



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

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## *Parish Bulletin*

### **Rātapu 15 Hui-tanguru (February) 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

2.00pm

Samoan Service

4.00pm

Fijian Service

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

### **Upcoming Sundays**

**March 1st, 2026**

**Combined Service, 10AM**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o**

### *Ministry Team*

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## ***Climbing Higher: Encountering the God Who Transforms***

*A short reflection based on Exodus 24: 12-18 and Mathew 17: 1-9*

There's something sacred about mountaintop moments. Away from the rush and routine, we sometimes glimpse a deeper truth. In both Exodus and Matthew, mountaintops become places of divine encounter. Moses climbs Sinai and enters the mystery of God's presence. Jesus is transfigured before his closest friends, his face shining with glory.

In both stories, light and cloud surround the divine. There is awe and there is fear. There is a voice. But what stands out most is what comes after. Moses descends with guidance for a people learning to live in freedom. Jesus comes down with companions shaped by vision, ready to walk the harder road ahead.

We, too, are invited to step away, to climb higher – not always physically, but spiritually. Moments of prayer, silence, or retreat can become our own Sinai or Transfiguration. They don't last forever, but they change us.

And like Peter, we might want to stay in the glory. Build tents. Hold on. But faith doesn't stay on the mountaintop. It walks into the valley. It listens, even when it's hard. It follows Jesus, even to places of suffering and challenge.

The light we glimpse in God's presence is a guide for the journey ahead.

We need sacred pauses to see clearly – retreating can renew our perspective.

Faith leads us down the mountain – to live out what we've seen in everyday life.

*Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 15 Feb 2026 - Transfiguration*

### **LECTIONARY for 15 & 22 February 2026**

#### ***February 15—Transfiguration***

<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Ex 24: 12-18	Ps 2 or Ps 99	2 Peter 1: 16-21	Mt 17: 1-9

#### ***February 22—Lent 1***

<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Gen 2: 15-17 3: 1-7	Ps 32	Rom 5: 12-19	Mt 4: 1-11

### ***Parish Office***

#### **Parish Office staff:**

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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

Parish Executive— **Thursday 19th Feb**

Parish Council— **Sunday 1st March**

Booking Committee— **Tuesday 24th Feb**

### Leaders/Congregational

**10AM** 17th Feb. @ 7pm on Zoom.  
**TONGAN** tbc  
**SAMOAN** tbc  
**FIJIAN** 1st Saturday of every month

## February 2026

### 10AM

- **18th**—Knit and Knatter in the meeting room at 11am. Everyone welcome.

### Samoan

- **21st**—Samoan Women's fellowship meeting in the hall from 9am onwards.
- **22nd**—The Samoan district will hold their meeting and church service here on Sunday at 12pm to be followed by their lunch afterwards.

### Fijian

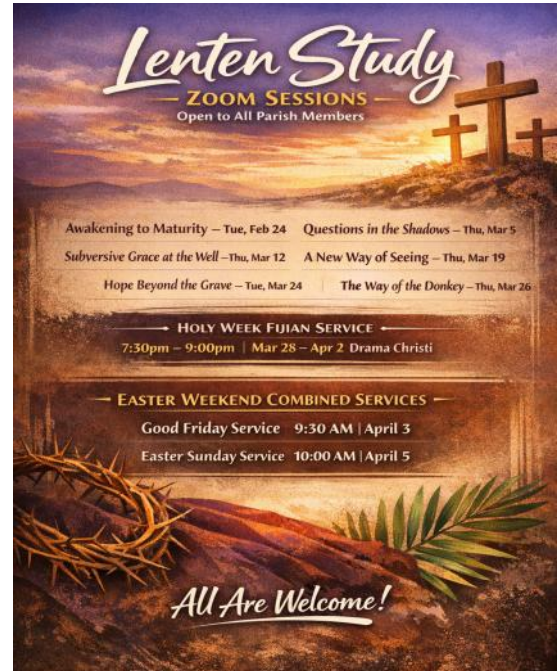
- **14th—15th** - Rev. Joeli will be in Masterton for their Covenant Service.

## What's Happening in our space?

### Parish Notices:

#### Parish Lenten Study

A 6 week study series will start on **Thursday 24th Feb. at 7.30pm** on zoom.



### Reminders:

- Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils or Grease

Please use the designated bin in the old kitchen hall for disposing of fat and cooking oil. **We kindly request that these substances not be poured down the sink, as doing so can cause significant blockage and damage to the plumbing system.** Your cooperation in helping us maintain our facilities is sincerely appreciated.



- When recycling all cartons and cardboard boxes, **please flatten them to help save space.**



**All Congregational stewards, please ensure that the Church is clean after your services.**  
**-No eating is allowed inside the church or the office foyer.**

**Have a blessed weekend**

THEME FOR FEBRUARY:

Transfiguration

10AM Sunday Roster			
Sunday 15 February (Transfiguration)		Sunday 22 February (Lent 1)	
Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva'aia	Worship Leader	Kula Bower
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Bible Readings	Joy Grove	Bible Reading	Tauamiti Johann
Notice & Welcome	Leatuavao	Notice & Welcome	Daphne
Door Stewards	Norbert & Philomena	Door Stewards	Lepa & Sana Manuao
Morning tea	Dine/Laurenson family	Morning tea	Philippa Conway, Bill Ryan & Deborah Wiltshire
*We thank the Samoan Congregation for looking after our flowers this month.			

12pm Tongan Congregation			
Sunday 15 February (Transfiguration)		Sunday 22 February (Lent 1)	
Worship Leader	TBC	Worship Leader	TBC
Lead Worship	TBC	Lead Worship	TBC

2pm Samoan Congregation			
Sunday 15 February (Transfiguration)		12pm District Service Sunday 22 February (Lent 1)	
Worship Leader	Combined with 10AM	Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva'aia
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading		Safety Briefing & Bible Reading	

4pm Fijian Congregation			
Sunday 15 February (Transfiguration)		Sunday 22 February (Lent 1)	
Worship Leader	Joritani	Worship Leader	Youth
Lead Worship	Titilian Ritova	Lead Worship	Iliesa Tora