



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 26 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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Grace for the Humble Heart

A short reflection on Joel 2:23-32 and Luke 18:9-14

How easily we fall into the habit of measuring ourselves against others!

In today's Gospel, Jesus gently yet firmly reminds us that humility is the doorway to God's grace. The Pharisee, confident in his religious achievements, misses the point – God is not impressed by outward perfection but drawn to hearts open to mercy. The tax collector, acknowledging his need, finds true acceptance.

Joel echoes this promise: God's Spirit pours out freely, touching everyone, no matter their status. There is profound hope here. Even when life feels overwhelming or we feel spiritually inadequate, God offers renewal. Joel's vision assures us that no hardship is everlasting, and no heart is beyond transformation. This message resonates deeply in our current struggles – climate crises, social inequity, personal doubts. God's promise of abundant grace invites us to humility, urging us to let go of self-sufficiency and embrace vulnerability.

It is in this surrender, not in self-assurance, that we find the deepest joy. The Spirit moves powerfully among the humble, the overlooked, and the honest seekers. Today, may we choose humility, opening ourselves to God's abundant grace that refreshes our lives and communities.

Genuine humility invites God's transforming grace into our lives.

True spiritual abundance comes from inclusive care for others and openness to the Spirit's work.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside 26 October 2025

LECTIONARY for 26 October & 02 November 2025

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

November 02—Pentecost 21

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Hab 1: 1-4 Hab 2: 1-4	Ps 119 137-144	2 Thess 1: 1-4, 11-12	Lk 19: 1-10

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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	tbc
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	tbc
FIJIAN	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.

**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.

- Annual Misinale—Saturday 25th October.

Samoa

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

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

-**Confirmation classes**— Wednesday 15th, 6pm

Fijian

-**Mens Fellowship:** Wasewase rally during Labour
weekend on 24th—26th of October.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

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

You will now need a key to unlock & Lock
these doors.

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 – **Samon Congregation**

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

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

Community Lunch for the Homeless

We will be hosting a lunch for the home-
less on Wednesday, 12th November in
New Hall. More details will be shared soon.
Stay tuned and thank you for your support!

Parish Working Bee

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 war-
dens are expected to participate and fol-
low standard evacuation procedures.

Parish Christmas Party

6th December at 6pm in the New Hall.

Open invite

Mini Christmas performance on **14 Decem-
ber at the 10am service**— includes readings
and dance. Rehearsals start on the **6th of
November.** Interested in being a **reader or
a dancer?**

Contact Daphne at **0273066044.**

THEME FOR OCTOBER:

PENTECOST

10AM		Sunday Roster	
<i>Sunday 26 October (Pentecost 20)</i>		<i>Sunday 02 November (Pentecost 21)</i>	
Combined Service			
Worship Leader	Shelly Rao	Worship Leader	Rev. Neti Petaia
Organist	Vivien Chiu	Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Hugh Laurenson	Introit	Tongan
Bible Reader	Heather Garside	Bible Reading	Tongan/10am
Door Stewards	Heather Garside & Joy Grove	Anthem	Fijian
Morning tea	Phillipa Conway & Bill Ryan	Door Stewards	10am
		Holy Communion	10am
		Singing	Samoaan
		Morning tea	Tongan
		Flowers	Tongan

12pm		Tongan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 26 October (Pentecost 20)</i>		<i>Sunday 02 November (Pentecost 21)</i>	
Worship Leader	To be Confirmed	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Lead Worship	To be Confirmed	Lead Worship	Combined Service

2pm		Samoan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 26 October (Pentecost 20)</i>		<i>Sunday 02 November (Pentecost 21)</i>	
Worship Leader	10am service	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Safety Briefing	To be confirmed	Safety Briefing	Combined Service
Bible Reading	To be confirmed	Bible Reading	Combined Service

4pm		Fijian Congregation	
<i>Sunday 26 October (Pentecost 20)</i>		<i>Sunday 02 November (Pentecost 21)</i>	
Worship Leader	Titilia Ritova	Worship Leader	MYF
Lead Worship	Sailoama	Lead Worship	MYF
		(Fijian Service @ 1.30pm in Church after Combined Refreshments)	