



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

Rāhina 16 March 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	Morning Congregation
12.00 pm	Tongan Congregation
2.00 pm	Samoan Congregation
4.00 pm	Fijian Congregation

Upcoming Sundays

06/04/2025 10am	April Combined Service	Rev. Simote Taunga
18/04/2025 10am	Good Friday Service—	Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
20/04/2025 10am	Easter Sunday—	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
04/05/2025	No Combined Service /	Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

30/03/2025 10am	Café Sunday,	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
13/04/2025 Fijian	White Sunday (Children Sunday)	
04/05/2025 Tongan	Fakame Sunday	
12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday	

THEME FOR MARCH:

SEASON OF LENT

Spiritual Reflection

Courage and Compassion: Jesus’ Response to Opposition

In Luke 13:31–35, the Pharisees – normally seen as Jesus’ opponents – warn him that Herod wants to kill him. It’s surprising to see them giving friendly advice! Were they genuinely concerned, or just trying to scare him away? Perhaps some Pharisees respected Jesus but feared the trouble he attracted. Others might have wanted to push him out of their territory before things got worse.

Jesus isn’t fooled. He calls Herod a "fox" – crafty but not truly powerful. He knows his mission: healing, teaching, and heading toward Jerusalem, where prophets often meet their end. But rather than fearing for himself, Jesus grieves for Jerusalem, longing to gather its people like a mother hen sheltering her chicks.

By the end of the first century, Jesus’ followers had largely split from Judaism. At first, they were just another Jewish movement, but tensions grew – especially after the destruction of the Temple in AD 70. Some Christians blamed Jewish leaders for rejecting Jesus, and some Jews saw Christians as dangerous outsiders. The divide deepened, shaping Christianity as a separate faith.

This passage offers two lessons. First, courage: like Jesus, we must stay true to our calling, even when others try to deflect us. Second, compassion: Jesus responds to rejection with love, not resentment. In a divided world, we are called to embrace rather than exclude, showing God’s love even to those who oppose us. True discipleship means holding both courage and compassion in balance, just as Jesus did.

Philip Garside, 16 March 2025

LECTIONARY for March 9 & 16

March 16—Lent 2

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	27	Phil 3:17-4:1	Lk 13:31-35 or Lk 9:28-36
March 23— Lent 3			
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Is 55:1-9	63:1-8	1 Cor 10:1-13	Lk 13: 1-9

Parish Office

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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

27 March, every last Thursday of the month

Parish AGM

5th October

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August

TONGAN

tbc

SAMOAN

tbc

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Movie Fundraising



Thursday,
20 March, 5:45pm

Tickets \$20
Lighthouse Cinema,
Cuba

Whats Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Dcm Foodbank

Downtown Community Ministry Foodbank Appeal

Wesley has volunteered to run the Foodbank Appeal at Newtown New World on Saturday May 24th. We will be looking for volunteers closer to the time.

DCM will come to refreshments after the Combined Service on 6th April to tell us about their mahi.

Look out for the Foodbank collection basket at your services

Warden Training:

We would like Congregation reps to attend this training on Tues, 25th March @ 4pm.

We need a rep from each congregation. Please contact the office with your rep that will be attending this training.

Please join us for this new 3-part Lenten study on Zoom.

You don't need to register, join in anytime you like.

The studies are at 7.30pm on

Wednesday 19th March,

led by Philip Garside

Wednesday 26th March,

led by Hugh Laurenson

Wednesday 2nd April,

led by Rev Suiva'aia Te'o

scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Parish Lenten Study #1

Time: Mar 19, 2025 07:30 PM Auckland, Wellington

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 818 8110 6186

Passcode: 118604

THEME FOR MARCH:

SEASON OF LENT

10AM Sunday Roster

Sunday 16 March (Lent 2)

Worship Leader Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
Welcome & Notices Alan Dine
Organist Coline Scarf
Bible Reader Sven Heger
Door Stewards Joy Grove & Melina Takau-Samson
Morning tea Heger Family

Sunday 23 March (Lent 3)

Worship Leader Philip Garside
Welcome & Notices Heather Garside
Organist Vivien Chiu
Bible Reader Masoe Family
Door Stewards Alan Dine, Hugh Laurenson
Morning tea Manuao Family

12 pm Tongan Congregation

Sunday 16 March (Lent 2)

Worship Leader To be confirmed
Lead Worship To be confirmed

Sunday 23 March (Lent 3)

Worship Leader To be confirmed
Lead Worship To be confirmed

2 pm Samoan Congregation

Sunday 16 March (Lent 2)

Worship Leader Myra Tautau
Lead Worship To be confirmed

Sunday 23 March (Lent 3)

Worship Leader Muaimalae Te'o
Lead Worship To be confirmed

4pm Fijian Congregation

Sunday 16 March (Lent 2)

Worship Leader Jitutiti Ledua
Lead Worship Mudrenicagi Cell Group

Sunday 23 March (Lent 3)

Worship Leader Rusiate Takalaiyale
Lead Worship Saioni Cell Group