



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 17 Here-turi-kōkā (August) 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
4.00pm	Fijian Service
2.00pm	Samoan Service

Upcoming Sundays

07/09/2025	Combined Service
05/10/2025	Combined Service
02/11/2025	Combined Service
01/12/2025	No Combined/Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

7/09/2025 Combined	(NZ) Fathers Day
14/09/2025 Fijian	(Fijian) Fathers Day
12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday

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Spiritual Reflection

The Fire That Wakes Us Up

A short reflection on Isaiah 5:1-11 and Luke 12:49-56

Some Bible passages comfort us. These confront us.

In Isaiah 5, God sings a love song about a vineyard – cared for, protected, and full of promise – only to find it has produced “wild grapes.” Instead of justice, there is violence. Instead of righteousness, there is a cry. Isaiah’s words reveal a truth still relevant today: when the systems we create favour the few and ignore the cries of the many, we stray far from God’s intention for us.

In Luke 12, Jesus speaks with equal fire. His words may seem harsh – he talks about bringing division rather than peace – but they are not a rejection of peace itself. Rather, Jesus confronts the kind of peace that hides injustice. The fire he brings is not destructive for its own sake. It is the fire of refining, of truth, of love that burns away illusion.

These passages remind us that real faith is not about avoiding conflict. Sometimes, it’s about naming what’s broken, challenging the comfortable, and choosing the harder path of justice. The good news is this: God is not absent in the fire. God is in the middle of it – calling us to live with courage, compassion, and truth.

God calls us to confront systems of injustice, even when it is uncomfortable or costly.

True peace requires truth – not the silence of avoidance, but the courage to seek what is just.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside. 17 August 2025

LECTIONARY for 17 August & 24 August 2025

August 17—Pentecost 10

1st Reading

Is 5:1– 11

Psalm

Ps 80:1-2,
8-19

2nd Reading

Heb 11:29-
12:2

Gospel

Lk 12: 49-56

August 24—Pentecost 11

1st reading

Jer 1:4-10

Psalm

71: 1-6

2nd Reading

Heb 12: 81-29

Gospel

Lk 13: 10-17

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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

7th Sept, 2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

28 August, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

19 August

TONGAN

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SAMOAN

20 September

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

10AM

-Winter at Wesley Singing practise in Drama Christi 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.

-The Samoan congregation and young people will be in Masterton on Sunday the 24th for the district Youth Rally.

Fijian

-Fijian Lead worship studies are held every Monday evening at 7:30pm via zoom.

-Mens Fellowship: they will be having a District rally in September and a Wasewase rally in October.

-Preaching at the Fijian congregation in Kapiti is Titilia Ritova.

-Preaching at the Fijian congregation in Masterton is Iliesa Tora.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Superintendent Joeli and Rev Sui will be attending a Retreat run by the Methodist Church, at Our Lady's Home of Compassion at Island Bay on Monday 25th to Thursday 28th August.

The State of the New Zealand Health System

Do you want to do something about the Health System?

Come down to the Newtown Community Centre at 1 Colombo Street, Wellington, & Sign a Declaration that will become New Zealand's Largest ever petition that will be presented to parliament

DCM

Four mornings a week, nurses from Te Aro Health Centre run a drop-in clinic at DCM. There are no appointments, no long waits, and no need to explain yourself. Just a warm space where DCM whānau can walk in and be met with respect, compassion, and care.

Our long term partnership with TAHC means we are able to offer free and accessible health support to people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

To read more about this partnership that bridges the gaps that often prevent people from getting help: cost, Stigma, trauma, system navigation, please see check our website:

<https://www.dcm.org.nz/>

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

Sunday 17 August (Pentecost 10)

Worship Leader	Kula Bower
Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome	Heather Garside
Bible Reader	Joy Grove
Door Stewards	Norbert & Philomena Nziramasanga
Morning tea	Heger Family

Sunday 24 August (Pentecost 11)

Worship Leader	Eroni Kito
Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Leatuavao
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Bible Reader	Tauamiti Johann
Door Stewards	Masoe Family
Morning tea	Manuao Family

12pm

Tongan Congregation

Sunday 17 August (Pentecost 10)

Worship Leader	To be confirmed
Lead Worship	To be confirmed

Sunday 24 August (Pentecost 11)

Worship Leader	To be confirmed
Lead Worship	To be confirmed

2pm

Samoan Congregation

Sunday 17 August (Pentecost 10)

Worship Leader	Myra Tautau
Safety Briefing	Tavira Holmes
Bible Reading	Tavira Holmes

Sunday 24 August (Pentecost 11)

Worship Leader	Lotu Tupulaga
Safety Briefing	Tylah Va'ai
Bible Reading	Tylah Va'ai

4pm

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 17 August (Pentecost 10)

Worship Leader	Iliesa Tora
Lead Worship	Paratasi

Sunday 24 August (Pentecost 11)

Worship Leader	Waisale
Lead Worship	Efiraca