



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 28 Mahuru (September) 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	Samoan Service
2.00pm	Tongan Service
4.00pm	Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

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

Special Congregation Sundays

12/10/2025 Samoan White Sunday

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The Light We Live By

A short reflection on 1 Timothy 6:6–19, Luke 16:19–31 and Cosmos Sunday

Step outside on a clear night and look up. The stars you see are ancient light, travelling for years – even millennia – to reach you. It's a cosmic reminder of how small we are, and yet, how deeply connected we are to something vast and holy. Today, on Cosmos Sunday, we are invited to hold both awe and responsibility: to marvel at the grandeur of creation and to ground ourselves in justice, humility, and compassion.

Paul's words in 1 Timothy remind us that true richness lies not in wealth, but in contentment and good works. When we chase money or status, we lose sight of what really matters. Instead, we are called to pursue faith, love, and gentleness, and to use whatever we have for the good of others.

In Luke's parable, the rich man ignores Lazarus at his gate. After death, their positions are reversed. The message is clear: wealth without compassion isolates us; love shared with others connects us to God.

The God who formed galaxies also walked among the poor and broken. That same light now shines in us – urging us to live generously, to notice those in need, and to trust in something far greater than ourselves.

Contentment and generosity matter more than wealth and status.

Noticing and caring for others is how we live out the light of Christ.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 28 September 2025

LECTIONARY for 28 September & 5 October 2025

September 28—Pentecost 16

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15	Ps 91: 1-6 14-16	1 Tim 6:6-19	Lk 16:19-31

October 5—Pentecost 17

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Lam1: 1-6	Ps 37: 1-9 Or Ps 137	2 Tim 1: 1-14	Lk 17: 5-10

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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

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council

2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

30 Oct, every last Thursday of the month

Parish Executive meeting

Tuesday 30 Sept, 7pm, on Zoom

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

21 October

TONGAN

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SAMOAN

4 October

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

10AM

-10AM AGM, Sunday 28 Sept, 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.

-Autalavou Exams, 12pm in New Hall.

-Confirmation classes, Tuesday 23rd, 6pm

Fijian

-Mens Fellowship: they will be having a District rally on 27th of September and a Wasewase rally during Labour weekend on 24th—26th of October.

Daylight Saving

Clocks will go forward 1 hour from 2 AM to 3 AM on Sunday, 28 September 2025

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Informal Meeting with Kisione & 'Alisi Finau

This will be held on Sunday in the New Hall at 6pm. Kisione has been stationed to Wesley as a supply appointment for 2026. Everyone is welcomed & light Refreshments will be provided by our Tongan Congregation.

Register your Parish Key

If you have a Church key you will need to see our office staff who will be re-registering Key's during Morning Tea & Parish AGM next Sunday. This is part of audit requirement.

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.

We would like to thank Manatū Taonga (Ministry for Culture & Heritage)

We have been gifted a framed image from the exhibition 'Ua tafa mai ata: The Darkness had moved away; the light is starting to come in by Liana Leiataua and Pasifika youth, which was held at Toi Poneke from 19 October to 15 November 2024.

The exhibition was part of the commemorative programme organised by the government to reflect on the Dawn Raids era and the discrimination experience by Pasifika peoples. This image gifted to us was sourced from newspaper archives and was selected for display in the exhibition.



THEME FOR APRIL:

PENTECOST

<div>10AM</div> <div>Sunday Roster</div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 28 September (Pentecost 16)</i> </div> <div> <i>Sunday 5 October (Pentecost 17)</i> <i>Combine Service</i> </div> </div>			
Worship Leader	Joeli Ducivaki	Worship Leader	Simote Taunga
Organist	Vivien Chiu	Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Daphne Pilaar	Introit	Tongan Choir
Bible Reader	Norbert	Bible Reader	Samoan/Fijian
	Nziramasanga	Door Stewards/HC	Fijian
Door Stewards	Lepa & Sana	Anthem	Samoan Choir
	Manuao	Morning tea	10AM
Morning tea	Dine & Laurenson	Flowers	Samoan
	Family		

<div>12pm</div> <div>Tongan Congregation</div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 28 September (Pentecost 16)</i> </div> <div> <i>Sunday 5 October (Pentecost 17)</i> </div> </div>			
Worship Leader	To be confirmed	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Lead Worship	To be confirmed	Lead Worship	Combined Service

<div>2pm</div> <div>Samoan Congregation</div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 28 September (Pentecost 16)</i> </div> <div> <i>Sunday 5 October (Pentecost 17)</i> </div> </div>			
Worship Leader	Rev Sipiliano Tu’ulaupua	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Safety Briefing	Genie Leuma	Safety Briefing	Combined Service
Bible Reading	Genie Leuma	Bible Reading	Combined Service

<div>4pm</div> <div>Fijian Congregation</div> <div> <div> <i>Sunday 28 September (Pentecost 16)</i> </div> <div> <i>Sunday 5 October (Pentecost 17)</i> </div> </div>			
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