



**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!

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 8 June 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 am	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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### *Ministry Team*

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## Spiritual Reflection

Chains That Fall, Hearts That Open

A short reflection on Acts 16:16–34

This story is full of drama – a possessed slave girl shouting in the street, angry businessmen, a public beating, midnight prayers in a jail cell, an earthquake, and a family baptism. But underneath the action is a deeper message: God's love can break through in the most unexpected places.

Paul and Silas were on their way to pray when they met a woman who was both enslaved and spiritually tormented. Even though her words about them were true, her freedom came only when Paul commanded the spirit to leave. That act of liberation sparked outrage, not joy – because her owners cared more about profit than people.

Thrown into prison, Paul and Silas didn't wallow in fear. Instead, they sang. In their darkest moment, they held onto faith. When the earthquake hit, they stayed put – saving the life of the jailor, who was about to take his own. That kindness opened his heart to God, and by dawn his whole household was baptised.

God's presence doesn't depend on the setting. Even in pain, prison, or pressure, God is near – and faith can still sing.

One act of grace can change everything. Paul's decision to stay rather than run led to new life for someone else.

Wherever we are – at our best or our most broken – we are never beyond God's reach. And through us, others can find freedom too.

Philip Garside, 1 June 2025

### LECTIONARY for June 8 & June 15

#### *June 8—Pentecost 39C*

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

Gen 11:1-9

##### **Psalm**

Ps 104: 24-34,  
35

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

Acts 2:1-21

##### **Gospel**

Jn 14:8-17  
(25-27)

#### *June 15— Trinity*

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

Prov 8: 1-4, 22-31

##### **Psalm**

Ps 8

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

Rom 5: 1-5

##### **Gospel**

Jn 16: 12-15

### *Parish Office*

#### Parish Office staff:

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#### Office Hours

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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 and compassion at this time.*

## Upcoming Meetings

### Parish Council

7th Sept, 2nd Nov

### Finance & Resource Committee

26 June, every last Thursday of the month

### Leaders/Congregational

**10AM**

17 June, 15 July, 19 August

**TONGAN**

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**SAMOAN**

14 June & 20 September

**FIJIAN**

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

## Congregation Notices:

**10AM**

**Knit & Knatter—Wednesday 11th June**

**CANCELLED**

**Matariki Messy Church**

2-5pm Friday 20 June, New Hall

*To ensure the success of our Matariki Messy Church we need helpers to run activities and some to help prepare refreshments. We also need you to invite family and friends along. Please contact me to let me know how you can help.*

*Daphne.keith@xtra.co.nz*

**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.**

**Fijian**

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

## What's Happening in our space?

### Parish Notices:

#### A Heartfelt Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank our church family for the beautiful birthday wishes, thoughtful cards, lovely flowers, and, most of all, your prayers and expressions of love. Your kindness made my birthday last Sunday truly special and reminded me of the joy of belonging to such a caring and faith-filled community.

Each message, handshake, and smile was a blessing that warmed my heart. Thank you for being part of my journey and for sharing God's love so generously. May the Lord bless you all as richly as you have blessed me.

With love and gratitude,

**Rev Sui Te'o**

#### MURAL PAINTING

An artist is going to be painting a mural on the ground level wall of the front car park (at no cost to the Parish). He will be painting on fine Saturdays over the next few weeks. Please park on the church side of the car park if you see him at work.

#### SMETHURST TRUST FUND - ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A reminder that the closing date for the next round of Smethurst Trust Fund applications is 20 June 2025.

The 2025 application form and guidelines can be found on The Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa New Zealand website.

Although the closing date is rapidly approaching, please encourage members of your church and women's fellowship to apply.

No late applications will be accepted.

**Lynne Scott**

#### LOST & FOUND

We have a few Items in our lost & Found in the office. If you might have lost an item please pop in the office during office hours.

THEME FOR APRIL:

SEASON OF EASTER

<b>10AM Sunday Roster</b>			
<i>Sunday 8 June (Pentecost 39C)</i>		<i>Sunday 15 June (Trinity)</i>	
Worship Leader	Hugh Laurenson	Worship Leader	Joeli Ducivaki
Organist	Vivien Chiu	Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Leatuavao	Notices & Welcome	Daphne Pilaar
	Leatuavao	Bible Reader	Tauamiti Johann
Bible Reader	Melina Takau-Samson	Door Stewards	Alan Dine & Hugh Laurenson
Door Stewards	Sarah Laurenson & Melina Takau-Samson	Morning tea	Heger Family
Morning tea	Masoe Family		

<b>12pm Tongan Congregation</b>			
<i>Sunday 8 June (Pentecost 39C)</i>		<i>Sunday 15 June (Trinity)</i>	
Worship Leader	To be confirmed	Worship Leader	To be confirmed
Lead Worship	To be confirmed	Lead Worship	To be confirmed

<b>2pm Samoan Congregation</b>			
<i>Sunday 8 June (Pentecost 39C)</i>		<i>Sunday 15 June (Trinity)</i>	
Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva’aia Te’o	Worship Leader	Sara Taupau Va’ai
Lead Worship	To be confirmed	Lead Worship	To be confirmed

<b>4pm Fijian Congregation</b>			
<i>Sunday 8 June (Pentecost 39C)</i>		<i>Sunday 15 June (Trinity)</i>	
Worship Leader	Titilia Ritova	Worship Leader	Tevita Tamani
Lead Worship	Saioni	Lead Worship	Parataisi