



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 12 Hōngongi (July) 2026

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

** Every first Sunday is our Parish Combined Church Service at 10AM.*

Upcoming Sundays

12 July—10AM Church Service—Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

19 July—10AM Church Service—Philip Garside

26 July—10AM Church Service—Hugh Laurenson

02 August—HC & Combined Service—Rev. Neti Petaia

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You can also see these reflections online here: <https://philipgarsidebooks.com/blogs/short-reflections>

Sowing, Choosing, Becoming

A short reflection based on Genesis 25:19-34 and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus' parable of the sower reminds us that God's word is not scarce or carefully rationed. It is scattered generously, even in unlikely places. Some seeds fall where they can't take root. Some begin well but fade when life becomes hard. Some are choked by worry, busyness, and the pressure to keep going. But some find good soil and grow.

The comfort here is that good soil doesn't mean perfect soil. It means a life open to God. A life willing to listen, pause, reflect, and be changed. Faith grows slowly, often quietly, like a seed beneath the ground.

The story of Jacob and Esau adds another layer. Esau trades his birthright for a bowl of stew. His hunger is real, but his choice is short-sighted. He gives away something of lasting value for something immediate. We know this struggle too. Urgency, stress, and exhaustion can make us forget what matters most.

Together, these readings ask us: what kind of soil are we becoming? What are our daily choices making room for? God keeps sowing seeds of grace, hope, justice, and love. The invitation is to receive them deeply, and to choose the life that helps them grow. Make room for depth. Faith needs space, silence, prayer, community, and attention. Choose lasting treasure. Don't trade your calling, values, or hope for what only satisfies the moment.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside. Pentecost 7 | 12 July 2026

LECTIONARY for 12 & 19 July 2026

July 12—Pentecost 7

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 25:19-34	Ps 119:105-112	Rom 8:1-11	Mt 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19—Pentecost 8

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 28:10-19a	Ps 139:1-12, 23-24	Rom 8:12-25	Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

Parish Office

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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 Meetings

Parish Executive: tbc

F&R Meeting: Thursday 30th July, 7pm.

Parish Council: Sunday 6th September.

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	3rd Tue of every month
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	tbc
FIJIAN	1st Sat of every month

10AM

Volunteer Needed: 10am Roster Co-ordinator

The 10am Congregation is seeking a volunteer to co-ordinate the 10am roster. This role takes about one hour each month and would suit someone organised and comfortable using Excel.

If you can help, please speak with Daphne or any of the 10am Leaders, or email

10amleadersmeeting@wesleychurch.org.nz.

Fijian

- **17-19 July**—Bose vakayabaki—Rotorua

Samoan

1. **Wednesday 15 July @ 6.30pm** Prayer meeting via zoom, link will be sent out.
2. Sinoti Bible study **Thursday night 16 July** via zoom, link will be sent out.
3. **Saturday 18 July @ 10.00am** is Sunday School Exams in the New Hall, please be here at **9.30am**.
4. **Sunday 19 July** is Samoan language service lead by the Samoan Choir leaders **@2pm**.

Book Exchange Room!

The room beside the main entrance of the new hall has been set up as a book exchange space—just ask any office staff member or Minister if you'd like to have a look. There's a great selection of books and resource materials available for free! No Food allowed!

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Office Email Update

Our new Accounts Clerk, **Adeline Teo**, has started this week. To help keep office communications clear, please send all **non-accounting enquiries** to office@wesleychurch.org.nz. Please continue to use the accounts email address for accounting-related matters only. Thank you for your patience and support during this transition.



Important Dates

- Visit of the Vice President of the Church – **Sun 26 July**: Preaching at **10:00 AM**, followed by refreshments and a Strategic New Model presentation. All welcome, please bring a plate.

Wesley Church Blood Drive



WESLEY CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

75 Taranaki St, Te Aro

Monday 13th July
1pm - 6pm

DCM FOOD BANK

Please help restock busy foodbank shelves with the following items

- Ready meals/soups
- Instant noodles
- Tinned fish
- Coffee, tea, milk powder
- Biscuits and crackers
- Washing powder



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 Matariki weekend and keep warm.

THEME FOR July:

Pentecost

10AM SUNDAY ROSTER

Sunday 12 July Pentecost 7

Worship Leader

Organist

Notices & Welcome

Bible Readings

Door Steward & Warden

Morning tea

Rev. Suiva’aia

Vivien Chiu

Leatuavao

Samuel Burt

Alan Dine

Daphne Pilaar

Garside Family

Sunday 19 July Pentecost 8

Worship Leader

Organist

Notices & Welcome

Bible Readings

Door Steward & Warden

Morning tea

Philip Garside

Colin Scarf

Heather Garside

Sven Heger

Sarah Laurenson

Hugh Laurenson

Masoe Family

* We thank the Tongan Congregation for looking after our flowers this month.

*10AM are on the flower roster next month.

12pm

Tongan Congregation

Sunday 12 July Pentecost 7

Worship Leader

Dawn Service

Malakai Masila

Lesita Vea

Sunday 19 July Pentecost 8

Worship Leader

Dawn Service

Langitoto Me’afo’ou

’Eseta Valu

2pm

Samoan Congregation

Sunday 12 July Pentecost 7

Worship Leader

Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

Muaimalae Te’o

Timena Tuma’ai

Sunday 19 July Pentecost 8

Worship Leader

Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

Rev. Suiva’aia

Leilei Tautau

12:30pm

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 12 July Pentecost 7

Worship Leader

Lead Worship

Dawn Service

Kubuna

Kubuna

Junior Bese

Sunday 19 July Pentecost 8

Worship Leader

Lead Worship

Dawn Service

Waisale Muatabu

Joritani

Jimaima Naikatini

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