?

Come down and sign a Declaration that will become New Zealand's Longest ever petition. It only takes five seconds of your time.

- Spread the word, share it with your family and friends.
- The Declaration and petition will be presented to parliament on,

Tuesday 18th November 2025

Where: Newtown Community Centre

1 Colombo Street

Wellington

Email: patientvoice.nz/petition

All Congregational stewards, please ensure that the Church is clean after your services. No eating is allowed and please dispose of your chewing gum in the Rubbish Bin.

Have a blessed weekend and keep warm.

THEME FOR APRIL:

PENTECOST

10AM Sunday Roster			
<i>Sunday 14 September August(Pentecost 14)</i>		<i>Sunday 21 September (Pentecost 15)</i>	
Worship Leader	Kolosaini Tautala	Worship Leader	Niko Bower
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome	Alan Dine	Notices & Welcome	Heather Garside
Bible Reader	Sven Heger	Bible Reader	Masoe Family
Door Stewards	Joy Grove & Melina	Door Stewards	Alan Dine, Hugh Laurenson
Morning tea	Masoe Family	Morning tea	Garside Family

12pm Tongan Congregation			
<i>Sunday 14 September August(Pentecost 14)</i>		<i>Sunday 21 September (Pentecost 15)</i>	
Worship Leader	Viena Paongo	Worship Leader	Rev Simote Taunga
Lead Worship	To be confirmed	Lead Worship	To be confirmed

12.30pm Samoan Congregation			
<i>Sunday 14 September August(Pentecost 14)</i>		<i>Sunday 21 September (Pentecost 15)</i>	
Worship Leader	Rev Suiva’aia Teo	Worship Leader	Rev Suiva’aia Teo
Safety Briefing	Tinei Alefosio	Safety Briefing	Uiese Holmes
Bible Reading	Tinei Alefosio	Bible Reading	Uiese Holmes

4pm Fijian Congregation			
<i>Sunday 14 September August(Pentecost 14)</i>		<i>Sunday 21 September (Pentecost 15)</i>	
Worship Leader	Father’s Day (Fiji)	Worship Leader	Fathers Day (Fiji)
Lead Worship	Father’s Day (Fiji)	Lead Worship	Fathers Day (Fiji)