



WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH

Incorporating congregations of 10am, Tongan, Samoan and Fijian.

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 11 Kohitātea (January) 2026

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.

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

** Every first Sunday is our Parish Combined Church Service at 10AM.*

Upcoming Sundays

01/02/2026	10AM	Combined Covenant Church Service
01/02/2026	6PM	Combined Commissioning Service

Ministry Team

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A Servant People, A Brave Light

A short reflection on Isaiah 42:1-9 and Acts 10:34-43

Isaiah paints a beautiful and challenging picture of God's servant: not loud or flashy, but full of steady purpose. This servant brings justice, opens blind eyes, and walks gently into pain without giving up.

In the gospel story from Acts, Peter also has his eyes opened – to the radical welcome of God. "God shows no partiality," he says, as he realises the gospel is not just for a select few, but for everyone.

Together, these passages remind us that God's calling is both inward and outward. We are not called to comfort or prestige, but to courage and compassion. Like the servant in Isaiah, we are upheld by God to be light-bearers in the world. Like Peter, we are invited to cross boundaries and welcome those we might once have overlooked.

In today's world – whether in Aotearoa or elsewhere – this calling remains urgent. Justice is still needed. Margins still exist. God still sends light through ordinary people like us. We're not expected to do it alone, but together – as a servant people, shaped by God's Spirit.

Justice requires community: We are called not just as individuals, but as a people, to bring light and healing where it's most needed.

God's welcome has no limits: True faith crosses barriers and makes room for all, especially those who've been excluded.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 11 January 2026

LECTIONARY for 11 & 18 January 2026

January 11—Epiphany 1

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Is 42: 1-09	Ps 29	Acts 10: 34-43	Mt 3: 13-17

January 18—Epiphany 2

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Is 49: 1-7	Ps 40: 1-11	1Cor 1:1-9	Jn 1: 29-42

Parish Office

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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

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	tbc
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	tbc
FIJIAN	1st Saturday of every month

February 2026

First Sunday, 1st February—2 Church Services

First Combined Holy Communion Service

10am—Covenant Service—

Worship Leader: Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

There are no refreshments after this service

Second Combined Service.

6pm—Commissioning Service

Worship Leader: Rev. Neti Petaia

Everyone is kindly asked to bring refreshments.

All are welcome to attend

March 1st, 2026

Combined Service, 10AM

Worship Leader: Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Happy new year!

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed a well deserved break and have had a good start to the year.

The office is now back on track and open for business.

We're energised for the year ahead and excited for all that God has in store for us as we step into this new season.

Ministers Annual Leave

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



Missing Equipment:

One lapel microphone is currently missing. If you know its whereabouts, please inform the parish office.



Doors and Windows

Congregations are responsible for locking up to ensure that **all doors and windows are securely locked and lights switched off** before leaving the premises. Thank you for keeping our Church safe and secure.

-All Congregational stewards, please ensure that the Church is clean after your services.

-No eating is allowed inside the church or the office foyer.

-Please dispose of your chewing gum in the rubbish bin.

THEME FOR December:

Advent

10AM

Sunday Roster**Sunday 18 January (Epiphany 2)**

Worship Leader Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Organist Colin Scarf
Bible Reading Hugh Laurenson
Notice & Welcome Alan Dine
Door Stewards Lepa & Sana
Manuao
Morning tea Leatuavao Family

Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)

Worship Leader Kolosaini Taulata
Organist Vivien Chiu
Bible Reading Norbert Nziramasanga
Notice & Welcome Heather Garside
Door Stewards Philippa Conway & Bill Ryan
Morning tea Tevita Family

12pm

Tongan Congregation**Sunday 18 January (Epiphany 2)**

Worship Leader TBC
Lead Worship TBC

Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)

Worship Leader TBC
Lead Worship TBC

2pm

Samoan Congregation**Sunday 18 January (Epiphany 2)**

Worship Leader Myra Tautau
Safety Briefing TBC

Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)

Worship Leader Sara Vaai
Safety Briefing TBC

4pm

Fijian Congregation**Sunday 18 January (Epiphany 2)**

Worship Leader Isaia Vakanmoce
Lead Worship Dauvunau

Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)

Worship Leader Talatala Joeli Ducivaki
Lead Worship Dauvunau