



# Wellington Methodist Parish News 6 Whiringa-ā-nuku (October) 2024



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## **TODAY'S SERVICE** **6 Rātapu, Whiringa-ā-nuku (October)** **Pentecost 20**

**Worship Leader:** Simote Taunga

**Organist:** Vivien Chiu

**Notices & Welcome:** Tongan  
Congregation

**Bible Reader:** Samoan/Fijian

**Door Stewards:** Tongan Congregation

**Morning Tea:** Fijian Congregation

## **13 Rātapu, Whiringa-ā-nuku** **(October) Combined Service** **Pentecost 21**

**Worship Leader:** Nicola Teague  
Grundy

**Organist:** Vivien Chiu

**Notices & Welcome:** Leatuavao

**Bible Reader:** Peter Grundy

**Door Stewards:** Daphne Pilaar,  
Leatuavao Leatuavao

**Morning Tea:** Heger Family

## **Lectionary Reading for next** **week, 13 Rātapu,** **Whiringa-ā-nuku (October),** **Pentecost 21**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Ps 22: 1-15,  
Heb 4: 12-16, Mk 10: 17-3

## **Meeting / Events Coming Up:** **Booking Committee, Tues 8 Oct,** **7pm, Zoom.**

**Knit & Knatter, Wed 9 Oct,**  
11am, Office

**Leaders Meeting, Tue 15 Oct,**  
7pm, Zoom

**Finance & Resourcing, Thurs 24**  
Oct, 7pm, Zoom

**Parish Council, Sunday, tbc**  
**Parish AGM, tbc**

**NZ Methodist Conference, 8**  
Nov—13 Nov 2024.

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# NOTICES

## Sunday 6th October Combined Service

After Combined service we will be having conference choir practise after morning tea.

## Samoan White Sunday

White Sunday service, 13 Oct, 11:30am.



**Tongan Church Service** on 13 Oct will be held at Pukerua Bay, please contact the Tongan leaders if you want more information on this.

## Fijian Language Week, Oct 6—12

'Vakamareqeta na Vosa Vakaviti (Nurture and sustain the Fijian language).' Church community service to end the Fijian language week will be on 13 Oct, at 4pm.



## Parish Choir

Conference Combined Choir rehearsals Sunday 6 October 12:30pm (after combined morning tea)

We will aim to rehearse for no more than an hour each time.

To get copies of the music (PDF sheet music and midi sound files) please email Philip sales@philipgarsidebooks.com

## Parish Face to Face

This meeting is held this evening at 6pm, please bring a plate to share.

## Conference Preparation Volunteers needed!

### We need your help!

If you can spare a day or a few hours from 9—13 Nov. This is to help us keep on top of the day—day general tasks ie: keeping areas clean, keeping toilets clean, rubbish removal, filling up the water coolers, setting up rooms, car park wardens etc.

If you're keen to join, please **CONTACT THE OFFICE OR YOUR CONGREGATION LEADERS**

## Working Bee

Saturday 19th of October. Please let all your congregation know.



Office table needing a new home, please contact the office.

Watch this space! as we look to clear out some furniture needing to find a good home.

## Dawn Raids 50th Commemoration Project.

The Dawn Raids 50th Commemorations project, led by Te Papa in collaboration with Toi Pōneke, Pātaka Art and Museum, Wellington City Council, and the Ministry of Culture

and Heritage, seeks to heal and transform the trauma of the Pacific communities affected by the Dawn Raids. The unveiling of this important community artwork will be the first event for Conference on Friday 8th November. This is an exciting project for the parish to be a part of and to start our conference in November. It is also significant that the artist is one of our own people, Liana Leiatua.

### **Special event, Red, White & Brass**

Special screening on 8 Nov, from



7:30—9:30pm.

### **Commendation of the 'Safe Faiths' Survey to the Connexion**

Dear members of the Connexion,

I am writing to commend to you the 'Safe Faiths' survey, which is open to Takatāpui / Rainbow Christians from all denominations across Aotearoa, as well as allies and advocates of Takatāpui / Rainbow Christians.

This initiative, led by a group of five Christians—including Rev Richard Bonifant (Teaching Fellow at Trinity

Methodist Theological College) and Rev Dr Paul Reynolds (Kingi Ihaka Research Centre)—aims to address the critical gap in research and data around whether Takatāpui / Rainbow people of faith feel safe attending their church or faith community. The information gathered from this survey will be invaluable in raising awareness of the challenges faced by Takatāpui / Rainbow people in Aotearoa and in strengthening advocacy efforts both within our churches and in wider society.

The 'Safe Faiths' webpage contains more detailed information, including the survey itself, and can be accessed here: <https://www.safefaiths.nz>

This project is hosted by the Kingi Ihaka Research Centre, a Christian kaupapa Māori research centre, and co-created with Diverse Church, a network of safe faith communities in Aotearoa.

Please find attached flyers with a QR code that links directly to the survey. Alternatively, the survey can be accessed through the link on the 'Safe Faiths' webpage.

<https://www.safefaiths.nz>

I encourage you to share this with your parishes and rohe and support this important initiative.

**Rev Tara Tautari** |  
General Secretary

# Safe Faiths

## Help make churches safe for everyone!

If you are a Takatāpui, Rainbow, or LGBTQIA+ Christian, or ally, please complete this survey so that we can gather data about how welcome and safe you feel in your church/worship spaces.



Scan to take the survey



[safefaiths.nz](https://safefaiths.nz)

# Safe Faiths

## Help make churches safe for everyone!

This 'Safe Faiths' survey has been created because there is little or no research or quantitative data in Aotearoa that explores whether Takatāpui/Rainbow Christians feel safe attending their church or faith community.

The survey results from gathering Takatāpui/Rainbow Christian perspectives on how safe they feel within their churches/faith communities that they attend will be used to raise awareness of issues faced by Takatāpui / Rainbow Christians in Aotearoa New Zealand, and to support Takatāpui / Rainbow advocacy work, both within the church and more widely.

Please help us to gather this much needed quantitative evidence of the safety of Takatāpui/Rainbow Christians in Aotearoa that some Christian churches seem to be ignorant of.



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## Help make churches safe for everyone!

The Safe Faiths survey has been created to explore how Takatāpui or Rainbow Christians feel attending their church or faith community.

## Tell us your thoughts



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### DCM. FOOD BANK

Please help restock busy foodbank shelves with the following items

- Ready meals/soups
- Instant noodles
- Tinned fish
- Coffee, tea, milk powder
- Biscuits and crackers
- Washing powder