



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 08 Hui-tanguru (February) 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

March 1st, 2026

Combined Service, 10AM

Worship Leader: Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

Ministry Team

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Kisione Finau
(Student Supply)

Contact Details—TBC

Wisdom and Light: Living Deeply in Shallow Times

A short reflection based on 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 and Mathew 5: 13-20

We live in an age where appearance often matters more than depth. On social media and television, we are surrounded by messages that tell us to perform, impress, and keep up a shiny front. But the readings today invite us to something deeper.

Paul reminds the Corinthians – and us – that faith isn't a performance. He didn't come with eloquence or showmanship but with Christ crucified: the power of God in humility, love, and surrender. True wisdom, Paul says, doesn't come from clever words, but from the Spirit. It grows in stillness, humility, and openness to God's presence.

Jesus calls us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Not someday – now. Salt preserves, enhances, and gives flavour. Light reveals, guides, and brings warmth. These images aren't flashy, but they are powerful. Jesus challenges us not to blend in or dim our light, but to live visibly and distinctly – with grace, courage, and compassion.

In a world full of noise, we are called to presence. In a culture chasing image, we are called to substance. This is the way of Christ – not to impress, but to bless.

God's wisdom grows in humility, not performance.

You already carry light – let it shine with love and courage.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 8 February 2026 – Epiphany 5

LECTIONARY for 08 & 15 February 2026

February 8—Epiphany 5

1st Reading

Is 58: 1-9a
(9b-12)

Psalm

Ps 112: 1-9
(10)

2nd Reading

1 Cor 2: 1-12
(3-16)

Gospel

Mt 5: 13-20

February 15—Transfiguration

1st Reading

Ex 24: 12-18

Psalm

Ps 2 or Ps 99

2nd Reading

2 Peter 1: 16-21

Gospel

Mt 17: 1-9

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, tbc

Parish Council, Sun, 1st March

Booking Committee, tbc

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	17th Feb. @ 7pm on Zoom.
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	tbc
FIJIAN	1st Saturday of every month

February 2026

Samoan

- **7th**—Pasifika Stalls: at the waterfront the Samoan Women's fellowship will have a stall at this Pasifika event. Look out for them if you're there. They will be in the hall for preparation for this Friday evening and Saturday all day.
- **21st**—Samoan Women's fellowship meeting in the hall from 9am onwards.
- **22nd**—The Samoan district will hold their meeting and church service here on Sunday at 12pm to be followed by their lunch afterwards.

Fijian

- **9th**—Womens fellowship meeting this Monday at 7pm in the Chapel. Lead Worship—Executive team.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:



Welcome to Our Ministry Team

We joyfully Welcome **Kisione Finau** into our Parish Ministry team. We look forward to serving alongside you and sharing in the work of God within our Parish community. May God bless you in this new season of ministry.

Parish Lenten Study



A 6 week study series will start on Thursday 19th Feb. at 7.30pm on zoom. More information coming soon.

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.



The First Touchstone Issue of 2026 Is Now Available

—We're pleased to share that the first issue of *Touchstone* for 2026 has been released. You can read the full online edition by following the link provided. [Full Online version](#)

All Congregational stewards, please ensure that the Church is clean after your services. -No eating is allowed inside the church or the office foyer.

THEME FOR FEBRUARY: **Epiphany & Transfiguration**

10AM		Sunday Roster	
<i>Sunday 08 February (Epiphany 5)</i>		<i>Sunday 15 February (Transfiguration)</i>	
Worship Leader	Shelly Rao	Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
Organist	Vivien Chiu	Organist	Colin Scarf
Bible Readings	Melina Takau-Samson	Bible Reading	Joy Grove
Notice & Welcome	Sarah Laurenson	Notice & Welcome	Daphne
Door Stewards	Masoe Family	Door Stewards	Norbet&Philomena.N
Morning tea	Daphne Pilaar/Hugh. L	Morning tea	Dine/Laurenson family
 <i>*We thank the Samoan Congregation for looking after our flowers this month.</i>			

12pm		Tongan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 08 February (Epiphany 5)</i>		<i>Sunday 15 February (Transfiguration)</i>	
Worship Leader	TBC	Worship Leader	TBC
Lead Worship	TBC	Lead Worship	TBC

2pm		Samoan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 08 February (Epiphany 5)</i>		<i>Sunday 15 February (Transfiguration)</i>	
Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o	Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
Safety Briefing	Tenei Alofosio	Safety Briefing	Ezekiel Holmes
Bible Reading	Tenei Alofosio	Bible Reading	Ezekiel Holmes

4pm		Fijian Congregation	
<i>Sunday 08 February (Epiphany 5)</i>		<i>Sunday 15 February (Transfiguration)</i>	
Worship Leader	Mudrenicagi	Worship Leader	Joritani
Lead Worship	Niko Bower	Lead Worship	Titilia Ritova