



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

<https://wesleychurch.org.nz/>

Parish Office: 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington, New Zealand
Office Phone : (04) 3847695

Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 06 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*

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

06 September—HC & Combined Service—**Rev. Joeli Ducivaki**
13 September —10AM Church Service—**Freddy De Alwis**
20 September —10AM Church Service—**Kisione Finau**
27 September —10AM Church Service—**Philip Garside**

Ministry Team

Rev Joeli Ducivaki
(Parish Superintendent)
027 466 1036/
Joeli@wesleychurch.org.nz

Rev Suiva'aia Te'o
(Parish Minister)
027 684 1573/
sui@wesleychurch.org.nz

Kisione Finau
(Student Supply)
021 034 9755/
kisione@wesleychurch.org.nz

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

Gathering in Christ's Name

A short reflection based on Romans 13:8-14 and Matthew 18:15-20

Some words of Scripture are so familiar that we can forget how challenging they are. "Love your neighbour as yourself" and "where two or three are gathered in my name" sound comforting, but they also call us to live differently.

In Romans, Paul reminds us that love isn't just a warm feeling. Love is the heart of God's law. When we truly love our neighbour, we do not exploit, deceive, harm, or diminish them. Love becomes justice in action.

Paul also tells us to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." We might imagine this as like putting on a *korowai*, a cloak of identity and responsibility. Each day, we are invited to wear Christ's compassion, humility, forgiveness, and courage into the world.

Matthew's Gospel shows what this love looks like when relationships become difficult. Jesus knows that communities are made of imperfect people. We hurt one another, misunderstand one another, and sometimes fail one another. But the goal isn't punishment. The goal is restoration. Jesus calls us to begin with honest, private conversation, protecting dignity and seeking healing before judgement.

And then comes the promise: wherever even two or three gather in Christ's name, Christ is there. The church isn't measured by size, wealth, or buildings. It's known by love, reconciliation, and welcome. Wherever love is practised in Christ's name, God's kingdom is already breaking into the world.

Wear Christ daily. Let compassion, humility, justice, and forgiveness shape how we speak and act.

Seek restoration first. When conflict comes, choose honest conversation and healing over blame or public shame.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 6 September 2026 | Pentecost 15

LECTIONARY for 06 & 13 September 2026

September 06—Pentecost 15

1st Reading

Ex 12:1-14

Psalm

Ps 149

2nd Reading

Rom 13:8-14

Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

September 13—Pentecost 16

1st Reading

Ex 14:19-31

Psalm

Ps 114 or Ex 15:
1b-11, 20-21

2nd Reading

Rom 14:1-12

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35

Parish Office

Parish Office staff:

Sarah Laurenson

sarah@wesleychurch.org.nz

Ph: 04 242 0173

Kula Bower

kula@wesleychurch.org.nz

Ph: 04 242 0174

Custodian

Sitiveni Pouvalu

027 724 9986

Adeline Teo

accounts@wesleychurch.org.nz

Ph: 04 242 0175

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

Parish Council: Thursday 10th September –7pm Online

F&R Meeting: Thursday 24th September, 7pm.

Leaders/Congregational

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

10AM

10am AGM 27 September

All 10am are encouraged to come and support our 10am congregation AGM which will be held on Sunday 27 September after morning tea.

10am Leaders team

10am Leaders are needed to build the team. Please consider if you could support our congregation by being on 10am Leaders. We meet monthly online. Please contact Daphne or Leatuavao for more information.

Fijian

- Bose vulavou—12.09.26
- Siga Tabu ni Tama **(06.09.26) 1.30pm**
- Normal Sunday service will start on **Sunday 13.09.26 @ 4pm**

Tongan

- **Womens choir practice every Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sunday** after church service. This is in preparation for **Roll call** at the end of **September**.

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! No Food allowed!

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Parish Foyer Security Alarm



- The security guards set the Parish Office alarm about **10pm each night**.
- If you go up the stairs to the office foyer and trigger the alarm, once the alarm is off **YOU MUST** call the monitoring company and give them a special code.
- This did not happen last weekend and one of our office team was woken after midnight to verify who had triggered the alarm.
- Please talk to the **Parish Office team** if you need to be reminded of the process and the security special code.

Parish Face to Face Session

Kisione's Face-to-Face Session will be held this Sunday **6.09.26** after the Parish Combined Service, before refreshments in the new hall.

All are welcome to remain in the church. The session will be facilitated by **Rev. Neti Petaia**, Lower North Island Synod Superintendent.

DCM Winter Appeal

DCM's Winter Appeal is raising vital funds for Crisis Accommodation, helping provide short-term shelter and wrap-around support for people who are rough sleeping or at risk of homelessness in Wellington. Every donation helps open a door for someone during the cold winter months and reminds our whānau that they are not alone. To learn more or support the appeal, visit [DCM Winter Appeal](#).

Church Hall Clean-Up Notice

Congregations and groups using the church halls are kindly reminded to remove all **leftover food, rubbish, and personal items after use**. Please ensure the halls are left clean and tidy so they are ready for the next users. Thank you for your cooperation and care for our shared church facilities.



Church Cleanliness Reminder

We have noticed an increase in rubbish being left around the church, especially in the upstairs sitting area. If you are bringing snacks for your little ones, please be mindful of their rubbish and ensure all wrappers, packets, and food scraps are placed in the bins provided. Thank you for helping us keep our church clean, welcoming, and respectful for everyone.

THEME FOR September:

Pentecost

10AM SUNDAY ROSTER

Sunday 06 September Pentecost 15

HC and Combined Service Roster

Worship Leader

Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

Introit

Parish Youth

Bible Readings

Parish Youth

Anthem

Parish Youth

HC Prep. & D/Steward

Samoan

HC Singing

Parish Youth

Carpark Warden

Tongan

Morning tea

Samoan

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

Sunday 13 September Pentecost 16

Worship Leader

Freddy De Alwis

Organist

Colin Scarf

Notices & Welcome

Heather Garside

Bible Readings

Alan Dine

Door Steward &

Joy Grove

Warden

Melina Takau-Samson

Morning tea

Philippa Conway, Bill Ryan, Deborah Wiltshire

*Samoan Congregation are on the flower roster next month.

12pm

Tongan Congregation

Sunday 06 September Pentecost 15

Worship Leader

Parish Combined & HC

Dawn Service

Sunday 13 September Pentecost 16

Worship Leader

Tapaita Latu'ila

Dawn Service

Lupe Katoa

1pm

Samoan Congregation

Sunday 06 September Pentecost 15

Worship Leader

Parish Combined & HC

Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

Sunday 13 September Pentecost 16

Worship Leader

Sara Taupau

Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

Latoia Tevita

4pm

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 06 September Pentecost 15

SIGA TABU NI TAMA (1.30pm)

Worship Leader

Soqosoqo ni Turaga

Lead Worship

Dawn Service

Sunday 13 September Pentecost 16

Worship Leader

Lead Worship

Dawn Service