



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 25 Kohitātea (January) 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

01/02/2026	10AM	Combined Covenant Church Service
01/02/2026	6PM	Combined Commissioning Service

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Light in the Land of Shadows

A short reflection based on Isaiah 9: 1-4 and Mathew 4: 12-23

Sometimes, life feels heavy with shadows. Worry, grief, uncertainty – they cloud our vision and weigh us down. The people of Israel in Isaiah's time knew that feeling deeply. Their land was under attack. Their future seemed hopeless. And yet, Isaiah dares to say: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

This is not denial. It's defiance. A bold trust that God is not finished yet. That even in the darkest places, a dawn is coming.

Matthew picks up that same promise centuries later. Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee – a region considered unimportant, on the fringe. But there, among fishermen and ordinary folk, Jesus proclaims: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." That word "repent" isn't about feeling bad. It's about turning toward something new. A change in direction. A new beginning.

Jesus doesn't wait for perfect people. He calls regular workers. They follow, not because it's easy, but because something in his light calls to something in theirs. And so it is with us.

We don't need to escape our lives to follow Jesus. We begin right where we are. By turning from fear to trust. By listening better. Speaking more gently. Acting with justice. In a world with many shadows, even a small flame makes a difference.

Light often begins in the margins, not the spotlight.

Following Jesus means turning toward hope, even when it's hard.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 25 January 2026

LECTIONARY for 25 January & 01 February 2026

January 25—Epiphany 3

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Is 9: 1-4	Ps 27: 1, 4-9	1 Cor 1: 10-18	Mt 4: 12-23

February 1—Epiphany 4

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Micah 6: 1-8	Ps 15	1 Cor 1: 18-31	Mt 5: 1-12

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

Leaders/Congregational

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

February 2026

First Sunday, 1st February—2 Church Services

First Combined Holy Communion Service

10am—Covenant Service—

Worship Leader: Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

There are no refreshments after this service

Second Combined Service.

6pm—Commissioning Service

Worship Leader: Rev. Neti Petaia

Everyone is kindly asked to bring refreshments.

All are welcome to attend

March 1st, 2026

Combined Service, 10AM

Worship Leader: Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Ministers Annual Leave

Rev. Suiva'aia—12th Jan to 31st Jan 2026

Missing Equipment

One lapel microphone is currently missing. If you know its whereabouts, please inform the parish office.



Doors and Windows

Congregations are responsible for locking up to ensure that **all doors and windows are securely locked and lights switched off** before leaving the premises. Thank you for keeping our Church safe and secure.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please ensure that Children are Supervised at all times while on Church Premises.

-All Congregational stewards, please ensure that the Church is clean after your services.

-No eating is allowed inside the church or the office foyer.

-Please dispose of your chewing gum in the rubbish bin.

Have a blessed weekend and keep cool.

THEME FOR JANUARY:

Epiphany

10AM	Sunday Roster	
<i>Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)</i>		<i>Sunday 01 February (Epiphany 4)</i>
Worship Leader	Kolosaini Taulata	Worship Leader Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist Vivien Chiu
Bible Readings	Norbert Nziramasanga	Bible Reading Tongan/Fijian
Notice & Welcome	Heather Garside	Notice & Welcome Tongan Congregation
Door Stewards	Philippa Conway & Bill Ryan	Door Stewards Tongan Congregation
Morning tea	Tevita Family	Morning tea Fijian Congregation

12pm	Tongan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)</i>		<i>Sunday 01 February (Epiphany 4)</i>
Worship Leader	TBC	Worship Leader TBC
Lead Worship	TBC	Lead Worship TBC

2pm	Samoan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)</i>		<i>Sunday 01 February (Epiphany 4)</i>
Worship Leader	TBC	Worship Leader TBC
Safety Briefing	TBC	Safety Briefing TBC
Bible Reading	Lelei	Bible Reading

4pm	Fijian Congregation	
<i>Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)</i>		<i>Sunday 01 February (Epiphany 4)</i>
Worship Leader	Rev. Sikeli Cawanikawai	Worship Leader Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Lead Worship	Dauvunau	Lead Worship Dauvunau