



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
2.00 pm	Samoan 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

Walking the Hard Road of Freedom

A short reflection on Galatians 5:1, 13–25 and Luke 9:51–62

What does it mean to be truly free? Paul tells us that Christ sets us free – not to please ourselves, but to love boldly, walk humbly, and live by the Spirit. It's not about rigid rules or wild self-indulgence. It's about becoming the kind of people who bear good fruit – people shaped by love, joy, peace, and self-control.

Jesus, meanwhile, is on the road to Jerusalem. He knows what's coming – rejection, suffering, and the cross. Still, he sets his face forward. He teaches us that following him is not always easy or popular. It takes sacrifice, courage, and a willingness to keep walking even when the path is steep and the crowd is thin.

The Spirit offers us a new way to live – not driven by fear or selfish desire, but led by grace. The fruits of the Spirit are not achievements to tick off, but signs that we are learning to love well, stay grounded, and trust God more deeply.

We are not perfect. We stumble. But the invitation remains: to walk this road with Jesus, to love our neighbours as ourselves, and to let our lives become a sign of God's transforming grace.

Freedom in Christ is not about doing whatever we like – it's about living in love and service. Following Jesus means hard choices, but it leads to lasting fruit and deep joy.

Ngā mihi,

Philip Garside. 29 June 2025

LECTIONARY for June 29 June & 6 July

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

July 6—Pentecost 4

1st Reading

2 Kgs 5:1-14

Psalm

Ps 30

2nd Reading

Gal 6:(1-6),
7-16

Gospel

Lk 10: 1-11,
16-20

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

24 July, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

15 July, 19 August

TONGAN

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SAMOAN

20 September

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

10AM

-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.

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— 2.30pm—4.15pm, New Hall

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!

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.

Festival singers

St Mary of the Angels Choir

Experience the uplifting power of Handel's Messiah this winter with a special afternoon performance at 3pm on Saturday, 19 July 2025, at St James' Anglican Church, Lower Hutt.

Handel's Messiah

3pm on Saturday, 19 July 2025

St James' Anglican Church, 71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt

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> Sunday 29 June (Pentecost 3) </div> <div> Sunday 6 July (Pentecost 4) </div> </div>			
Worship Leader	Suiva’aia Te’o	Worship Leader	Joeli Ducivaki
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome	Alan Dine	Introit	Fijian
Bible Reader	Alan Dine	Anthem	Tongan
Door Stewards	Heather Garside & Hugh Laurenson	Bible Reader	Samoan/10AM
Morning tea	Tevita Family	H/C & Door Stewards	Fijian
		Singing H/C	Samoan
		Morning tea	Fijian
		Flowers	Tongan

<div>12pm</div> <div>Tongan Congregation</div> <div> <div> Sunday 29 June (Pentecost 3) </div> <div> Sunday 6 July (Pentecost 4) </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> Sunday 29 June (Pentecost 3) </div> <div> Sunday 6 July (Pentecost 4) </div> </div>			
Worship Leader	Suiva’aia Teo	Worship Leader	Combines Service
Lead Worship	To be confirmed	Lead Worship	Combined Service

<div>4pm</div> <div>Fijian Congregation</div> <div> <div> Sunday 29 June (Pentecost 3) </div> <div> Sunday 6 July (Pentecost 4) </div> </div>			
Worship Leader	Titilia	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Lead Worship	Sailoama	Lead Worship	Combined Service