



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



<https://wesleychurch.org.nz/>

Parish Office: 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington, New Zealand  
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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 18 May 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	English Service
12.00 am	Tongan Service
2.00 pm	Samoan Service
4.00 pm	Fijian Service

##### **Upcoming Sundays**

01/06/2025	Combined Service—Suiva'aia Te'o
06/07/2025	Combined Service—Simote Taunga
03/08/2025	No combined Service / Congregation Sunday

##### **Special Congregation Sundays**

12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday
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### *Ministry Team*

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## Spiritual Reflection

### Letting Go, Letting God: Change One Heart at a Time

A short reflection on Acts 11:1–18 and Revelation 21:1–6

Sometimes the hardest part of change is not the change itself, but how we react to it. In Acts, Peter is called out for doing something unthinkable: welcoming Gentiles into the community of Jesus. His critics are not angry about bad theology – they're unsettled by unfamiliar faces and loss of control. But Peter simply shares the story of what God did. Slowly, the others realise: this wasn't Peter's idea – it was God's.

Revelation offers a vision of what this kind of Spirit-led change could look like: a whole new world where God lives with us, right here, wiping away every tear. It's not just about heaven later, but transformation now – here among the messy, diverse, real lives of people.

Both readings remind us that real change in the church comes one heart at a time. It can't be forced. But it can be invited – through story, humility, and courage.

Letting go of control is hard. But when we make room for the Spirit, the church becomes something more beautiful than we could have planned.

God's grace often shows up before we're ready – we're called to catch up, not control it. The Spirit changes the world by changing hearts – starting with ours.

**Philip Garside, 18 May 2025**

## LECTIONARY for May 18 & May 25

### *May 18—Easter 5*

#### **1st Reading**

Acts 11: 1-18

#### **Psalm**

Ps 148

#### **2nd Reading**

Rev 21: 1– 6

#### **Gospel**

Jn 13: 31– 35

### *May 25—Easter 6*

#### **1st Reading**

Acts 16: 9-15

#### **Psalm**

Ps 67

#### **2nd Reading**

Rev 21:10

22-22:5

#### **Gospel**

Jn 14: 23-29 or

Jn 5: 1-9

## *Parish Office*

### Parish Office staff:

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### Office Hours

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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

5th June, 7th Sept, 2nd Nov

### Finance & Resource Committee

29 May, every last Thursday of the month

### Leaders/Congregational

#### 10AM

20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August

#### TONGAN

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#### SAMOAN

14 June & 20 September

#### FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

## Congregation Notices:

### 10AM

***Knit & Knatter—Wednesday 11th June, staff room, 11am, All welcome for coffee & Crafts.***

### Tongan

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

***-Tongan Father's Day, Sunday 18 May***

### Samoan

***-Sunday school on the 18th and 25th May at 12pm***

***-Choir Practise, every Friday, in church, 6pm***

***-Prayer meeting, second Friday after Choir practice, 6pm.***

### Fijian

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

## What's Happening in our space?

### Parish Notices:

#### 10AM donation tax credits

2024-2025 donation tax receipts have been sent out. 10AM leaders are encouraging members to claim their donation tax credit and donate this to the congregation. For every \$1 donated, you can claim 33% back (33c) from IRD, a great way to increase our revenue. This can be completed via your online myIR portal or by submitting an IR256 form. Please speak with Hugh if you have any questions.

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#### KEEP OUR FACILITIES CLEAN

Please keep our facilities clean, toilets, Showers, foyer & playgrounds etc.

**NO EATING!** In church or around the office foyers and at the children's playground. Please keep food in the old and new halls.

#### Newtown New World

##### Foodbank time Slots for Sat 24th May

**9am – 11am** (10am Congregation)

**11am – 1.00pm** - (Samoan Congregation)

**1.00pm – 3.00pm** - (Tongan Congregation)

**3.00pm – 5.00pm** - (Fijian Congregation)

*There will be **carparks available** at the top of New World Carpark entrance through Normanby Street.*

**DCM SUNDAY FOODBANK COLLECTION EVERY SUNDAY SERVICE PLEASE DONATE NON PERISHABLE ITEMS TO THE BASKET IN THE CHURCH**

#### WESLEY CAR PARK 24/7 PARKS - PLEASE NOTE

Front Car Park - #1 is leased 24/7. The owner can park there at any time. This park is unavailable for Parish members.

Back Car Parks - #12, #13, #14 (By the umu shed) These parks are leased to Wesley Community Action 24/7. They are unavailable for Parish members.

THEME FOR APRIL:

SEASON OF EASTER

10AM

Sunday Roster

Combined Service

Sunday 18 May (Easter 5)

Worship Leader

Eroni Kito

Organist

Vivien Chiu

Notices & Welcome

Alan Dine

Bible Reader

Norbert

Nziramasinga

Door Stewards

Philippa Conway & Bill Ryan

Morning tea

Dine & Laurenson Family

Sunday 25 May (Easter 6)

Worship Leader

Philip Garside

Organist

Colin Scarf

Notices & Welcome

Hugh Laurenson

Bible Reader

Masoe Family

Door Stewards

Daphne Pilaar & Leatuavao Leatuavao

Morning tea

Manuao Family

12pm

Tongan Congregation

Sunday 18 May (Easter 5)

Worship Leader

Sosaia Vea

Lead Worship

To Be Confirmed

Sunday 25 May (Easter 6)

Worship Leader

To be Confirmed

Lead Worship

To be confirmed

2pm

Samoan Congregation

Sunday 18 May (Easter 5)

Worship Leader

Muaimalae Te’o

Lead Worship

To Be Confirmed

Sunday 25 May (Easter 6)

Worship Leader

Suiva’aia Te’o

Lead Worship

To be confirmed

4pm

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 18 May (Easter 5)

Worship Leader

Iliesa Tora

Lead Worship

Mudrenicagi

Sunday 25 May (Easter 6)

Worship Leader

Waisale Muatabu

Lead Worship

Warden