



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 14 Pipiri (June) 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

14 June—10AM Church Service—Shelly Rao
21 June—10AM Church Service—Kula Bower
28 June—10AM Church Service—Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

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

Sent Out Empty-Handed, Yet Full of Hope

A short reflection based on Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus looks at the crowds and sees people who are weary, vulnerable, and longing for care. He doesn't see a lost cause. He sees a harvest. That is one of the most hopeful things in this passage. Where others might see need, failure, or exhaustion, Jesus sees possibility. He sees lives ready for healing, communities ready for renewal, and people ready to receive good news.

Then Jesus does something surprising. He sends ordinary disciples to join in his work. They aren't sent with wealth, status, or security. They go empty-handed, carrying little except the authority and compassion he has given them. This tells us something important about God's way. The kingdom doesn't begin with power from above, but with trust, presence, and relationship. God works through people who are willing to show up, listen, and serve.

That still matters now. Many people today feel harassed and helpless in different ways – burdened by money worries, loneliness, grief, injustice, or fear for the future. Jesus' words remind us that these struggles are visible to God. More than that, God still sends people into the world as bearers of hope.

We may not feel ready. We may wish we had more resources, more certainty, or more strength. But this Gospel says that willingness matters. Open hearts matter. Faithfulness matters. Christ still calls ordinary people to carry peace into anxious places, trusting that God's Spirit goes with them.

God sees possibility where we often see only problems; the harvest is still plentiful.

We do not need to have everything before we begin; God can use ordinary, willing people to bring healing and hope.

Ngā mihi, Philip – Pentecost 3 | 14 June 2026

LECTIONARY for 14 & 21 June 2026

June 14—Pentecost 3

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 18:1-15 (21:1-7)	Ps 116:1-2, 12-19	Rom 5:1-8	Mt 9:35- 10:8 (9-23)

June 21—Pentecost 4

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 21:8-21	Ps 86:1-10, 16-17	Rom 6:1b-11	Mt 10:24-39

Parish Office

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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

Parish Meetings

F&R Meeting: Thursday 25th June, 7pm.
Parish Council:

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	3rd Tue of every month
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	20th June, Sat @ 10am—Old Hall
FIJIAN	1st Sat of every month

10AM

Coordinator Needed

We're seeking someone to coordinate the 10am rosters.

Contact **Leatuavao or Daphne** if you can help.
leatuavaov@gmail.com or daphne.keith@xtra.co.nz

Knit & Knatter

17 June—11am in the meeting room.

Fijian

14 June— 12.30pm, Old hall—Lotu Vulavou kei na Papitaiso

27 June— Bose Vulatolu and Jesirieli Day (District Meeting).

Samoan

Tongan

21 June— Men role call.

28 June—Quarterly meeting after church.

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!

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Garden Project



The Parish Men's Fellowship Group is also planning to establish a small garden near the entrance of the New Hall foyer, facing the Old Hall Chapel. Subject to approval from the **Finance & Resources Committee** and the **Parish Council**, the group will source timber and begin constructing wooden planter boxes for this project.

19 June (Fri) - Lunch for the Homeless ❤️

A lunch has been scheduled on the **Friday 19th of June at 12pm** to cater for the Homeless. This is a Parish effort and the 4 congregations are invited to contribute, prepare and distribute. Please liaise with office staff to what you can contribute so we provide the best for our visitors.

Outreach



Our Parish provides showers for the homeless throughout office hours from **Tuesdays—Fridays 10am to 3.30pm.**

DCM



Here's a list of kai to help DCM in making kai parcels to support rough sleeping whanau in our community and awhi those who have recently been housed

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

27 June (Sat), LNI Synod Workshop

This has been Cancelled till further notice.

