



# WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH

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



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

Parish Office: 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington, New Zealand  
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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 20 April 2025 (Easter Day)

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

04/05/2025	No Combined Service / Congregation Sunday
01/06/2025	Combined Service—Suia'ava Te'o
06/07/2025	Combined Service—Simote Taunga
03/08/2025	No combined Service / Congregation Sunday

### Special Congregation Sundays

04/05/2025 Tongan	Fakame Sunday
12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday

### Ministry Team

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## Spiritual Reflection

### From Grief to Joy – The Surprise of Easter

Stories about the events of Holy Week fill a significant portion of every gospel. They are important to us as Christians and our responses to them help shape our faith. Yet these stories are full of surprises, and as we read about Jesus' final days, his death, and his resurrection, it's clear these events were anything but predictable.

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, leading a demonstration, but isn't arrested right away. The Sanhedrin holds Jesus' trial at night, breaking their own laws. Pilate, usually ruthless, lets the crowd choose between Jesus and Barrabas. A Roman centurion – not a Jew – is the first to recognise Jesus as the Son of God. And while most crucified people were left to rot, Jesus receives a dignified burial.

We can imagine and identify with what some of the key figures were feeling. Jesus' anger at the traders in the Temple. Peter's fear causing him to deny Jesus three times. Despair when Jesus cries out from the cross, feeling abandoned by God. Thomas' doubt when he hears about Jesus' appearance to the others.

For me the pivotal moment is when Jesus appears to his disciples. Their grief at the loss of their friend and leader turns to joy. Their belief that Jesus is truly alive fills them with courage to carry on his mission of building God's Kingdom.

As we hear these stories again, may we feel that same joy and courage. The Good News is alive, "Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"

Philip Garside, 20 April 2025

### LECTIONARY for April 20 & April 27

#### *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

#### *April 27—Easter 2*

**1st Reading**

Acts 5: 27-32

**Psalm**

Ps 118: 14-29  
or Ps 150

**2nd Reading**

Rev 1: 4-8

**Gospel**

Jn 20: 19-31

### *Parish Office*

#### Parish Office staff:

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#### Office Hours

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10am to 3pm

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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

***-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:

### Easter and Anzac Day Car Parking

On-street metered parking will be free around Wellington City (including waterfront) on the following days:

Friday 18 April (Good Friday)

Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)

Monday 21 April (Easter Monday)

Friday 25 April (Anzac Day)

Clifton Car Park and Tory Street Car Park normal rates will apply (weekend rates apply on public holidays).

<https://wellington.govt.nz/parking-roads-and-transport/parking>

### WESLEY CAR PARK 24/7 PARKS - PLEASE NOTE

Front Car Park - #1 is leased 24/7. The owner can park there at any time. This park is unavailable for Parish members.

Back Car Parks - #12, #13, #14 (By the umu shed) These parks are leased to Wesley Community Action 24/7. They are unavailable for Parish members.

-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.

**-Downtown Community Ministry Foodbank Appeal.** Wesley has volunteered to run the Foodbank Appeal at Newtown New World on Saturday May 24th. We are looking for Volunteers from each congregation to help us collect and sort donations. Please if you are available contact our office if you are interested at [office@wesleychurch.org.nz](mailto:office@wesleychurch.org.nz)

**THEME FOR MARCH:**

**SEASON OF LENT**

**10AM Sunday Roster**

***Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)***

**Worship Leader** Joeli Ducivaki  
**Organist** Vivien Chiu  
**Welcome** Fijians  
**Bible Reader** Tongan/10AM  
**Door Stewards** Tongan  
**Morning tea** Everyone Bring a Plate

***Sunday 27 April (Easter 2)***

**Worship Leader** Shelly Rao  
**Organist** Colin Scarf  
**Notices & Welcome** Daphne Pilaar  
**Bible Reader** Heather Garside  
**Door Stewards** Heather Garside  
**Morning tea** Wendy & Rendall Conwell

**12pm Tongan Congregation**

***Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)***

**Worship Leader** Combined Service  
**Lead Worship** Combined Service

***Sunday 27 April (Easter 2)***

**Worship Leader** Tau'aika Mahoni  
**Lead Worship** To be confirmed

**2pm Samoan Congregation**

***Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)***

**Worship Leader** Combined Service  
**Lead Worship** Combined Service

***Sunday 27 April (Easter 2)***

**Worship Leader** Combined Service  
**Lead Worship** Combined Service

**4pm Fijian Congregation**

***Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday)***

**Worship Leader** Niko Bower  
**Lead Worship** Sailoama

***Sunday 27 April (Easter 2)***

**Worship Leader** Isaia Vakamoce  
**Lead Worship** Joritani