



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 7 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	Combined Service (Father's Day)
1.30pm	Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

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

Special Congregation Sundays

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

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Beneath the surface

A short reflection on Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33 and Ocean Sunday

Sometimes faith asks us to look deeper – past appearances, past comfort, past convenience. This Ocean Sunday, we are reminded that just as the ocean hides great depths, so too does discipleship. In Paul's letter to Philemon, he challenges the early Christian leader to receive a former slave not as property but as a beloved brother. It's a radical reimagining of relationship, love, and justice. Paul doesn't just call for a change in status, but a transformation of the heart. Love costs something.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns that following him means carrying a cross, reordering our lives, and letting go of what once defined us. It's not about hating our family and others, but about loving God so fully that everything else falls into its right place. The path of discipleship is not easy – but it is holy.

And so, we turn to the ocean – vast, life-giving, and imperilled. Like Onesimus, the ocean is often exploited. Yet it, too, is sacred. In Pasifika spirituality, the concept of va reminds us that the ocean is not a barrier, but a relational space connecting us. How we treat the ocean reflects how we treat one another and God's creation.

True discipleship means costly transformation rooted in love and justice.

Creation care is not optional – it's integral to following Jesus.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 7 September 2025

LECTIONARY for 7 September & 14 September 2025

September 7—Pentecost 13

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Jer 18: 1-11	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1: 1-21	Lk 14: 25-33

September 14 –Pentecost 14

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Jer 14:11-12, 22-28	Ps 14	1 Tim 1:12-17	Lk 15:1-10

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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

7th Sept, 2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

25 Sept, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

16 September

TONGAN

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SAMOAN

20 September

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

10AM

Knit & Knatter- Tuesday 17th Sept, held at the office, 11am (All are welcome)

-10AM AGM, Sunday 21 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.

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.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Important notices

Used injection needles have been found around our premises.

Locations to be aware of

-Front of church Garden Area

-Front & behind (Near Bins) of drama Christi

-Plant boxes outside old & New hall.

-Umu area

Please watch out for your children as they usually play around these areas. If you come across any injection needles please contact the parish office or your parish steward as there is a specific way to dispose these needles, for your own safety. If you do find any after hours, call 105 to get more Help/info.

Main Reception door must be locked at all times

outside office hours as we do have street people coming in during congregation bookings.

Winter @ Wesley

A huge thanks from the Social Committee to all involved in our recent parish musical evening. We were transported to Motunui by the Sāmoan congregation, the Fijians got our motors running with 'Grease', the hills were alive with the sounds of 10AM, and the Tongans gave us a twist on 'Mamma Mia'. Special thanks to our MC, Marcus Tuma'ai, and to our chief organiser, Tinei Alefosio for all your hard work. If you missed it, check out the video on our parish YouTube channel (or search for 'Wellington Methodist Parish' on YouTube).

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		
	<i>Sunday 7 September August (Pentecost 13)</i>		<i>Sunday 14 September (Pentecost 14)</i>
Worship Leader	Rev Suiva’aia Teo	Worship Leader	Kolosaini Tautala
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Colin Scarf
Introit	Samoaan	Notices & Welcome	Alan Dine
Bible Reader	10AM/Fijian	Bible Reader	Sven Heger
Anthem	Fijian	Door Stewards	Joy Grove & Melina
H/C & Door Steward	Tongan		Takau-Samson
Morning tea	Samoaan	Morning tea	Masoe Family
Flowers (Sept)	Fijians		

12pm	Tongan Congregation		
	<i>Sunday 7 September (Pentecost 13)</i>		<i>Sunday 14 September (Pentecost 14)</i>
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	Viena Paongo
Lead Worship	Combined Service	Lead Worship	To be confirmed

12.30pm	Samoaan Congregation		
	<i>Sunday 7 September (Pentecost 13)</i>		<i>Sunday 14 September (Pentecost 14)</i>
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	Rev Suiva’aia Teo
Safety Briefing	Combined Service	Safety Briefing	Tinei Alefosio
Bible Reading	Combined Service	Bible Reading	Tinei Alefosio

4pm	Fijian Congregation		
	<i>Sunday 7 September (Pentecost 13)</i>		<i>Sunday 14 September (Pentecost 14)</i>
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	Fathers Day (Fiji)
Lead Worship	Combined Service	Lead Worship	Fathers Day (Fiji)