



WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH

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



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

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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.

Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 13 April 2025

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
10.00 am	10AM Congregation
12.00 pm	Tongan Congregation
2.00 pm	Samoan Congregation
4.00 pm	Fijian Congregation

Upcoming Sundays

18/04/2025 10am	Good Friday Service—Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
20/04/2025 10am	Easter Sunday—Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
04/05/2025	No Combined Service / Congregation Sunday
01/06/2025	Combined Service—Suia'ava Te'o

Special Congregation Sundays

13/04/2025 Fijian	White Sunday (Children Sunday)
04/05/2025 Tongan	Fakame Sunday
12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday

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Spiritual Reflection

Proclaiming Hope When It's Risky

In Luke 19:28-40, Jesus enters Jerusalem with boldness and optimism. His disciples cheer joyfully, praising God and shouting, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" They are filled with excitement, not knowing the painful events that will unfold by the end of the week. Their enthusiasm shows their faith and hope in Jesus as the one sent by God.

But while Jesus enters humbly, riding on a donkey, there's a different scene playing out on the other side of the city. Pilate, the Roman governor, is arriving with soldiers on war horses, showcasing power and control. It's a stark contrast – Jesus, a humble teacher, drawing crowds with compassion and peace; Pilate, enforcing authority through fear and military might. The kingdom Jesus represents is different – one of love, justice, and humility.

The crowd's shouts of praise are risky. Jerusalem is bustling with visitors for Passover, a time when religious and national hopes run high. To call Jesus "king" in this setting is bold and dangerous. The authorities fear rebellion, and they're watching closely. Yet the crowd speaks from their hearts, longing for a leader who brings peace and healing.

Two lessons stand out for us today. First, true leadership is not about power and dominance but about humility, service, and compassion. Second, we're called to speak out with courage for what we believe is good and just, even when it feels risky or unpopular. Like the crowd praising Jesus, we're invited to declare hope and love boldly.

Philip Garside, 13 April 2025

LECTIONARY for April 13 & April 20

April 13— Lent 6 (Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday)

1st Reading

Is 50: 4-9

Psalm

118: 1-2, 19-29
or Ps 31: 9-16

2nd Reading

Phil 2: 5-11

Gospel

Lk 19: 28-40
Lk 22:14-23:56
or LK 23: 1-49

April 20— Easter Day

1st Reading

Acts 10: 34-43
Or Is 65: 17-25

Psalm

Ps 118:1-2,
14-24

2nd Reading

1 Cor 15: 19-26
or Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel

Jn 20:1-18
Lk 24:1-12

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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 Council

1 June, 7th Sept, 2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

30 April, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August

TONGAN

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SAMOAN

14 June & 20 September

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

10AM

Knit & Knatter—Wednesday 14th May, staff room, 11am, All welcome for coffee & Crafts.

Tongan

-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday and Thursday.

-Fakamē or White Sunday, Sunday 4 May

-Mother's Day, Sunday 11 May

-Tongan Father's Day, Sunday 18 May

Samoan

-Choir Practise, every Friday, in church, 6pm

-Prayer meeting, second Friday after Choir practice, 6pm.

Fijian

-Fijian White Sunday (Children's Sunday) - Sunday 13 April, 2pm (Palm Sunday)

-Wasewase youth camp in held on the 25th - 28th April (ANZAC weekend).

-Fijian Lead worship studies are held every Monday evening at 7:30pm via zoom

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

-There's been some complaints from the occupants in the flats next to the back carparks of screaming children playing in the carpark at the back, loud music and also loud music at night.

If we can take into account that when we've got events and functions on, just to be aware and thoughtful of our neighbours. These have been issues in the past but if we can please remind our children and people and just monitor this.

- Annual Leave— Rev. Sui will be away on leave from 22nd April to 2nd May, Superintendent Joeli will be covering, If you have any queries for the Samoan congregation, please see Sara or Peilua.

- **Kai Cycle** - please use the kai cycle bucket to drop your food scraps for community compost and clean green environment focus.

- We are planning to have a Parish fire drill in an upcoming Combined Service. Watch this space!

-'Hope without hiding: Sustaining optimism and courage into the harsh realities of climate change'

Join Professor James Renwick and counsellor Silvia Purdie for a hope-full conversation.

Tuesday 29 April, 5.00-6.30pm

St Peters on Willis, Wellington. Koha entry.

Plus, come out for dinner afterwards!

An in-person event of Aotearoa's Climate Mental Health network.

Registration link: [https://](https://www.climatementalhealth.nz/renwick-event.html)

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NO EATING! around the office foyers and at the children's playground.

THEME FOR MARCH: **SEASON OF LENT**

10AM		Sunday Roster	
<i>Sunday 13 April (Palm Sunday)</i>		<i>Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)</i>	
Worship Leader	Suiva'aia Te'o	Worship Leader	Joeli Ducivaki
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Welcome & Notices	Leatuavao	Bible Reader	Samoan/ Fijian
Bible Reader	Sarah Laurenson	Door Stewards	Fijian
Door Stewards	Daphne & Leatuavao	Morning tea	No Morning Tea
Morning tea	Masoe Family		

12pm		Tongan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 13 April (Palm Sunday)</i>		<i>Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)</i>	
Worship Leader	Vahefonua Tonga	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Lead Worship	Vahefonua Tonga	Lead Worship	Combined Service

2pm		Samoan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 13 April (Palm Sunday)</i>		<i>Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)</i>	
Worship Leader	Regional Pulpit Exchange (LP)	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Lead Worship	To Be confirmed	Lead Worship	Combined Service

4pm		Fijian Congregation	
<i>Sunday 13 April (Palm Sunday)</i>		<i>Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)</i>	
Worship Leader	Childrens Sunday (Fijian White Sunday)	Worship Leader	To be confirmed
Lead Worship	Childrens Ministry	Lead Worship	To be Confirmed