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

1 Whiringa-ā-rangi (November) 2026

WELCOME!
Greetings

	Nau Mai, Haere Mai
	Mālō e lelei
	Bula Vinaka
	Talofa Lava
	Mhoro
	Nǐ hǎo
	Namaste

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

10:00am – English Speaking Service
12am - Tongan Service
2pm - Samoan Service
4:00pm - Fijian Service

PARISH NEWCOMERS

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.

UPCOMING PARISH COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

6 December: 10AM Service Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

24 December: Christmas Eve (time tbc) Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
25 December: Christmas Day (time tbc) Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

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

Leadership, Power and the Way of God
A short reflection based on Joshua 3:7-17 and Matthew 23:1-12

What does faithful leadership look like? Today's readings offer a striking answer: leadership is less about status and more about helping others find their way. In Joshua, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant step into the flooded Jordan and remain standing in the river while the whole community crosses. It is a powerful picture. They don't lead from a safe distance. They stand in the difficult place so others can move forward. Yet the story also asks us to remember those already living on the other side of the river. Liberation for one group must never become permission to dispossess or silence another. In Aotearoa, that invites us to listen carefully to tangata whenua and to histories that dominant voices have sometimes overlooked. Jesus, meanwhile, challenges religious leaders who enjoy honour and titles but place burdens on others. His criticism isn't an invitation to point fingers. It asks us to examine ourselves. Do our words match our actions? Does our leadership make other people stronger, or simply make us feel more important? Jesus offers another way: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Leadership shaped by God's love shares power, listens well and protects the dignity of others. Sometimes we lead by taking the first step. Sometimes we lead by standing quietly in the middle of someone else's difficult crossing. And sometimes faithful leadership begins simply by listening. We cross together. Stand with others. True leadership means using our strength and influence to help others cross difficult places.
Choose service over status. Godly authority is measured not by titles or recognition, but by humility, listening and care.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, Pentecost 23 | 1 November 2026

LECTIONARY READINGS

Nov 1 – All Saints	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
	Rev 7: 9-17	Ps 34: 1-10, 22	1 Jn 3: 1-3	Mt 5:1-12
Nov 1 – Pentecost 23				
	Josh 3: 7-17	Ps 107: 1-7, 33-37	1 Thes 2: 9-13	Mt 23: 1-12
Nov 8 —Pentecost 24	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
	Josh 24: 1-3a, 14-25	Ps 78: 1-7	1 Thes 4:13-18	Mt 25:1-13

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH BREAK UP – CULTURAL EVENING

ON 7 NOV From 6pm in the New Hall. Each congregation is to prepare an item.

We encourage everyone to please bring a plate to share and for Congregations to come prepared with a 15minute cultural performance.

More information on the notice boards – refer to posters.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - FRIENDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

A friendly reminder for those who wish to apply.

For pacific island girls resident in New Zealand and attending a New Zealand secondary school.

Applications must be received no later than 20 November 2026.

Student will be in -

- In Year 12 or 13 during 2027
- Active members of a Methodist or Uniting Parish, within the Connexion of the Methodist Church of New Zealand
- New Zealand Citizens or have New Zealand Residency status

Information & Application Form on the Methodist website under – Organisations – Methodist Women's Fellowship

All documents must be complete and sent together to Tinei Alefosio

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 20 NOVEMBER 2026

UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO ABUSE

Posters explaining the definition of abuse and the recommended steps for responding will be displayed on noticeboards throughout the Parish in several languages. We encourage everyone to take time to read this important information posted on the notice boards.

PLANT SALE

Wesley Church forecourt
75 Taranaki St, 7th Nov, 9am – 1pm
Ornamentals, succulents, houseplants
Strawberries, and much much more
Raising money for the garden of Beneficence and Porirua Community Gardening projects.

PARISH OUTREACH

DCM Foodbank Collection
Date: Saturday 21 November, 9am—1pm
Location: New World Newtown
Contact: Sarah in the Parish Office if you can help, sarah@wesleychurch.org.nz

CONGREGATION EVENTS!

10AM

Drama Christi end of year presentation
All are welcome to join DC for a fun 'scripts in hand' performance of 'The One Word Christmas Carol'. We are presenting it on Sunday 6 Dec at 5pm in the Drama Christi studio. There will be 4 rehearsals on Monday evenings in November. Please get in touch if you want more information.
Daphne.keith@xtra.co.nz

Fijian

21 Nov Koroturaga Day (Annual Misinale)

Samoan

22 Nov Final combined service and meetings for the Lay Preachers, Womens Fellowship and District, held in Masterton end of November.

Tongan

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

7 Nov (Sat) Parish Break Up (read info under Parish notices)

4 Dec (Fri) Parish Outreach Christmas lunch. More info will be circulated close to the time.

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ROSTERS: 1 & 8 Nov

10AM Congregation (English Speaking)

This Sunday

Worship Leader	Kisione Finau
Introit	Tongan Choir
Anthem	Samoan
Bible Readers	Fijian & Samoan
Car Park Wardens	Samoan
Door Steward &	10AM
Offering Collection	10AM
Holy Communion Prep	Samoan
Singing at Holy Comm	Fijian
Refreshments	Tongan

Next Sunday, 10AM

Worship Leader	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Heather Garside
Bible Readings	Melina Takau-Samson
Door Steward & Warden	Norbert & Philomena Nziramasanga
Morning tea	Sarah Laurenson & Alan Dine

12PM Tongan Congregation

This Sunday

Worship Leader	Kisione Finau
Worship	Parish Combined Sv
Pulelulu - 4	
Malanga	Latulala Faletau
Failotu	Simina Palu

Next Sunday, 12PM

Worship Leader	Tau'aika Mahoni
Worship	Sifa 'Aniseko
Pulelulu - 11	
Malanga	'Ivoni Kamoto
Failotu	'Etuate Pautā

2PM Samoan Congregation

This Sunday

Worship Leader	Parish Combined Sv

Next Sunday, 2PM

Worship Leader	Myra Tautau
Reader	Angel Pupulu

4PM Fijian Congregation

This Sunday

Worship Leader	Youth
Lead Worship	Youth
Dawn Service	Youth

Next Sunday, 4pm

Worship Leader	tbc
Lead Worship	tbc
Dawn Service	tbc

COMBINED SERVICE ROSTER: Nov & Dec

COMBINED SERVICE:	**1 NOVEMBER**
Lead Worship	Kisione Finau
Introit	Tongan Choir
Anthem	Samoan
Bible Readers	Fijian & Samoan
Car Park Wardens	Samoan
Door Steward	10AM
Holy Communion Prep	Samoan
Singing at Holy Comm	Fijian
Refreshments	Tongan
Flowers	Tongan

COMBINED SERVICE:	**6 DECEMBER**
Lead Worship	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Introit	Fijian Choir
Anthem	Tongan
Bible Readers	Samoan & Tongan
Car Park Wardens	Fijian
Door Steward	Tongan
Holy Communion Prep	Tongan
Singing at Holy Comm	Samoan
Refreshments	Fijian
Flowers	10AM

MEETINGS NOTICES

PARISH MEETINGS

- **Parish AGM**
  1 Nov – in the new hall after refreshments today.
- **Parish Executive Meeting – next date yet tbc**
- F&R—last Thursday of every month.

Leaders/Congregational Meetings

- 10AM — 3rd Tue of every month
- TONGAN — tbc
- SAMOAN — 14 Nov, in the church, 10AM
- FIJIAN — 1st Sat of every month