



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

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Paish Bulletin

Rātapu 27 Mahuru (September) 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

Upcoming Parish Combined Sunday Service

18 October:	10AM Service	Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
1 November :	10AM Service	Kisione Finau
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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The Authority of Love

A short reflection based on Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32

In Matthew's Gospel, the religious leaders ask Jesus, "By what authority are you doing these things?" It's a fair-sounding question, but beneath it lies fear. Jesus is unsettling the usual systems of power. He teaches with freedom. He welcomes the overlooked. He acts like someone who knows the heart of God.

Jesus answers not with a defence, but with a story. One son says no, but later does what is right. The other says yes but never follows through. The message is clear: God isn't impressed by religious words that never become action. Faith isn't only what we say. It's how we live.

Paul gives us the deeper pattern in Philippians. Christ doesn't use authority to dominate or impress. He empties himself. He becomes a servant. He chooses humility, even the way of the cross. This isn't weakness. This is divine strength revealed as love.

For us today, this is deeply challenging. We live in a world that rewards status, confidence, and control. Even churches can be tempted to measure authority by titles, numbers, or influence. But Jesus shows us another way. True authority carries compassion. It listens to those at the margins. It serves before it speaks.

The Kingdom of God isn't built by force. It grows through lives shaped by integrity, humility, and love.

Actions reveal faith. Our lives must speak the truth our words proclaim.

Love is true authority. Christian power is shown through humility, service, and compassion.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, Pentecost 18 | 27 Sep 2026

LECTIONARY for 27 September & 4 October 2026

September 27—Pentecost 18

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Ex 17:1-7	Ps 78:1-4, 12-16	Phil 2:1-13	Mt 21: 23-32

October 4—Pentecost 19

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Ps 19	Phil 3: 4b-14	Mt 21: 33-46

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Prayers and Concerns



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

If you are facing illness, loss, or recovery, may you feel our care and compassion.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Meetings

Parish AGM—1 Nov (after Combined Service)
F&R—last Thursday of every month.

Leaders/Congregational Meetings

10AM	3rd Tue of every month
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	tbc
FIJIAN	1st Sat of every month

Congregation Events!

10AM

10am AGM, today, after morning tea

All 10am are encouraged to come and support our 10am congregation AGM which will be held on after morning tea.

FIJIAN

4-10 Oct	Fiji Language Week & Fiji Day
25 Oct	Youth Week
21 Nov	Koroturaga Day (Annual Misinale)

SAMOAN

11 Oct	White Sunday
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Upcoming Events:

18 Oct	District Lay Preachers final Meeting and bible study at Wesley & Pulpit Exchange.
25 Oct	District Youth Rally at St Marks Wesley on Labour Weekend.
22 Nov	Final combined service and meetings for the Lay Preachers, Womens Fellowship and District, held in Masterton end of November.

TONGAN

27 Sept	Womens September Service (Faka-Sepitema).
25 Oct	Annual Misinale

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST CONFERENCE

The New Zealand Methodist Conference will take place in Auckland from 1 to 7 October. During this time, all our Ministers and some Lay Leaders will be attending the Conference. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they participate in this important gathering.

PARISH COMBINED SERVICE IN OCT-POSTPONED!

The Parish Combined and Holy Communion Service, normally held on the first Sunday of October (4 October), has been moved to 18 October. This change is due to the New Zealand Methodist Conference. Thank you for your understanding.

SAMOAN WHITE SUNDAY

Our Samoan congregation will be celebrating White Sunday on 11 October.

A reminder to the Tongan and Fijian congregations that the church and halls will be reserved for the Samoan congregation on this day. Please make alternative arrangements for your worship services and refreshments.

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 or volunteer, sarah@wesleychurch.org.nz

Public notice

Are you enrolled? Have you moved address? Check your details on vote.nz

This election,
enrolments close
on 25 October -
before voting
starts.



THEME FOR THIS MONTH:

Pentecost 18 & 19

10AM SUNDAY ROSTER***This Sunday***

Worship Leader	Philip Garside
Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Daphne Pilaar
Bible Readings	Daphne Pilaar
Door Steward & Warden	Heather Garside
Morning tea	Kisione & Alisi Finau

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

Next Sunday

Worship Leader	Philip Garside
Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome	Hugh Laurenson
Bible Readings	Samul Burt
Door Steward & Warden	Alan Dine
Morning tea	Heger Family

**Samoan Congregation are on the flower roster next month.*

12PM TONGAN CONGREGATION***This Sunday***

Worship Leader
Dawn Service

Next Sunday

Worship Leader	tbc
Dawn Service	tbc

2PM SAMOAN CONGREGATION***This Sunday***

Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading	Leuia Pupulu

Next Sunday

Worship Leader	Conference week
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading	(can join 10AM)

4PM FIJIAN CONGREGATION***This Sunday***

Worship Leader	Vakatawa Kalili
Lead Worship	Youth
Dawn Service	Anaseini Osborne

Next Sunday

Worship Leader	tbc
Lead Worship	tbc
Dawn Service	tbc