



**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**

Is 42: 1-09

##### **Psalm**

Ps 29

##### **2nd Reading**

Acts 10: 34-43

##### **Gospel**

Mt 3: 13-17

#### *January 18—Epiphany 2*

##### **1st Reading**

Is 49: 1-7

##### **Psalm**

Ps 40: 1-11

##### **2nd Reading**

1Cor 1:1-9

##### **Gospel**

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

<i>Sunday 18 January (Epiphany 2)</i>		<i>Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)</i>	
Worship Leader	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki	Worship Leader	Kolosaini Taulata
Organist	Colin Scarf	Organist	Vivien Chiu
Bible Reading	Hugh Laurenson	Bible Reading	Norbert Nziramasanga
Notice & Welcome	Alan Dine	Notice & Welcome	Heather Garside
Door Stewards	Lepa & Sana Manuao	Door Stewards	Philippa Conway & Bill Ryan
Morning tea	Leatuavao Family	Morning tea	Tevita Family

12pm

Tongan Congregation

<i>Sunday 18 January (Epiphany 2)</i>		<i>Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)</i>	
Worship Leader	TBC	Worship Leader	TBC
Lead Worship	TBC	Lead Worship	TBC

2pm

Samoaan Congregation

<i>Sunday 18 January (Epiphany 2)</i>		<i>Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)</i>	
Worship Leader	Myra Tautau	Worship Leader	Sara Vaai
Safety Briefing	TBC	Safety Briefing	TBC

4pm

Fijian Congregation

<i>Sunday 18 January (Epiphany 2)</i>		<i>Sunday 25 January (Epiphany 3)</i>	
Worship Leader	Isaia Vakanmoce	Worship Leader	Talatala Joeli Ducivaki
Lead Worship	Dauvunau	Lead Worship	Dauvunau