



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 4 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

Combined Service

12.00 am

Fakame (White Sunday)

Upcoming Sundays

04/05/2025

Combined Service / Fakame Sunday

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

04/05/2025 Tongan

Fakame Sunday

12/10/2025 Samoan

White Sunday

Ministry Team

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Spiritual Reflection

When the Scales Fall – A Short Reflection on Acts 9:1–20

Changing our beliefs can be one of the hardest things we'll ever do. Saul was utterly convinced he was doing God's work by hunting down followers of Jesus. It took a blinding light, a voice from heaven, three days of blindness, and the courage of a stranger to crack his certainty wide open.

This story reminds us that God doesn't always speak in quiet nudges. Sometimes, God breaks through with a vision that turns our world upside down. Saul had to lose his sight to gain insight. When Ananias laid hands on him and called him "Brother," Saul's old world fell away. The scales dropped – not just from his eyes, but from his heart.

Ananias had every reason to refuse. He feared Saul's violence. But he trusted the vision. And Paul – as he would now be known – had every reason to run from his new calling. But he stepped up. He found his voice and used it, proclaiming Jesus as God's Son in the very synagogues where he once spread fear.

Faith is never static. God keeps moving. Sometimes that movement feels like disorientation, even destruction. But grace shines through the cracks, and new beginnings rise where we least expect.

Remember that God can speak through unexpected experiences, even ones that unsettle or challenge us. And courageous faith means following the call – even when it asks us to risk everything we thought we knew.

Philip Garside, 4 May 2025

LECTIONARY for May 4 & May 11

May 4—Easter 3

1st Reading

Acts 9: 1-6
(7-20)

Psalm

Ps 30

2nd Reading

Rev 5: 11-14

Gospel

Jn 21: 1-19

May 11—Easter 4

1st Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm

Ps 23

2nd Reading

Rev 7:9-17

Gospel

Jn 10:22-30

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

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

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

NOISE COMPLAINTS

There have 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.

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.

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

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.

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

THEME FOR APRIL:	SEASON OF EASTER
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10AM Sunday Roster			
Combined Service/Fakame Sunday			
<i>Sunday 4 May (Easter 3)</i>		<i>Sunday 11 May (Easter 4)</i>	
Worship Leader	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki	Worship Leader	Rev. Joeli
Organist	Vivien Chiu	Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Samoan	Notices & Welcome	Sarah Laurenson
Bible Reader	10AM/Fijian	Bible Reader	Joy Grove
Door Stewards	10AM +	Door Stewards & HC	Masoe Family
	Communion	Morning tea	Philippa Conway &
Morning tea	No Morning Tea		Bill Ryan

12pm Tongan Congregation			
<i>Sunday 4 May (Easter 3)</i>		<i>Sunday 11 May (Easter 4)</i>	
Worship Leader	Fakame (White Sunday)	Worship Leader	Akesa Taunga
Lead Worship	Fakame (White Sunday)	Lead Worship	Mothers day

2pm Samoan Congregation			
<i>Sunday 4 May (Easter 3)</i>		<i>Sunday 11 May (Easter 4)</i>	
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva’aia
Lead Worship	Combined Service	Lead Worship	Combined Service

4pm Fijian Congregation			
<i>Sunday 4 May (Easter 3)</i>		<i>Sunday 11 May (Easter 4)</i>	
Worship Leader	Combined Service	Worship Leader	Mothers Day
Lead Worship	Combined Service	Lead Worship	Mothers Day