



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 5 Whiringa-ā-nuku (October) 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

Combined Service

1.30pm

Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

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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Faith That Moves Quietly

A short reflection on Psalm 37:1-9; Luke 17:5-10

What if faith wasn't about certainty, performance, or public applause? Psalm 37 and Luke 17 offer us a quieter, more grounded view. The psalmist encourages us not to fret when life feels unfair, but to "trust in the Lord and do good." That's a strong, steady kind of faith – faith that shows up in action, not just ideas. It invites us to delight in God, not because of rewards, but because we are already held in love.

In Luke's gospel, the disciples cry out for more faith. Jesus replies with a surprising answer: faith as small as a mustard seed can do wonders. In other words, you don't need more – just use what you've got. Even faith mixed with doubt can still grow, still serve, still bless others.

Jesus then tells a hard story about a servant doing their job without praise. It's not about servitude – it's about letting go of the need for recognition. Our faith is not a transaction with God. It's a way of life rooted in love and humility.

Together, these readings remind us: real faith isn't always loud. It's not flashy or certain. It's often quiet, faithful, and honest. It makes casseroles. It forgives quietly. It waits patiently. And it trusts that God is already at work – in us and through us.

Start with the faith you have – God can work wonders with even the smallest trust.

Serve with humility – your unnoticed acts still matter deeply to God.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 5 October 2025

LECTIONARY for 5 October & 12 October 2025

October 5—Pentecost 17

1st Reading

Lam1: 1-6

Psalm

Ps 37: 1-9

Or Ps 137

2nd Reading

2 Tim 1: 1-14

Gospel

Lk 17: 5-10

October 12—Pentecost 18

1st Reading

Jer 29: 1, 4-7

Psalm

Ps 66: 1-12

2nd Reading

2 Tim 2:8-15

Gospel

Lk 17:11-19

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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

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

21 October

TONGAN

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SAMOAN

4 October

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

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.

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.

Fiji Language Week

5th Oct - 11 Oct

The 2025 Theme, "Na noqu vosa me na tekivu mai vale"

Congregation Notices:

10AM

-Knit & Knatter, Wednesday 8th October, 11am, in Staff Room. Everyone Welcome.

Tongan

-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday and Thursday.

Samoa

-Choir Practise, every Friday, in church, 6pm

-Prayer meeting, second & Fourth Friday after Choir practice, 6pm.

-Confirmation classes, Tuesday 7th, 6pm

Fijian

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

DONATIONS NEEDED



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As times get tougher, more people are visiting us in need of instant meals.

Our food bank is running low and donations of any of the below would be hugely appreciated!

- canned goods
- biscuits
- crackers
- pasta
- ready meals
- muesli bars
- curry sauces
- two minute noodles

Donations can be dropped off at: **2 Lukes Lane, Te Aro** or placed in the DCM collection bins at New World Chaffers.

Thank you!

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It's only a matter of time before you need healthcare.

Our New Zealand health system is in CRISIS.

The government must act now to fix it.

THE STATE OF THE NEW ZEALAND HEALTH SYSTEM

DO YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE HEALTH SYSTEM CRISIS?

Please come down and sign a Declaration that will become New Zealand's longest ever petition. It only takes five seconds of your time.

- Spread the word, share it with your family and friends.
- The Declaration and petition will be presented to Parliament on Tuesday the 18 November 2025.



WELLINGTON

Newtown Community Centre
1 Colombo Street
Wellington



patientvoice.nz/petition

THEME FOR APRIL:

PENTECOST

10AM		Sunday Roster	
<i>Sunday 5 October (Pentecost 17)</i>		<i>Sunday 12 October (Pentecost 18)</i>	
<i>Combined Service</i>		Worship Leader	Philip Garside
Worship Leader	Simote Taunga	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Organist	Colin Scarf	Notices & Welcome	Leatuavao
Introit	Tongan Choir		Leatuavao
Bible Reader	Samoan/Fijian	Bible Reader	Sarah Laurenson
Door Stewards/HC	Fijian	Door Stewards	Daphne Pilaar &
Anthem	Samoan Choir		Leatuavao Leatuavao
Morning tea	10AM	Morning tea	Daphne Pilaar &
Flowers	Samoan		Hugh Laurenson

12pm		Tongan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 5 October (Pentecost 17)</i>		<i>Sunday 12 October (Pentecost 18)</i>	
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	To be Confirmed
Lead Worship	Combined Service	Lead Worship	To be Confirmed

2pm		Samoan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 5 October (Pentecost 17)</i>		<i>Sunday 12 October (Pentecost 18)</i>	
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	White Sunday
Safety Briefing	Combined Service	Safety Briefing	White Sunday
Bible Reading	Combined Service	Bible Reading	White Sunday

4pm		Fijian Congregation	
<i>Sunday 5 October (Pentecost 17)</i>		<i>Sunday 12 October (Pentecost 18)</i>	
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	To be Confirmed
Lead Worship	Combined Service	Lead Worship	To be Confirmed
<i>(Fijian Service @ 1.30pm in Church after Combined Refreshments)</i>			