



**WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH**  
Incorporating congregations of 10am, Tongan, Samoan  
and Fijian.



<https://wesleychurch.org.nz/>

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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 3 Here-turi-kōkā (August) 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**

10.00 am	English Service
12.00 pm	Tongan Service
2.00 pm	Fijian Service

##### **Upcoming Sundays**

03/08/2025	No combined Service / Congregation Sunday
07/09/2025	Combined Service
05/10/2025	Combined Service
02/11/2025	Combined Service

##### **Special Congregation Sundays**

7/09/2025 Combined	(NZ) Fathers Day
14/09/2025 Fijian	(Fijian) Fathers Day
12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday

#### *Ministry Team*

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## Spiritual Reflection

### What Are We Wearing?

#### A short reflection on Colossians 3:1–11 and Luke 12:13–21

In Colossians 3, we are asked to “set our minds on things above” and to “put on the new self.” In Luke 12, Jesus tells a parable about a man who builds bigger barns to store his wealth, only to discover he will die that very night. These two passages speak to the same spiritual truth: our identity is not in what we possess, but in who we become.

Paul challenges the Colossians – and us – not just to believe in Jesus, but to let that belief re-shape our lives. The image of taking off old clothes and putting on a new self is vivid and practical. Let go of greed, anger, and lies. Put on compassion, humility, and kindness. That’s how the world sees Christ in us.

Jesus’ story of the rich fool is blunt: don’t waste your life stockpiling treasure that will not last. “Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions,” he says. True life is found in being rich toward God – in living generously, faithfully, and with love.

These readings invite us to take inventory – not of what’s in our wallet or wardrobe, but of what’s in our heart. What are we wearing today? And what needs to change?

Let go of harmful patterns and consciously choose values that reflect Christ.

Don’t build bigger barns – build a bigger life with others.

**Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 3 Aug 2025**

### LECTIONARY for 3 August & 10 August 2025

#### *August 3— Pentecost 8*

##### **1st Reading**

Hos 11:1-11

##### **Psalm**

Ps 107:1-9,  
43

##### **2nd Reading**

Col 3:1-11

##### **Gospel**

Lk 12:13-21

#### *August 10—Pentecost 9*

##### **1st Reading**

Is 1: 1,  
10-20

##### **Psalm**

Ps 50: 1- 8,  
22-23

##### **2nd Reading**

Heb 11: 1-3,  
8-16

##### **Gospel**

Lk 12: 32- 40

### *Parish Office*

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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

7th Sept, 2nd Nov

### Finance & Resource Committee

28 August, every last Thursday of the month

### Leaders/Congregational

**10AM**

19 August

**TONGAN**

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**SAMOAN**

20 September

**FIJIAN**

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

## Congregation Notices:

**10AM**

### **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.**

### **Fijian**

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

## What's Happening in our space?

### **Parish Notices:**

**Fijian boxing drama feature film** now screening as part of the Whānau Mārama New Zealand International Film Festival (NZIFF).

BATI is the first-ever Fijian feature film to screen at NZIFF, and follows the story of a humble security guard who pursues his dream of becoming a professional boxer to support his struggling family.

BATI will screen in:

Auckland 9th & 10th August (Session times attached)

Christchurch and Wellington in the following weeks.

link to purchase tickets:

<https://linktr.ee/bati.themovie>

### **Lay Preachers Network**

For those who are interested in some basic lay Preaching training. There will be zoom sessions on

Wednesday 20th August at 7.30pm—

**Rivers of Connexion – on the Bicultural Journey**

Wednesday 24 September at 7.30pm -

**Parables Session 1**

Wednesday 29 October at 7.30pm -

**Parables Session 2**

### **Zoom Link**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84939560503?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84939560503?pwd=FcLVPkrPaseGuM0xtae1VzENG2JEL6.1)  
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Meeting ID: 849 3956 0503

Passcode: 437291

**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:

PENTECOST

10AM

Sunday Roster

Sunday 3 August (Pentecost 8)

Worship Leader	Simote Taunga
Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome	Alan Dine
Bible Reader	Hugh Laurenson
Door Stewards	Lusi Tevita & Mate Fa’asalele
Morning tea	Daphne Pilaar/ Hugh Laurenson

Sunday 10 August (Pentecost 9)

Worship Leader	Hugh Laurenson
Organist	Colion Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Hugh Laurenson
Bible Reader	Melina Takau-Samson
Door Stewards	Alan Dine & Sarah Laurenson
Morning tea	Wendy & Rendall Conwell

12pm

Tongan Congregation

Sunday 3 August (Pentecost 8)

Worship Leader	Simote Taunga
Lead Worship	To be confirmed

Sunday 10 August (Pentecost 9)

Worship Leader	Kolosaini Tautala
Lead Worship	To be confirmed

Samoan Congregation

Sunday 3 August (Pentecost 8)

Worship Leader	Combined with 10AM
Safety Briefing	Combined with 10AM
Bible Reading	Combined with 10AM

Sunday 10 August (Pentecost 9)

Worship Leader	Sara Va’ai
Safety Briefing	Tinei Alefosio
Bible Reading	Tinei Alefosio

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 3 August (Pentecost 8)

(2PM, in Church) - No Holy Communion

Worship Leader	Sikeli Cawanikawai
Lead Worship	Burebasaga

Sunday 10 August (Pentecost 9)

Holy Communion Sunday

Worship Leader	Isaia Vakamoce
Lead Worship	Saioni