



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 30 March 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

06/04/2025 10am	April Combined Service Rev. Simote Taunga
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

Special Congregation Sundays

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

Ministry Team

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Spiritual Reflection

Longing for God – Hope at Easter: *Psalm 63:1-8*

In Psalm 63, David pours out his deep longing for God. He's in the wilderness, a harsh and empty place, yet his greatest thirst isn't for water – it's for God's presence. "My soul thirsts for you," he says, "my whole being longs for you." Many of us know this feeling: when life feels dry and empty, we hunger for connection, meaning, and hope.

At Easter, we remember the disciples also experienced a kind of wilderness. After Jesus' death, they felt lost and alone, unsure of what was coming next. Yet soon after, they were filled with a profound sense that Jesus was still with them. They felt his presence so strongly, it transformed them. Despair turned into courage, and sorrow into joy. They knew, in the depth of their being, that love and life were stronger than death.

The resurrection story speaks of new life, not only in some future sense, but here and now. Like David in Psalm 63, the disciples' souls were satisfied as with a rich feast. Their experience of the risen Christ brought them back to life on the inside. It's a reminder for us that even in dry times, we can encounter God's presence – often in surprising ways.

At Easter, we celebrate the renewal of life. We lift our hands in praise, as David did, and open our hearts to the living Spirit of Christ. His love continues to bring hope, courage, and joy to all who seek him.

Philip Garside, 23 March 2023

LECTIONARY for March 30 & April 6

March 30— Lent 4

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Josh 5: 9-12	32	2 Cor 5: 16-21	Lk 15: 1-3, 11b-32

April 6—Lent 5

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Is 43: 16-12	Ps 126	Phil 3:4b-14	Jn 12:1-8

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

1 June, 7th Sept, 2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

24 April, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

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

TONGAN

tbc

SAMOAN

tbc

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

10AM

Knit & Knatter—Wednesday 9th April, 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 second Friday, in church, 6pm, followed by Prayer meeting.

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:

Combined Service—During Refreshments:
We have speakers from DCM that will speak on food collection which will be a Parish focus for all our congregations to get behind and support.

Flamingo Scooters, we also have someone that will talk after refreshments on this and will also provide scooters for our people to test out.

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

Youths Leaders meeting is being planned - watch this space!

Please get in contact with Tinei Alefosio or the office for more information.

Please join us for this new 3-part Lenten study on Zoom.

You don't need to register, join in anytime you like.

The studies are at 7.30pm on

Wednesday 2nd April,

led by Rev Suiva'aia Te'o

scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Parish Lenten Study #3

Time: Apr 2, 2025 07:30 PM Auckland, Wellington

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 853 0951 6094

Passcode: 342405

Wednesday 9th April

Zoom meeting to look at Ans Westra photos held at the National Library of NZ.

Help identify Parish members in photos from the 1980s – 1990s

THEME FOR MARCH:

SEASON OF LENT

10AM Sunday Roster

Sunday 30 March (Lent 4)

Worship Leader Joeili Ducivaki
Organist Colin Scarf
Welcome & Notices Alan Dine
Bible Reader Norbert
 Nziramasanga
Door Stewards Lepa & Sana
Morning tea Tevita Family

Sunday 6 April (Lent 5) Combined Service

Worship Leader Simote Taunga
Organist Vivien Chiu
Welcome & Notices Tongan
Introit Tongan
Anthem Fijian
Bible Reader 10AM & Fijian
H/C & Door Stewards Samoan
Singing H/C Samoan
Morning tea 10AM

12pm Tongan Congregation

Sunday 30 March (Lent 4)

Worship Leader Liuola P. Pouvalu
Lead Worship 'Eseta Valu

Sunday 6 April (Lent 5)

Worship Leader To be confirmed
Lead Worship To be confirmed

2pm Samoan Congregation

Sunday 30 March (Lent 4)

Worship Leader Sara Va'ai
Lead Worship To be confirmed

Sunday 6 April (Lent 5)

Worship Leader To be confirmed
Lead Worship To be confirmed

4pm Fijian Congregation

Sunday 30 March (Lent 4)

Worship Leader Sikeli Cawanikawai
Lead Worship Parataisi

Sunday 6 April (Lent 5)

Worship Leader Joeli Ducivaki
Lead Worship Matanitu o Kubuna