



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

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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 21 Mahuru (September) 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

10.00am	English Service
12.00pm	Tongan Service
2.00pm	Samoan Service
4.00pm	Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

05/10/2025	Combined Service
02/11/2025	Combined Service
01/12/2025	No Combined/Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

12/10/2025 Samoan White Sunday

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A Time to Lament and a Time to Act

A short reflection on Jeremiah 8:18–9:1, Luke 16:1–13 | Storm Sunday

Storms come in many forms. Sometimes they rage outside with wind and rain; sometimes they churn inside our hearts. On this Storm Sunday, we hear two powerful texts that help us face both.

In Jeremiah, we meet a prophet whose heart is breaking. He sees the suffering of his people and cries out in deep sorrow: "Is there no balm in Gilead?" This is not just ancient poetry. It is an invitation to lament – to bring our grief, our fear, our confusion before God. Today, we lament the brokenness of our world: the climate crisis, economic injustice, the pain of the earth and its people. Like Jeremiah, we do not rush past the sorrow. We honour it. Because grief is not weakness; it is love that refuses to stay silent.

Then Jesus tells a surprising parable in Luke. A dishonest manager, facing a crisis, acts with urgency and shrewdness. He is no hero, but Jesus points to his decisiveness: he sees the storm and moves. Quickly. Creatively. Jesus challenges us: Are we using our time, resources, and energy to bring the kingdom closer?

This is the sacred rhythm: feel deeply, then act boldly. Weep for the world and then rise to heal it.

Grieving is holy work. Lament connects us with God's own sorrow and clears the way for hope.

Faith calls us to courageous action – to use what we have for justice, mercy, and change.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 21 September 2025

LECTIONARY for 21 September & 28 September 2025

September 21—Pentecost 15

1st Reading

Jer 8:18-9: 1

Psalm

Ps 79:1-9

2nd Reading

1 Tim 2:1-7

Gospel

Lk 16:1-13

September 28—Pentecost 16

1st Reading

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm

Ps 91: 1-6
14-16

2nd Reading

1 Tim 6:6-19

Gospel

Lk 16:19-31

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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

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Council

2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

25 Sept, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

21 October

TONGAN

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SAMOAN

20 September

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

10AM

-10AM AGM, Sunday 28 Sept, after morning Tea .

Tongan

-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday and Thursday.

Samoan

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

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

-Autalavou Exams, 12pm in New Hall.

-Confirmation classes, Tuesday 23rd, 6pm

Fijian

-Mens Fellowship: they will be having a District rally on 27th of September and a Wasewase rally during Labour weekend on 24th—26th of October.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Important notices

Used injection needles have been found around our premises.

Locations to be aware of

-Front of church Garden Area

-Front & behind (Near Bins) of Drama Christi

-Plant boxes outside old & New hall.

-Umu area

Please watch out for your children as they usually play around these areas. If you come across any injection needles please contact the parish office or your parish steward as there is a specific way to dispose these needles, for your own safety. If you do find any after hours, call 105 to get more Help/info.



We would like to thank Manatū Taonga (Ministry for Culture & Heritage)

We have been gifted a framed image from the exhibition 'Ua tafa mai ata: The Darkness had moved away; the light is starting to come in by Liana Leiataua and Pasifika youth, which was held at Toi Poneke from 19 October to 15 November 2024.

The exhibition was part of the commemorative programme organised by the government to reflect on the Dawn Raids era and the discrimination experience by Pasifika peoples. This image gifted to us was sourced from newspaper archives and was selected for display in the exhibition.

All Congregational stewards, please ensure that the Church is clean after your services. No eating is allowed and please dispose of your chewing gum in the Rubbish Bin.

Have a blessed weekend and keep warm.

THEME FOR APRIL:

PENTECOST

10AM Sunday Roster Sunday 21 September (Pentecost 15) Worship Leader Organist Notices & Welcome Bible Reader Door Stewards Morning tea Niko Bower Vivien Chiu Heather Garside Masoe Family Alan Dine & Hugh Laurenson Garside Family Sunday 28 September (Pentecost 16) Worship Leader Organist Notices & Welcome Bible Reader Door Stewards Morning tea Eroni Kito Vivien Chiu Daphne Pilaar Norbert Nziramasaanga Lepa & Sana Manuao Dine & Laurenson Family			
12pm Tongan Congregation Sunday 21 September (Pentecost 15) Worship Leader Lead Worship Rev Simote Taunga To be confirmed Sunday 28 September (Pentecost 16) Worship Leader Lead Worship Rev Simote Taunga To be confirmed			
2pm Samoan Congregation Sunday 21 September (Pentecost 15) Worship Leader Safety Briefing Bible Reading Sara Va'ai Uiese Holmes Uiese Holmes Sunday 28 September (Pentecost 16) Worship Leader Safety Briefing Bible Reading Rev Suiva'aia Teo Uiese Holmes Uiese Holmes			
4pm Fijian Congregation Sunday 21 September (Pentecost 15) Worship Leader Lead Worship Tevita T Mudrenicagi Sunday 28 September (Pentecost 16) Worship Leader Lead Worship Rusiate Warden			