



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 24 Here-turi-kōkā (August) 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
12.30pm	Fijian Service (Old Hall)
12pm	Samoan Service (Masterton)

Upcoming Sundays

07/09/2025	Combined Service
05/10/2025	Combined Service
02/11/2025	Combined Service
01/12/2025	No Combined/Congregation Sunday

Special Congregation Sundays

7/09/2025 Combined	(NZ) Fathers Day
14/09/2025 Fijian	(Fijian) Fathers Day
12/10/2025 Samoan	White Sunday

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Spiritual Reflection

From Rulebook to Relationship: Living the New Covenant

A short reflection on Hebrews 12:18-29 and Luke 13:10-17

What holds us back from standing tall in life – not just physically, but spiritually, emotionally, or socially? Today's readings invite us to imagine the possibility of real freedom, not as theory, but as lived transformation.

In Luke, Jesus sees a woman bent over for eighteen years. With just a word and a touch, she is healed. Her posture is restored, but so is her place in community. No longer invisible, no longer ruled by suffering, she praises God. Meanwhile, the synagogue leader clings to the rulebook, missing the miracle in front of him. Jesus' compassion breaks open a rigid system. The writer of Hebrews offers a parallel: a contrast between two spiritual landscapes. One is Mount Sinai – fire, fear, law. The other is Mount Zion – joy, grace, the presence of God made known through Jesus, "the mediator of a new covenant." This Kingdom, we're told, cannot be shaken. It's intangible, yet deeply real.

God's voice calls us not into fear, but into freedom – into a life of compassion, courage, and connection.

Following Jesus often means challenging systems that hurt and choosing people over rules. May we, like the healed woman, stand tall and praise God – not just with our words, but with lives grounded in grace.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside 24 August 2025

LECTIONARY for 24 August & 31 August 2025

August 24—Pentecost 11

1st reading

Jer 1:4-10

Psalm

71: 1-6

2nd Reading

Heb 12: 81-29

Gospel

Lk 13: 10-17

August 31—Pentecost 12

1st Reading

Jer 2:4-13

Psalm

Ps 81:1,
10-16

2nd Reading

Heb 13:1-8
15-16

Gospel

Lk 14:1,
7-14

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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

7th Sept, 2nd Nov

Finance & Resource Committee

28 August, every last Thursday of the month

Leaders/Congregational

10AM

16 September

TONGAN

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SAMOAN

20 September

FIJIAN

Leaders Meeting: 1st Saturday of every month

Congregation Notices:

10AM

-Winter at Wesley Singing practise in Drama Christi 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.

-The Samoan congregation and young people will be in Masterton on Sunday the 24th for the district Youth Rally.

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.

-Preaching at the Fijian congregation in Kapiti is Rev. Joeli Ducivaki.

-Preaching at the Fijian congregation in Masterton is Niko Bower.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Superintendent Joeli and Rev Sui will be attending a Retreat run by the Methodist Church, at Our Lady's Home of Compassion at Island Bay on Monday 25th to Thursday 28th August.

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.

Main Reception door must be locked at all times

outside office hours as we do have street people coming in during congregation bookings.

24-7 week of prayer

24-7 International are inviting churches across the world to participate in a 24-7 week of prayer from 1 - 7 September. This is an invite to pray more than usual for that week and be part of a global movement!

For info about 24-7 see <https://www.24-7prayer.com/weekofprayer/>

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	<i>Sunday 31 August (Pentecost 12)</i> <i>Café service</i>	
<i>Sunday 24 August (Pentecost 11)</i>		Worship Leader	Rev Suiva’aia Teo
Worship Leader	Eroni Kito	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Organist	Colin Scarf	Notices & Welcome	Hugh Laurenson
Notices & Welcome	Leatuavao	Bible Reader	Daphne Pilaar
	Leatuavao	Door Stewards	Heather & Masoe Family
Bible Reader	Tauamiti Johann	Morning tea	Tevita Family
Door Stewards	Masoe Family		
Morning tea	Manuao Family		

12pm	Tongan Congregation		
<i>Sunday 24 August (Pentecost 11)</i>		<i>Sunday 31 August (Pentecost 12)</i>	
Worship Leader	To be confirmed	Worship Leader	To be confirmed
Lead Worship	To be confirmed	Lead Worship	To be confirmed

12.30pm	Samoan Congregation		
(Masterton)			
<i>Sunday 24 August (Pentecost 11)</i>		<i>Sunday 31 August (Pentecost 12)</i>	
Worship Leader	Lotu Tupulaga	Worship Leader	Lotu Aotalavou
Safety Briefing	Tylah Va’ai	Safety Briefing	Ezekiel Holmes
Bible Reading	Tylah Va’ai	Bible Reading	Ezekiel Holmes

12:30pm	Fijian Congregation		
(Old Hall)			
<i>Sunday 24 August (Pentecost 11)</i>		<i>Sunday 31 August (Pentecost 12)</i>	
Worship Leader	Waisale	Worship Leader	To be confirmed
Lead Worship	Efiraca	Lead Worship	To be confirmed