



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 19 Paenga-whāwhā (April) 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

3 May—Holy Communion and Combined Service—Rev. Joeli
(This combined service excludes Tongans and there will be no refreshments due to Fakame)

10 May—Mothers Day Service—Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

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Keeping Jesus Present in Our Lives

A short reflection on Luke 24: 13-35 and 1 Peter 1: 17-23

Sometimes we, like the couple walking to Emmaus, feel lost in disappointment or confusion. Life throws us unexpected hardships. We may pray, hope, or search for signs of God, but still feel alone. Yet, as Luke's Gospel reminds us, Jesus often walks beside us even when we don't realise it. He shows up not in grand miracles, but in everyday moments: a kind word, a shared meal, an act of grace.

Cleopas and his wife only recognised Jesus when they welcomed him in, shared food, and broke bread together. In that simple act of hospitality, their eyes were opened. Christ wasn't gone; he was simply waiting to be seen in the ordinary.

The reading from 1 Peter echoes this with a call to "love one another deeply from the heart." It's a reminder that Jesus is present whenever we live with compassion, offer welcome, and love courageously. These small acts are not small at all; they are sacred.

Today, in a world longing for connection, peace, and justice, we are called to live as if Christ is among us – because he is. He is there in the neighbour we help, the stranger we welcome, the traditions we honour with integrity.

When we share generously, walk attentively, and love deeply, our hearts too might burn with recognition. Jesus is not a distant memory. He is a present companion. We just need to make space for him to be seen. Jesus is often found in the ordinary, not the extraordinary.

Deep, heart-level love makes Christ visible in our communities.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, Easter 3 | 19 April 2026

LECTIONARY for 19 & 26 April 2026

April 19—Easter 3

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	Ps 116: 1-4 12-19	1 Peter 1: 17-23	Lk 24: 13-35

April 26—Easter 4

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Acts 2: 42-47	Ps 23	1 Peter 2: 19-25	Jn 10: 1-10

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

Parish Executive: Tbc

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

Parish Council: Sunday 7th June

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	3rd Tuesday of every month
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	tbc
FIJIAN	1st Saturday of every month

10AM

Knit & Knatter

22 April— Meeting room at 11am. Everyone is welcome.

Coordinator Needed

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

Contact **Leatuavao** or **Daphne** if you can help.

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Fijian

24-27 April—Wasewase Youth Camp in Nelson

27 June— Bose Vulatolu and Jesirieli Day

Tongan

Fakame - First week of May

Samoan

1. Leadership Training a Tupulaga o le a faia lea i Forest Lake Otaki I le faaiuga o le vaiaso fou 23-26 Aperila manatua nai a tatou fanau ia Sina-i-faleu ma Lenia Pupulu, ma Tauamiti Samoa Saleupolu Heger o le a auai atu iai ia outou talosaga.
2. Manatua foi ia outou talosaga le iai o le susuga ia Taupau Va'ai i maota gasegase.
3. O le Aso Sa muamua o Me o le Lotu Tamaiti a Tonga, o le a leai se tatou lotu Samoa, ae tatou lolotu faatasi I le taeao ma le lotu o le 10am.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Rev Suiva'aia Te'o's first year review

Rev Suiva'aia Te'o's first year review will be held on **Saturday 16 April at 10am**, led by the Synod Superintendent and team. The morning will begin with devotions, followed by morning tea. Parish members are invited to share reflections on Rev Sui's ministry. **Lunch at 12pm** and then everyone is dismissed, while superintendent meets with the Samoan Congregation, and afterwards with Rev Sui and her family.

LNI Synod Workshop

Lower North Island Synod "Empowering Councils" Roadshow - 30th May, 9am -The workshop is open to members of the Parish Council, members of F & R Committee and congregation leaders Committee. It is requested if these members can attend this workshop as this workshop covers crucial issues across the Parish. This is a free workshop, please let your leaders know if you're wanting to attend.

DCM Wellington

DCM Food Bank Appeal

Foodbank Appeal at **Newtown New World on Saturday 23rd May from 9am – 5pm**. Each congregation will manage a 2-hour slot.

9am – 11am - **10am Congregation**

11am – 1.00pm – **Samon Congregation**

1.00pm – 3.00pm – **Tongan Congregation**

3.00pm – 5.00pm – **Fijian Congregation**

Car parks at Wesley

Maycroft Construction are doing seismic strengthening work on the Sanctum apartments from **11 April** and will install a crane in the front car park to load material onto site. They will be here **Monday – Saturday for the next few months**.



Free Organist concert by Josh Anderson on Saturday 25th April at the St Mary of the Angels on Boulcott Street, 2pm.

Have a Blessed weekend :)

THEME FOR April:

Easter 3

10AM Sunday Roster

Sunday 19 April Easter 3

Worship Leader Rev Suiva'aia
Organist Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome Leatuavao
Bible Readings Sarah Laurenson
Door Steward & Warden Lepa & Sana Manuao
Morning tea Leatuavao Family

**We thank the 10AM Congregation for looking after our flowers this month.*

Sunday 26 April Easter 4

Worship Leader Shelly Rao
Organist Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome Hugh Laurenson
Bible Reading Masoe Family
Door Steward & Warden Daphne Pilaar Leatuavao
Morning tea Manuao Family

** Fijians are on the flower roster next month.*

12pm Tongan Congregation

Sunday 19 April Easter 3

Worship Leader Fine Tautua'a
Dawn Service 'Anaua Havea

Sunday 26 April Easter 4

Worship Leader Tupoutupu
Dawn Service 'Isalei Pouvalu

2pm Samoan Congregation

Sunday 19 April Easter 3

Worship Leader Muaimalae Te'o
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading Angel Pupulu

Sunday 26 April Easter 4

Worship Leader Taupau & Failauga
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading Ese Holmes

4pm Fijian Congregation

Sunday 19 April Easter 3

Worship Leader Niko Bower
Lead Worship Mudrencagi

Sunday 26 April Easter 4

Worship Leader Waisale Muatabu
Lead Worship Efiraca