



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 10 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

10.00am	English Service
12.00pm	Tongan Service
12.30pm	Fijian Service (Old Hall)
2.00pm	Samoan Service

Upcoming Sundays

07/09/2025	Combined Service
05/10/2025	Combined Service
02/11/2025	Combined Service
01/12/2025	No Combined/Congregation Sunday

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

Trusting the Unknown, Living the Promise

A short reflection on Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 and Luke 12:32–40

In today's readings from Hebrews and Luke, we are invited to re-examine our understanding of faith. The scriptures challenge us to see faith not as unchanging belief but as an open, evolving trust in what is unseen.

We are reminded of Abraham's courageous journey – a path marked by uncertainty yet propelled by a hopeful call to a promised future. This dynamic vision contrasts with a rigid belief that offers certainty at the expense of growth.

In Luke, the call to remain watchful and ready to receive God's kingdom reaffirms that faith is not about amassing secure attachments but about opening our hearts to transformation and possibility.

Both texts underscore that while our earthly circumstances may seem bleak or stalled, the call to trust persists: to live anticipating a better, inclusive future and to respond to life's uncertainties with both gratitude and accountability.

Two lessons emerge for us today.

First, let our faith encourage us to embrace uncertainty with courage, recognising that trust in God can guide us through the unknown.

Second, remain alert in everyday living – tending to our hearts and our community, so that even in a seemingly unchanging world, hope and justice continue to flourish.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside. 10 August 2025

LECTIONARY for 10 August & 17 August 2025

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

August 17—Pentecost 10

1st Reading

Is 5:1– 11

Psalm

Ps 80:1-2,
8-19

2nd Reading

Heb 11:29-
12:2

Gospel

Lk 12: 49-56

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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

-Winter at Wesley Singing practise in Drama Christi 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.

-The Samoan congregation and young people will be in Masterton on Sunday the 24th for the district Youth Rally.

-Samoan Lay Preachers studies will be online at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12th August.

Fijian

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

-Mens Fellowship: they will be having a District rally in September and a Wasewase rally in October.

-Preaching at the Fijian congregation in Kapiti is Titilia Ritova.

-Preaching at the Fijian congregation in Masterton is Iliesa Tora.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Superintendent Joeli and Rev Sui will be attending a Retreat run by the Methodist Church, at Our Lady's Home of Compassion at Island Bay on Monday 25th to Thursday 28th August.

Fijian Youth Fundraising:

Youths had their bake off fundraising on Saturday. Thank you to everyone that supported this fundraising. They are planning more fundraising in the very near future and appreciate your support.

Parish Council

Please submit congregation and parish committee reports to Kula by the 29th of August.

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?pwd=FclVPkrPaseGuM0xtae1VzENG2JEL6.1>

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 10 August (Pentecost 9)

Worship Leader	Hugh Laurenson
Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Hugh Laurenson
Bible Reader	Sarah Laurenson
Door Stewards	Alan Dine & Sarah Laurenson
Morning tea	Wendy & Rendall Conwell

Sunday 17 August (Pentecost 10)

Worship Leader	Kula Bower
Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome	Heather Garside
Bible Reader	Joy Grove
Door Stewards	Norbert & Philomena Nziramasanga
Morning tea	Heger Family

12pm

Tongan Congregation

Sunday 10 August (Pentecost 9)

Worship Leader	Kolosaini Tautala
Lead Worship	To be confirmed

Sunday 17 August (Pentecost 10)

Worship Leader	To be confirmed
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Samoan Congregation

Sunday 10 August (Pentecost 9)

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

Sunday 17 August (Pentecost 10)

Worship Leader	Myra Tautau
Safety Briefing	Tavira Holmes
Bible Reading	Tavira Holmes

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 10 August (Pentecost 9)

Holy Communion Sunday

Worship Leader	Rev Joeli Ducivaki
Lead Worship	Saioni

Sunday 17 August (Pentecost 10)

Worship Leader	Iliesa Tora
Lead Worship	Paratasi