



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 09 Whiringa-ā-rangi (November) 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

01/12/2025 No Combined/Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

Christmas Eve Service:

24th Dec, Wednesday evening, 7:30pm

Christmas Day Service:

25th Dec, Thursday morning, 9:30am.



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.

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Singing into New life

A short reflection on Psalm 98 and Luke 20:27-38

Psalm 98 calls us to sing a new song – a song of joy, hope, and deep connection with the living God. It's not just about ancient victories or old hymns; it's about recognizing how God is still moving in our lives and in the world around us. Rivers clap, hills sing, and seas roar – all of creation joins in the song. That's an invitation for us to add our voices too. Whether through music, creativity, justice work, or community-building, we are called to praise God not with repetition, but with fresh expressions rooted in the present moment.

Then in Luke 20, we find Jesus turning a trap into a teaching moment. The Sadducees want to make resurrection look ridiculous – but Jesus responds with clarity and grace. He teaches that life after death is real, but also radically different from life as we know it. The resurrection is not a simple continuation of earthly things – it's a transformation into something eternal, beautiful, and new.

Together, these readings remind us that God is both Creator and Life-giver. We don't need all the answers about heaven to live with hope today. Eternal life begins now, as we live generously, praise fully, and trust deeply.

Let your praise be fresh – find new ways to express gratitude and joy.

Live as resurrection people – grounded in hope, not fear, and open to transformation.

Ngā mihi. Philip Garside, 9 Nov 2025

LECTIONARY for 09 November & 16 November 2025

November 09—Pentecost 22

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Haggai 1: 15b-2:9	Ps 145: 1-5, 17-21 or Ps 98	2 Thess 2: 1-5, 13-17	Lk 20: 27-38

November 16—Pentecost 23

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Is 65: 17-25	Is 12	2 Thess 3: 6-13	Lk 21: 5-19

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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 and compassion at this time.

Upcoming Meetings

**10AM
TONGAN
SAMOAN
FIJIAN**

Leaders/Congregational

tbc
tbc
tbc
1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

January 2026

First Sunday, 4th January - No Combined/
Congregation Sunday

Second Sunday, 11th January - This will be the
first Parish Combined Service.

Lead Worship: Rev. Simote Taunga.

**Farewell service for Rev. Simote and Akesa
Taunga.**

**NO OTHER CONGREGATION CHURCH SERVICE FOR
THIS SUNDAY.**

10am

*Knit and Knatter, Wednesday 19th November,
11AM in staffroom. Everyone welcome*

Tongan

*-Weekly exercises at Aotea Lagoon every Monday
and Thursday.*

Samoan

*-Choir Practise every Friday in church at 6pm
-Prayer meeting— Second & Fourth Friday after
Choir practice at 6pm.*

Fijian

Koroturaga Day 22nd November in the New Hall

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

DCM Food Bank Appeal

Foodbank Appeal at **Newtown New World
on Saturday November 15th from 9am –
5pm.** Each congregation will manage a 2-
hour slot and we need to transport the do-
nations back to Drama Christi for sorting.

9am – 11am - **10am Congregation**

11am – 1.00pm – **Samoan Congregation**

1.00pm – 3.00pm – **Tongan Congregation**

3.00pm – 5.00pm – **Fijian Congregation**

Community Lunch for the Homeless

Homeless Christmas Lunch—Friday 21st
Nov. Volunteers Needed! Please let the
office know by Sunday 16th Nov if you can
help. This is a critical event of the Parish.
Looking forward to your support and love.

***Please contact the office if you can help,
accounts@wesleychurch.org.nz or call
Kula on 04 2420174***

Parish Christmas Party

6th December at 6pm
in the New Hall.



Ministers Annual Leave

Rev. Simote—10th Dec to 20th Dec.2025

Rev. Joeli—22nd Dec 2025 to 4th Jan 2026

Rev. Suiva'aia—12th Jan to 31st Jan 2026

Office Closure

Office will be closed on the
19th of December 2025 and it will re open
on the **6th of January 2026.**



THEME FOR NOVEMBER:

PENTECOST

10AM Sunday Roster			
<i>Sunday 09 November (Pentecost 22)</i>		<i>Sunday 16 November (Pentecost 23)</i>	
Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva’aia Te’o	Worship Leader	Hugh Laurenson
Organist	Vivien Chiu	Organist	Colin Scarf
Bible Reading	Joy Grove	Bible Reading	Masoe Family
Notice & Welcome	Sarah Laurenson	Notice & Welcome	Alan Dine
Door Stewards	Alan & Hugh	Door Stewards	Philippa & Bill
Morning Tea	Saleupolu Heger	Morning tea	Manuao Family
<i>*Please note that 10am is rostered for flower duty in December.</i>			

12pm Tongan Congregation			
<i>Sunday 09 November(Pentecost 22)</i>		<i>Sunday 16 November (Pentecost 23)</i>	
Worship Leader	TBC	Worship Leader	TBC
Lead Worship	TBC	Lead Worship	TBC

2pm Samoan Congregation			
<i>Sunday 09 November (Pentecost 22)</i>		<i>Sunday 16 November (Pentecost 23)</i>	
Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva’aia Teo	Worship Leader	Sara Va’ai
Safety Briefing	TBC	Safety Briefing	TBC
Bible Reading	TBC	Bible Reading	TBC

4pm Fijian Congregation			
<i>Sunday 09 November (Pentecost 22)</i>		<i>Sunday 16 November (Pentecost 23)</i>	
Worship Leader	Talatala Sikeli	Worship Leader	Niko Bower
Lead Worship	Joritani	Lead Worship	Mudrenicagi