



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 16 Whiringa-ā-rangi (November) 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	Tongan Service
2.00pm	Samoan Service

Upcoming Sundays

01/12/2025 No Combined/Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

Christmas Eve Service:

24th Dec, Wednesday evening, 7:30pm

Christmas Day Service:

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



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.

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Faithfulness in the Ordinary

A short reflection on 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 and Luke 21:5-19

In a world filled with noise, we often forget the power of quiet faithfulness. This week's readings give us two very different tones – one blunt and corrective, the other poetic and mysterious. But both carry the same message: stay faithful, even when it's hard.

In Thessalonica, the church was struggling because some weren't pulling their weight. Paul and his companions reminded the community that following Jesus means showing up, contributing, and not draining the energy of others. Faith isn't passive. It's lived out in daily work, responsibility, and relationships.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus prepares his followers for a time of upheaval – wars, betrayal, suffering. But instead of offering a survival plan, he offers trust: "Don't worry about what to say. The Spirit will guide you." Faithfulness, here, isn't about control. It's about courageous presence.

We may not face persecution today, but we do face fatigue, division, and spiritual apathy. The invitation remains the same: do your part. Avoid gossip. Trust God in uncertainty. Speak up when needed. Let your quiet, consistent life tell the story.

Faith is shown in action – daily service, not just words.

God's strength carries us through uncertain times; trust is our witness.

Ngā mihi. Philip Garside, 16 Nov 2025

LECTIONARY for 16 November & 23 November 2025

November 16—Pentecost 23

1st Reading

Is 65: 17-25

Psalm

Is 12

2nd Reading

2 Thess 3: 6-13

Gospel

Lk 21: 5-19

November 23—Reign of Christ

1st Reading

Jer 23: 1-6

Psalm

Lk 1: 68-79

2nd Reading

Col 1: 11-20

Gospel

Lk 23: 33-43

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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

tbc
tbc
tbc
1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

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.

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

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

10am

**Knit and Knatter, Wednesday 19th November,
11AM in staffroom. Everyone welcome**

Tongan

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

Samoan

**-Choir Practise every Friday in church at 6pm
-Prayer meeting— Second & Fourth Friday after
Choir practice at 6pm.**

Fijian

Koroturaga Day 22nd November in the New Hall

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

DCM Food Bank Appeal

Foodbank Appeal at **Newtown New World
on Saturday November 15th from 9am –
5pm.** Each congregation will manage a 2-
hour slot and we need to transport the do-
nations back to Drama Christi for sorting.

9am – 11am - **10am Congregation**

11am – 1.00pm – **Samoan Congregation**

1.00pm – 3.00pm – **Tongan Congregation**

3.00pm – 5.00pm – **Fijian Congregation**

Community Lunch for the Homeless

Homeless Christmas Lunch—**Friday 21st
Nov.** Volunteers Needed! Please let the
office know by Sunday 16th Nov if you can
help. This is a critical event of the Parish.
Looking forward to your support and love.

**Please contact the office if you can help,
accounts@wesleychurch.org.nz or call**

Kula on 04 2420174

Parish Christmas Party

6th December at 6pm
in the New Hall.



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.**



THEME FOR NOVEMBER:

PENTECOST

10AM		Sunday Roster	
<i>Sunday 16 November (Pentecost 23)</i>		<i>Sunday 23 November (Reign of Christ)</i>	
Worship Leader	Hugh Laurenson	Worship Leader	Rev. Sikeli. C
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Bible Reading	Masoe Family	Bible Reading	Norbet
Notice & Welcome	Alan Dine	Notice & Welcome	Hugh Laurenson
Door Stewards	Philippa & Bill	Door Stewards	Daphne & Leatuavao
Morning Tea	Manuao Family	Morning tea	Masoe Family
<i>*Please note that 10am is rostered for flower duty in December.</i>			

12pm		Tongan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 16 November (Pentecost 23)</i>		<i>Sunday 23 November (Reign of Christ)</i>	
Worship Leader	TBC	Worship Leader	TBC
Lead Worship	TBC	Lead Worship	TBC

2pm		Samoan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 16 November (Pentecost 23)</i>		<i>Sunday 23 November (Reign of Christ)</i>	
Worship Leader	Sara Va'ai	Worship Leader	Myra Tautau
Safety Briefing	TBC	Safety Briefing	TBC
Bible Reading	TBC	Bible Reading	TBC

4pm		Fijian Congregation	
<i>Sunday 16 November (Pentecost 23)</i>		<i>Sunday 23 November (Reign of Christ)</i>	
Community Service in Kapiti		Worship Leader	Isaia Vakamoce
		Lead Worship	Mudrenicagi