



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 19 Whiringa-ā-nuku (October)

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
4.00pm	Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

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

Special Congregation Sundays

Christmas Eve Service: 24th Dec, Wednesday evening, time tbc.

Christmas Day Service: 25th Dec, Thursday morning, time tbc.

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Like Honey on the Heart

A short reflection on Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

What runs in the background of your day? A to-do list? A steady hum of anxiety? For the psalmist, it was the sweetness of God's word. Psalm 119 describes Scripture as more than rules – it's a delight, a melody in the mind, a source of wisdom that tastes like honey. It shapes how we live and who we are, not with heaviness but with joy.

Paul echoes this in his letter to Timothy. Even when the world prefers comforting lies over hard truths, we are called to stay grounded in Scripture. It trains us not to judge others but to be shaped ourselves – into people of integrity and love, ready to act when needed. We are reminded that true faith isn't passive; it requires persistence, even when it's unpopular.

And Jesus gives us the image of a widow who refuses to give up. Though powerless by society's standards, her faith is fierce. She keeps going. She keeps asking. And eventually, she is heard. If even an unjust judge relents, how much more will God listen to those who pray with persistence?

So let Scripture become your background music. Let it dwell in your thoughts and shape your days. Let prayer be your rhythm, not your last resort. And let your faith be steady, sweet, and strong.

Let God's word dwell in you like a daily song, guiding your choices with joy and wisdom. Stay faithful and persistent, especially when truth is hard and prayer seems unanswered.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside 19 October 2025

LECTIONARY for 19 October & 26 October 2025

October 19—Pentecost 19

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Jer 31: 27-34	Ps 119: 97-104	2 Tim 3: 14- 4: 5	Lk 18: 1-8

October 26—Pentecost 20

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Joel 2:23-32	Ps 65	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18	Lk 18:9-14

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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

Parish Council

2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

30 Oct, every last Thursday of the month

Parish Strategy

1st Nov, 12.30pm, Office

Leaders/Congregational

**10AM
TONGAN
SAMOAN
FIJIAN**

21 October
tbc
4 October
1st Saturday of every month

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Office Entrance, Playground Ramp Doors & flower room entrance Door.

We have changed locks for these doors for the safety of our children & property. You will now need a key to unlock & Lock these doors.

DCM Food Bank Appeal

We're pleased to share that our parish will be supporting the DCM Foodbank Appeal on Saturday, 15th November, at Newtown New World from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and help those in need. We'll be collecting food donations and raising awareness throughout the day. More information will be shared soon.

Community Lunch for the Homeless

We will be hosting a lunch for the homeless on Friday, 12th November in New Hall. More details will be shared soon — stay tuned and thank you for your support!

Parish Working Bee

We will be having our parish working bee on Saturday, 8th November. Everyone is welcome to come along and lend a hand — your support makes a big difference!

Upcoming Fire Drill

Please be advised that a surprise fire drill will be conducted on one of the weekends prior to the end of the year. All fire wardens are expected to participate and follow standard evacuation procedures.

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.

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

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

Tongan

-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday
and Thursday.

Samoa

-**Choir Practise**, every Friday, in church, 6pm
-**Prayer meeting**, second & Fourth Friday after
Choir practice, 6pm.
-**Confirmation classes**, Wednesday 15th, 6pm

Fijian

-**Welcoming of Talatala Noa Turaganivalu and
Radini**—21st of October 6pm New Hall.
-**Mens Fellowship**: Wasewase rally during Labour

THEME FOR OCTOBER:

PENTECOST

10AM		Sunday Roster	
<i>Sunday 19 October (Pentecost 19)</i>		<i>Sunday 26 October (Pentecost 20)</i>	
Worship Leader	Suiva'aia Te'o	Worship Leader	Shelly Rao
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome	Heather Garside	Notices & Welcome	Hugh Laurenson
Bible Reader	Hugh Laurenson	Bible Reading	Heather Garside
Door Stewards	Carol Dale & Sarah Laurenson	Door Stewards	Heather Garside & Joy Grove
Morning tea	Wendy & Rendall Conwell	Morning tea	Philippa Conway & Bill Ryan

12pm		Tongan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 19 October (Pentecost 19)</i>		<i>Sunday 26 October (Pentecost 20)</i>	
Worship Leader	To be Confirmed	Worship Leader	To be Confirmed
Lead Worship	To be Confirmed	Lead Worship	To be Confirmed

2pm		Samoan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 19 October (Pentecost 19)</i>		<i>Sunday 26 October (Pentecost 20)</i>	
Worship Leader	Muaimalae Te'o	Worship Leader	10am service
Safety Briefing	Lenia Pupulu	Safety Briefing	To be Confirmed
Bible Reading	Lenia Pupulu	Bible Reading	To be Confirmed

4pm		Fijian Congregation	
<i>Sunday 19 October (Pentecost 19)</i>		<i>Sunday 26 October (Pentecost 20)</i>	
Worship Leader	Talatala Qalo	Worship Leader	MYF
Lead Worship	Efiraca	Lead Worship	MYF