



WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH

Incorporating congregations of 10am, Tongan, Samoan and Fijian.

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 31 Haratua (May) 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
12.30pm	Fijian Service (Old Hall)
2.00pm	Samoan Service

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

Upcoming Sundays

7 June—Combined and Holy Communion Service—Rev. Suiva'aia
14 June—10AM Church Service—Shelly Rao
21 June—10AM Church Service—Kula Bower
28 June—10AM Church Service—Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

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

Created for Relationship, Sent for Renewal

A short reflection based on Genesis 1:1-2:4 and Matthew 28:16-20

The Bible opens with wind over water and God speaking light into darkness. We close with Matthew's Gospel on a mountain, where the risen Jesus stands before disciples who both worship and doubt. Two beginnings. One purpose.

Genesis tells us we are created in God's image – not as accidents, not as consumers, but as caretakers. The rhythm of six days of creating and one day of resting reminds us that life is not meant to be endless striving. Sabbath isn't laziness; it's trust. It's resistance against a world that measures our worth by productivity. We are invited into a holy balance of work and rest, engagement and renewal.

Then Jesus sends his followers out: "Go and make disciples... and remember, I am with you always." Even with their doubts, they are commissioned. Even with our questions, we are sent. Faith doesn't require perfect certainty – only willingness.

Genesis gives us our first calling: guard and tend the earth. Matthew gives us our ongoing calling: share the way of love, justice, and mercy that Jesus embodied. Creation care and gospel living belong together. We are made for relationship – with God, with one another, and with the earth.

The Creator who brings order from chaos still moves among us. The Christ who sends disciples still walks beside us. We are created for relationship and sent for renewal – and we never go alone.

Rest is holy resistance. Reclaim Sabbath rhythm in a restless world.

Care and share. Guard creation and embody Christ's love in everyday life.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside. Trinity Sunday | 31 May 2026

LECTIONARY for 31 May & 7 June 2026

May 31—

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 1:1-2:4a	Ps 8	2 Cor 13:11-13	Mt 28:16-20

June 7—Pentecost 2

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 12:1-9	Ps 33:1-12	Rom 4:13-25	Mt 9:9-13,18-26

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: Cancelled

F&R Meeting: Thursday 11th June, 7pm.

Parish Council: Sunday 7th June

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	3rd Tue of every month
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	20th June, Sat @ 10am—Old Hall
FIJIAN	1st Sat of every month

10AM

Coordinator Needed

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

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

leatuaov@gmail.com or daphne.keith@xtra.co.nz

Fijian

This Sunday, there's a pulpit exchange with Tbckc o Peceli (Preacher from Manawatu District)

27 June— Bose Vulatolu and Jesirieli Day (District Meeting).

Samoan

Aso Lua 2 luni – aoga failauga I luga o upega tafailagi I le 7pm

Aso Lulu 3 luni – Fono Tatalo I le hall – Malie ma le latou aiga e taitaiina I le 6.30pm

Aso Toonai 6 luni – Mafutaga Tamaitai I Masetone – faáéé veni I le falesa I le 6am taeao

Aso Sa 7 luni – Faamanatuga – Marina faitauina Tusi Paia, tatou usuina pese HC

Tongan

Book Exchange Room!

The room beside the main entrance of the new hall has been set up as a book exchange space—just ask any office staff member or Minister if you'd like to have a look. There's a great selection of books and resource materials available for free!

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

DCM Food Collection—Note of thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who gave up part of their weekend to support the DCM food collection.

DATES TO BE NOTED:

7th June (Sun) – Parish Key Register update

We need to update the Parish key register. The office window will be open after the Combined Service. If you currently hold a Parish key, please see Kula at the office, as all keyholders are required to re-register their keys.

19 June (Fri) - Lunch for the Homeless

Homeless lunch: **Fri 19 June, 12pm**— all congregations welcome to contribute/serve; please coordinate with the office.

27 June (Sat), LNI Synod Workshop

Lower North Island Synod "Empowering Councils" Roadshow - **27th June, 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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENT LEAD BY THE YOUTH:

1. Holy Communion Sunday service in September, the youth will lead the service, and Rev Joeli will preach the word and preside over Holy Communion.

