



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 07 Hakihea (December) 2025

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.

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 and Samoan
12.00pm	Tongan Service
2.00pm	Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

04/01/2026

No Combined/Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

Christmas Eve Service:

24th Dec, Wednesday evening, 7:30pm

Christmas Day Service:

25th Dec, Thursday morning, 9:30am.



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A Green Shoot of Hope

A short reflection on Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Mathew 3: 1-12

Advent begins not with lights and carols, but with a stump – a symbol of what has been lost. Isaiah paints a picture of a tree cut down, only a stump remaining. Yet from that dead-looking wood, a green shoot appears. Life returns. Hope rises. God is not done.

This is the promise of Isaiah 11. A leader will come, not with military might but with wisdom, understanding, and the Spirit of God. He will speak truth, defend the vulnerable, and bring justice not by sword but by word. Christians see this fulfilled in Jesus, but the deeper invitation is to share Isaiah's longing for a better world and better leaders.

Enter John the Baptist in Matthew 3, shouting in the wilderness, calling for repentance. He confronts religious power and warns that transformation requires fire – not destructive, but refining. John knows we can't get to the peaceable kingdom without truth-telling and turning around. His message is urgent: clear the way, because something holy is on the horizon. In this season, we are called not just to remember these stories but to live them. To prepare our hearts. To speak up for what is right. To plant hope in hard places. The green shoot still grows.

God brings life out of what looks dead – never underestimate the power of small beginnings. True spiritual leadership is rooted in justice, truth, and Spirit-led transformation.

Ngā mihi. Philip Garside, 07 November 2025

LECTIONARY for 07 & 14 December 2025

December 07—Advent 2 02A

1st Reading

Is 11: 1-10

Psalm

Ps 72: 1-7,
18-19

2nd Reading

Rom 15: 4-13

Gospel

Mt 03: 1-12

December 14—Advent 3 03A

1st Reading

Is 35: 1-10

Psalm

Ps 146: 5-10 or,
Lk 1: 46b-55

2nd Reading

James 5: 7-10

Gospel

Mt 11: 2-11

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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

Leaders/Congregational

10AM 16th December 2025
TONGAN tbc
SAMOAN tbc
FIJIAN 1st Saturday of every month

F&R Meeting: TBC

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.**

February 2026

First Sunday, 1st February—2 Church Services

- **10am**—Covenant Service—Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
- **6pm**—Commissioning Service—Rev. Neti Petaia

Everyone is kindly asked to bring refreshments.
All are welcome to attend

Congregation Notices:

10am

Shared lunch in the new hall after the service on
the 14th of December. Please bring a plate.

Tongan

-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday
and Thursday.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Ministers Annual Leave

Rev. Simote—10th Dec to 20th Dec.2025

Rev. Joeli—22nd Dec 2025 to 4th Jan 2026

Rev. Suiva'aia—12th Jan to 31st Jan 2026

CWS Christmas Appeal – Give Water, Give Life

**This Christmas, let's share the gift of
life!**

For over **2 billion people**, clean water
is not a reality. A simple rainwater tank
can transform a family's health and fu-
ture, lifting entire communities out of
extreme poverty.

Why Water Matters

- Healthy water is the starting point
for escaping poverty.
- It improves health, education, and
livelihoods.

**It brings hope and dignity to vulner-
able families.**

How You Can Help



- **Donate today** to pro-
vide clean water
through CWS partners.
- **Support families like Ashaba and
Molly** in building a healthier future.
- **Join a tradition since 1945** that has
helped millions through conflict, dis-
aster, and poverty.
 - ☐ **Donation envelopes are available
at the back of the church.**
 - ☐ **Thank you for standing with those
in need this Christmas.**



THEME FOR December:

Advent

10AM

Sunday Roster

Sunday 07 December (Advent 2)

Worship Leader

Rev. Suiva'aia

Organist

Vivien Chiu

Bible Reading

Melina Takau-Samson

Notice & Welcome

Leatuavao

Door Stewards

Joy Grove & Melina

Morning Tea

Shared morning Tea

With the Samoan Congregation

Sunday 14 December (Advent 3)

Worship Leader

Philip Garside

Organist

Colin Scarf

Bible Reading

Tauamiti Johann

Notice & Welcome

Daphne Pilaar

Door Stewards

Alan Dine & Hugh L

Morning tea

Wendy & Rendall

(Shared Lunch)

*Please note that 10am is rostered flower duty in December.

12pm

Tongan Congregation

Sunday 07 December (Advent 2)

Worship Leader

TBC

Lead Worship

TBC

Sunday 14 December (Advent 3)

Worship Leader

TBC

Lead Worship

TBC

2pm

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 07 December (Advent 2)

Worship Leader

Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

Leader Wroship

Tovata

4pm

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 14 December (Advent 3)

Worship Leader

Isaia Vakamoce

Lead Worship

Dauvunau