



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 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 pm	Tongan Service
4.00 pm	Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

06/07/2025	Combined Service—Joeli Ducivaki
03/08/2025	No combined Service / Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday
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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.

Spiritual Reflection

One in Christ, One in Compassion

A short reflection on Galatians 3:23–29 and Luke 8:26–39

In a graveyard on the far side of the lake, Jesus restores a man the world had abandoned. In a letter written to churches full of arguments, Paul declares that in Christ, all are equal, all are one. These two moments – one deeply personal, the other sweeping and theological – are stitched together by the same thread: the radical undoing of division.

The Gerasene man's story is more than a healing; it's a reclaiming. Once chained, unclothed, and feared, he's now clothed, calm, and called to speak. His restoration is not private; it's public testimony. Likewise, Paul reminds us that when we are "in Christ," old categories dissolve. There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female. In a world addicted to labels, Paul proclaims a new identity, one woven not from race or role, but from relationship with Jesus.

These passages invite us to ask: Who have we excluded? Whose story have we refused to hear? And are we willing, like Jesus, to cross boundaries and restore dignity – one person, one act of compassion, at a time?

Being "clothed in Christ" means embodying compassion that restores dignity to those society has cast aside.

The good news spreads when we listen to the stories of those once silenced and treat them as sacred.

Ngā mihi

Philip Garside

LECTIONARY for June 22 June & 29 June

June 22—Pentecost 2

1st Reading

1Kgs 19:1-4,
(5-7), 8-15a

Psalm

Ps 42 & 43

2nd Reading

Gal 3:23-29

Gospel

Lk 8:26-39

June 29—Pentecost 3

1st Reading

2 Kgs 2:1-2,
6-14

Psalm

Ps 77:1-2,
11-20

2nd Reading

Gal 5: 1
13-25

Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

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

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council

7th Sept, 2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

26 June, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

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

-10am Pastoral care

During 2020 we established a pastoral care team. 10am leaders are proposing we reestablish it. We will discuss this during refreshments after the service this Sunday. Please contact Daphne if you have any queries.

Knit & Knatter— Wednesday 9th July, 11AM, meet for craft & coffee.

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.

-Pray for our children as they prepare for Sinoti Samoa annual Sunday school examinations on the 12th of July.

-Samoan congregation will be at St Marks Wesley for the district combined service at 12pm

-Next Sunday service will be conducted by the lay preachers.

Fijian

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

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Celebrate Matariki with Us on Sunday 6th July

A Family Event for All!

Join us in the New Hall as we come together to celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year. This special occasion is for everyone — a time to reflect, connect, and enjoy. There'll be fun activities, storytelling, games, delicious food, and plenty of great conversation. Bring your friends, bring your family — all are welcome!

MURAL PAINTING

An artist is going to be painting a mural on the ground level wall of the front car park (at no cost to the Parish). He will be painting on fine Saturdays over the next few weeks. Please park on the church side of the car park if you see him at work.

Carparks

As we are aware that during the Combined Services at the beginning of every month, Carparks will be managed by each Congregations as agreed. I believe the Fijian Congregation will be responsible for the carparks in July. Please be advised cars parking in 24/7 and assigned Minister Car park will be towed away.

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:

SEASON OF EASTER

<div>10AM</div> <div>Sunday Roster</div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 22 June (Pentecost 2)</i> </div> <div> <i>Sunday 29 June (Pentecost 3)</i> </div> </div> <div> <div> Worship Leader Organist Notices & Welcome Bible Reader Door Stewards Morning tea </div> <div> Shelly Rao Vivien Chiu Sarah Laurenson Alan Dine Lepa & Sana Manuao Daphne Pilaar & Hugh Laurenson </div> <div> Worship Leader Organist Notices & Welcome Bible Reader Door Stewards Morning tea </div> <div> Suiva'aia Teo Colin Scarf Alan Dine Simulata Pope Heather Garside & Sarah Laurenson Tevita Family </div> </div>			
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