



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



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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 25 May 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	English Service
12.00 am	Tongan Service
2.00 pm	Samoan Service
4.00 pm	Fijian Service

Upcoming Sundays

01/06/2025	Combined Service—Suiva'aia Te'o
06/07/2025	Combined Service—Simote Taunga
03/08/2025	No combined Service / Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

12/10/2025 Samoan White Sunday

Ministry Team

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Spiritual Reflection

Get Up and Walk: Grace That Doesn't Wait

A short reflection on John 5:1-9

In the shadow of the Pool of Bethesda, we witness a tragic irony: a place of healing becomes a stage for suffering. The waters were believed to hold curative power when stirred – but only for the first person in. The scene is heart-breaking. The sick, desperate, and disabled scramble, compete, and trample each other in pursuit of wholeness, turning healing into a selfish, survival-of-the-fittest ordeal. This is no holy sanctuary. It's a mirror to a broken society where people are left to fend for themselves, and no one stops to help.

Jesus enters, and everything shifts. He notices a man who has been stuck for 38 years – paralysed not only in body but in spirit. The man doesn't cry out. He doesn't ask to be healed. He just explains his hopelessness. But Jesus doesn't wait for the perfect plea or the right words. He doesn't wait for the Sabbath to end. He doesn't step into the superstition. He simply speaks: Get up, pick up your mat, and walk. And the man does. The chains of despair break. The prison of resignation crumbles. The miracle isn't just in the walking – it's in the rising, the return of will, the first act of self-agency after years of waiting.

Sometimes our deepest healing begins when someone sees us and believes we can be more than our circumstances.

Grace doesn't wait for the "right time" – it meets us now, here, and calls us into new life.

Philip Garside, 25 May 2025

LECTIONARY for May 25 & June 1

May 25—Easter 6

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Acts 16: 9-15	Ps 67	Rev 21:10 22-22:5	Jn 14: 23-29 or Jn 5: 1-9

June 1—Easter 7

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Acts 16: 16-34	Ps 97	Rev 22: 12-14 16-17, 20-21	Jn 17: 20-26

Parish Office

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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

5th June, 7th Sept, 2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

29 May, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

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 11th June, staff room, 11am, All welcome for coffee & Crafts.

Tongan

-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday and Thursday.

Samoan

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

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

Fijian

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

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

10AM donation tax credits

2024-2025 donation tax receipts have been sent out. 10AM leaders are encouraging members to claim their donation tax credit and donate this to the congregation. For every \$1 donated, you can claim 33% back (33c) from IRD, a great way to increase our revenue. This can be completed via your online myIR portal or by submitting an IR256 form. Please speak with Hugh if you have any questions.

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KEEP OUR FACILITIES CLEAN

Please keep our facilities clean, toilets, Showers, foyer & playgrounds etc.

NO EATING! In church or around the office foyers and at the children's playground. Please keep food in the old and new halls.

DCM SUNDAY FOODBANK COLLECTION EVERY SUNDAY SERVICE PLEASE DONATE NON PERISHABLE ITEMS TO THE BASKET IN THE CHURCH

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.

THEME FOR APRIL:

SEASON OF EASTER

10AM		Sunday Roster	
Combined Service			
Sunday 25 May (Easter 6)		Sunday 1 June (Easter 7)	
Worship Leader	Philip Garside	Worship Leader	Suiva’aia Te’o
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Hugh Laurenson	Notices & Welcome	Leatuavao
Bible Reader	Masoe Family		Leatuavao
Door Stewards	Daphne Pilaar & Leatuavao Leatuavao	Bible Reader	Samoan/Tongan
		Door Stewards	Samoan
Morning tea	Manuao Family		Congregation
		Morning tea	Tongan
			Congregation

12pm		Tongan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 25 May (Easter 6)</i>		<i>Sunday 1 June (Easter 7)</i>	
Worship Leader	To be Confirmed	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Lead Worship	To be Confirmed	Lead Worship	Combined Service

2pm		Samoan Congregation	
<i>Sunday 25 May (Easter 6)</i>		<i>Sunday 1 June (Easter 7)</i>	
Worship Leader	Suiva’aia Te’o	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Lead Worship	To be Confirmed	Lead Worship	Combined Service

4pm		Fijian Congregation	
<i>Sunday 25 May (Easter 6)</i>		<i>Sunday 1 June (Easter 7)</i>	
Worship Leader	Waisale Muatabu	Worship Leader	Combined Service
Lead Worship	Warden	Lead Worship	Combined Service